

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27***Alleluia, alleluia!**My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;**I know them, and they follow me.**Alleluia!***Gospel Lk 12:49-53***I have come not to give peace, but discord.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

As disciples we commit ourselves to values and principles that are not always cherished by others. We can be misunderstood for our beliefs, even ridiculed. Our lives may be a reproach to those who do not share our aspirations. There may be times when we must stand in opposition to others. All of this tends to alienate us. It could even place us at enmity with those whom we love. Yet, if we are genuinely committed, we realise that there is also a price to pay if we are not faithful. It is very difficult to live with ourselves when we disregard our deepest convictions and ignore the promptings of God that we experience within ourselves. As difficult as a life of faith may be, we know that it is the only way to live in this world.

Faced with the cost of discipleship we are brought to the realisation that, by ourselves, we do not have the necessary resources. We need assistance. Like Jeremiah, we might find that this aid will come from places we may have never expected. The real support and assistance that we get is from Jesus who came to set the world and our hearts on fire. Paul assures us that there is a vast throng cheering us on as we run the race of discipleship. They are not merely spectators; they have already run or are still running their own race. We are not alone in our commitment, in our struggle. There are many witnesses, many examples for us to follow.

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**14 August 2022****First Reading Jer 38:4-6, 8-10***You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.*

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 39:2-4. 18. R. v.14***(R.) Lord, come to my aid!*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. *(R.)*

2. He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. *(R.)*

3. He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. *(R.)*

4. As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 12:1-4*Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.*

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulfulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

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 0222 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

Francesca Muscara, Antonia Micallef

ANNIVERSARIES

Vincenzo D'Agostino, Simone Bateman, Joseph Farrugia, Vinn Beasley, Giuseppe Maurici, Antonio Maurici, Giovanni Luca, George Abilameh

BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday 21st August 2022

Ryan Nguyen

Please pray for this child and his family.

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, 16 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

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

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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

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Saturday 20 Aug St Bernard

PARISH NEWS



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.

1ST RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASSES

We welcome the Year 3 Primary School children who will make their 1st Reconciliation Commitment at the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday 10.30am Mass this weekend. Please pray for them as they prepare for their First Reconciliation in November.

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma. **Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. A special collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Envelopes are available. You can also donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. *All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible*

PASTORAL CARE AT ST PETER'S - COMMUNION TO OUR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

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 for our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick volunteers to visit them weekly.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK

The Parish Remembrance Book will be updated and reprinted soon. Please contact the Parish Office with the name and date of death of loved ones you wish to be added, by 13th September.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – 7-14 AUGUST 2022

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

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. If you have any enquiries, please contact the Office of the Permanent Diaconate: (Phone) 03 9412 3357 or (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE Spring Music Concert Thursday 8th Sep 7:30pm - The Clocktower Centre 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds Price: Adults \$20 / Child & Concession \$15 Family (2 adults & 2 children) \$60 Book tickets via clocktowercentre.com.au or call 9243 9191

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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)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Administration: Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry, Sherrill Johnson

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

1ST RECONCILIATION COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday 13th August at 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 14th August at 10.30am Mass

PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday, 29th August

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.