

Gospel Jn 14:23-29

The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word. and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you: but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name. will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say:

I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father.

for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The new city of God is built on the foundation of the apostles, but on its gates are inscribed the names of the tribes of Israel. These names represent the openness to all nations, races, peoples and tongues. The resurrection of Jesus has radically transformed the way we live together and the way we live with God.

What must we do to be saved? The question put to Jesus centuries ago is still asked today, and the answer is still the same. We must believe and we must love God and love one another. We will be recognised as resurrection people by our active faith and by our unselfish love, not by an exterior mark, regardless of how sacred. This change in requirements for membership does not diminish the rigour of our religious obligations. Rather, it suggests that we may always have to reinterpret the law, for what is appropriate at one time and in one place may be inappropriate in another. With the early Christians, we will need the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this very delicate process. This is why the departing Jesus assures us that the Spirit will come to us to teach us all things.

The final gift that Jesus promises to give is his own peace, a peace that he has won by overcoming sin and death. This peace issues from the union that Jesus enjoys with God, a union which we are now invited to share.

PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

EAST KEILOR 22nd May 2022



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22 May 2022

First Reading Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves not to burden you beyond what is essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas: the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their. demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8, R, v.4

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you! or

(R.) Alleluia.

- 1. O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)
- 2. Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth. (R.)
- 3. Let the peoples praise you, O God: let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

He showed me the holy city coming down out of heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Lina Di Stefano, Ellen Burnside, Carmela Ozzimo

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Eufrecina Baera, Natalio Baera Sr, Maria Giuliano, Tony Zarb, Chris Portelli, Jean Manwaring, Michael Burke

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon - Sunday 5th June 2022

Tanner Guglielmino Eloise Lancashire Ariana Vassolo

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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:-

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MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY Month Dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary

The Rosary is recited on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday mornings at 9.00am, throughout the month of May.

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Continues this weekend. Collectors at weekend masses are asked to compile the figures and complete the clipboard.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

On Monday 23rd May, Fr Sebastian along with parishioners from St Peter's and other parishes, will leave on a Pilgrimage of Europe to the 'Shrines of Our Lady' & 'Saints of Italy'. Highlights will include Paris, Lourdes, Fatima, Padua, Venice, Assisi, Rome and more.

During Fr Sebastian's absence, Fr Gerald Binegas will celebrate our weekday Masses and Fr Noel Brady, will celebrate our weekend Masse. Please make them feel welcome and assist where possible.

For any administrative enquiries, please contact Helena at the Parish Office Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 8.30am-4.00pm.

Mass times will remain the same during Fr Sebastian's absence (please note the Wednesday mass is at 9.15am, not 7.00pm, during the cooler months).

We wish Fr Sebastian and all attending the Pilgrimage a safe and fulfilling Pilgrimage. May God bless them and care for them on their journey.

CATHOLIC MISSION: PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL 2022 – 21/22 MAY Bring Hope to Neela and her family

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones. The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world. *Name altered. Bring Hope to Neela and her family. Call 1800 catholicmission.org.au/Ethiopia

We will have a Special Collection at all Masses this weekend. Envelopes are available. Please give generously.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA PROCESSION & PARISH LUNCHEON 'THANK YOU'

Thank you to all who joined in, decorated and helped during last Saturday's Procession with Our Lady of Fatima Statue around the streets of East Keilor.

Thanks also to all who attended our Parish Luncheon on Sunday and to the volunteers who helped make it a special gathering for the parishioners, families and friends who came along. Congratulations to the lucky raffle winners - \$262 was raised.

MINISTERS' ROSTER

Please advise the Parish Office of any 'away' dates between 1st July 2022 and 30th November 2022, by Thursday 26th May.

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

Are available for collection on the table in the narthex.

ALPHA IS HERE: St Monica's Symons Centre, Moonee Ponds

Thursdays, until 7 July 2022. 7.00pm–9.15 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Adrian Commadeur (0403 512 936) or email via mooneeponds@cam.org.au
All Welcome.

OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS -FEAST DAY Tuesday 24th May, is the feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians, a Patron Saint of Australia. The Virgin Mary has often been involved in times of religious strife under the title Our Lady Help of Christians. In thanksgiving for the release of Pope Pius VII from captivity in 1814, the feast was established the following year on the anniversary of his restoration. The first Australian provincial synod held in Sydney in 1844 placed the Church in Australia under Mary's patronage invoked by the title 'Help of Christians'. The solemn feast is an occasion to seek Mary's help and protection for our Church and nation.

All welcome to attend our Morning Mass on Tuesday at 9.15am. We will be joined by some Junior School Year Levels, with the rest of the school tuning in from their classrooms.

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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, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday(followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Perry, Sherrill Johnson

SCHOOL NEWS

Saturday 21 May Class Mass

We welcome the Year 3AM students, teacher and families to the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass this weekend.

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.