



be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening."

"The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the midst of Lent we are given a moment for rejoicing, Laetare Sunday. All of the readings provide us with reasons for rejoicing. The overarching theme is the prodigal goodness of God. The responsorial psalm sets the context for the reflections. The other readings show how needy people were showered with divine favour. Even in the midst of this rejoicing, we find a challenge. We must undergo a change of heart if we are to rejoice in God.

The goodness of God is strikingly portrayed in the radically new image of father. This is a God who allows us to follow our own dreams, who is partial to no one, who faithfully and patiently waits for us to return, who gently corrects our misperceptions. God longs to be reconciled with us even more than we long to be reconciled with God.

The challenges placed before us set out some of the conditions required if we are to be a new creation. We are called to a profound and total reconciliation, first with God and then with each other. Christ was identified with sin so that we might be identified with God's righteousness. Reconciliation requires that we be open to giving and receiving forgiveness. It requires that we both remember and forget. We must always remember the causes of alienation, so that we not succumb to them again. However, we must forget the resentment that we felt so that we not allow it to influence our lives.

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### Fourth Sunday of Lent, Year C

27 March 2022

### First Reading Jos 5:9-12

*The people of God went to the promised land and there kept the passover.*

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you."

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-7. R. v.9

*(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called; the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

### Second Reading 2 Cor 5:17-21

*God reconciled us to himself through Christ.*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his

reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

### Gospel Acclamation Lk 15:18

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and  
against you.*

*Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

### Gospel Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

*Your brother here was dead and has come to life.*

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. "This man" they said "welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Eileen Ellerton, Teresa Tenace, Salvatore Sofia

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Francesco Schipano(1 month), Clare Meneze, Vincenzo Mirabella, Rocco Cesile, Michael Deren, Vincenzo Rocca, Michael, Kathleen & Peter Julian McDonald, Pierre Soussa, Chahady & Samia Yacoub

#### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2022

*Maria-Dior Grillo*

*Alaria Staropoli*

*Lucas Usai*

*Daniel & Alessia Albanese*

Please pray for these children and their families.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Non-Catholic parents wishing to have their children Baptised Catholic, should consider attending our RCIA classes, which will commence in July. Please call the Parish Office or Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information

**PARISH SUPPORT** Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

#### Presbytery Collection – 1<sup>st</sup> Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or remain anonymous

#### Church Collection – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Church Account BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 53530 4676. Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. ASmith T/G 500

#### NEW TO THE PARISH?

If you are new to our Parish, we welcome you. We hope that you will feel part of the life of St Peter's Parish. If you would like to register as a parishioner please contact Helena at the Parish Office.

### PARISH NEWS

#### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD – Commencing Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April

We will commence our 24 Hours for the Lord Eucharistic Adoration on **Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> April** after the 9.15am Mass from 10.00am and end with the 9.15am Mass on Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April. Come for 30 minutes, an hour or longer if you wish. Bring your family and friends. All are welcome. (at least 2 people are required each hour). **There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to add your name, contact number, and the time you will be attending.** Tea & coffee will be available

#### CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – CATECHISTS REQUIRED

Over many years, with the help of some wonderful volunteers, our Parish was able to run a Children's Liturgy of the Word Program twice a month at our 10.30am Mass. We would like to resume this Program and are asking for interested volunteers to contact the Parish Office or approach Fr Sebastian.

#### EASTER MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Please see volunteer sheets in the narthex.

#### PALMS

If anyone has Palms for Palm Sunday (10<sup>th</sup> April), please bring them to the Church on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April or contact the Parish Office if they need to be collected from your home.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2022** "For All Future Generations" Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent

From her life as a child soldier in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rosalie is a now a business owner, a community leader and a role model for other ex-combatants seeking to readjust to civilian life. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.** You can also donate by calling 1800 024 413 or visiting [www.lent.caritas.org.au](http://www.lent.caritas.org.au)

### 2022 LENTEN CALENDAR

#### PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD – 10<sup>th</sup> April

Normal weekend timetable (Blessing of the Palms, Procession & Mass)

#### HOLY WEEK

#### Monday of Holy Week – 11<sup>th</sup> April

9.15am - Mass

#### Tuesday of Holy Week – 12<sup>th</sup> April

9.15am - Mass.

7.30pm - Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. *All welcome to attend.*

#### Wednesday of Holy Week – 13<sup>th</sup> April

9.15am Morning Mass

7.00pm – Lenten Penance with Eucharistic Adoration – no Mass (*Priests will be available for individual Confessions*)

#### HOLY THURSDAY – 14<sup>th</sup> April

7.00pm – Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper.

8.30pm – Altar of Repose & Eucharistic Adoration until midnight

#### GOOD FRIDAY – 15<sup>th</sup> April

10.30 am - Way of the Cross

3.00pm - Solemn celebration of The Lord's Passion

#### HOLY SATURDAY – 16<sup>th</sup> April

7.00pm The Easter Vigil Mass – Blessing of Fire, Paschal Candle & Baptismal Water followed by solemn Mass of Easter.

#### EASTER SUNDAY – 17<sup>th</sup> April

8.30am Mass (English/Italian)

10.30am Mass (English)

*No 5.00pm Mass on Easter Sunday however there will be 7.00pm Divine Mercy Novena followed by Mass on Easter Sunday*

#### LENTEN PROGRAM – 'REMEMBER'

#### AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, KEILOR EAST

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> March, in the Church from 7.00pm. All Welcome!

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm.

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#### MASS TIMES

#### Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

#### Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday

#### RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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**Administration:** Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry and Brenda Wedge

### SCHOOL NEWS

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April** – End of Term 1 at 1.30pm

*The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.*