

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant.

While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context within which our lives unfold. However, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible.

We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward.

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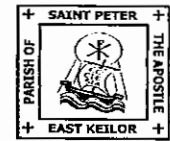
PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

EAST KEILOR

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First Reading Wis 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1, 12, 18-20, 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 (or shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12)

We will look for the city designed and built by God.

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42, 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:32-48

(or shorter form Lk 12:35-40)

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE – COVID-19 General Liturgical Guidelines Update The Chief Health Officer has strongly recommended the use of face coverings in indoor and crowd settings during this winter period (from July 2022 onwards). Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship, however please be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lucia Scrofani (in Italy)

ANNIVERSARIES

Vince Circosta (1 month), Rosina & Mark Pisano, Sebastiano Pitruzzello, Ranece Mutiah, Tarcis & Lily Mizzi, George Abilameh, Marija Peric, Giovanni Profeta, Gaetano & Guiseppina Didio, Mariela Define, Con & Margaret Molloy, Gosina & Carmine Orlando

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) ENQUIRY PERIOD

It is not too late to join us in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm on **Tuesday 9 August**. Please call 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 – 1st Collection

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 8 Aug	St Mary of the Cross
Wed 10 Aug	St Lawrence
Thu 11 Aug	St Clare

PARISH NEWS

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS On Monday, 8th August, 9.15am Morning Mass will be celebrated for the Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross with the school community present. Following at 10.00am will be another Mass to accommodate the rest of the school community. All welcome.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday 15 August is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at **9.15am** with the school community present and at **7.00pm** in the evening.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Thank you to those who responded to Fr Sebastian's request for more Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick. If anyone is interested in joining this important Ministry, please contact the Parish Office. Training will begin soon.

If you know of any parishioners who can no longer attend Mass because of age, illness or injury, and they would like to have Holy Communion brought to them at their home in East Keilor, please ask them to contact the Parish Office so that arrangements can be made.

REQUIRED DOCUMENTS FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS All volunteers must provide their Working with Children Check Card (or VIT information) and if already employed or volunteering at another organisation, adding St Peter's Parish, Keilor East as an organisation they volunteer at. Please go to your WWCC MyCheck Account to do this. For some Special Ministry, including Ministry to the Sick and Housebound, a valid National Police Check is required, prior to commencing. Please contact Helena at the Parish Office before filling in the application details, as a section on the form needs to be fully explained, to obtain a Volunteer Police Check with St Peter's Parish.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – 7-14 AUGUST 2022

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare Victoria delivers over 60 programs and services including counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care in hospitals and prisons, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. We will have a Special Collection at all Masses next weekend & envelopes will be available. Please come prepared.

INFORMATION SESSION – PERMANENT DIACONATE – Do you feel like being called to serve?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 3 September 2022, 10:00 - 11.45** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. For more information: A new Vocations website for the Archdiocese is now available. In addition, the links below (copy, then paste) are a source of additional information. **Watch:** Melbourne's Deacons <https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbrTS0>

Watch: Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons

<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

Read More: [Brochure]

[https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-](https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate)

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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

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Prep KR Class Mass

Saturday 6 August at the 6pm Vigil Mass.

1st RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASSES Saturday 13th August at 6.00pm Vigil Mass & Sunday 14th August at 10.30am Mass

ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE – Spring Music

Concert Thursday, 8th September 7.30pm. The Clocktower Centre. Tickets: clocktowercentre.com.au or call 9243 9191.

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.