

the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?

The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

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Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion

and to those who feel so safe on the

Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

25 September 2022

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled. Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal.

whose home is in inaccessible light,

whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:

to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from



and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David.

they dine on lambs from the flock,

they drink wine by the bowlful,

and sprawling on their divans,

First Reading Am 6:1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds

and use the finest oil for anointing themselves,

but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all.

That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revely is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

or

(R.) Alleluia!

- It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (*R.*)
- 2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (*R*.)
- 3. He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (*R*.)

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Cathey Crea, Tess Zarb, Kulandhai Therese RECENTLY DECEASED

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Pasqualina Gangemi, Italo Inserra, Valerian Pinto, Colomba Carniato, Celeste & Rocco Albano, Patrick Mahony, Joyce Cachia

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| Feast Days this Week | |
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| Tues 27 Sep | St Vincent de Paul |
| Thur 29 Sep | Sts Michael, Gabriel & |
| | Raphael |
| Fri 30 Sep | St Jerome |
| Sat 1 Oct | St Therese of the Child |
| | Jesus |

MEMORIAL MASS FOR THE LATE ANNE COMMADEUR AND PARISH FAREWELL TO ADRIAN COMMADEUR

There will be a 1 year Memorial Mass for the Soul of the late Anne Commadeur, who passed away on 13 October 2021. The Mass will be held on Saturday 15 October at 11am. This will be followed by a BBQ near the church gazebos to farewell Adrian Commadeur, who after many years living in Keilor East and volunteering at St Peter's, is moving to another suburb and parish. For catering reasons, please add your name to the clipboard in the narthex; let Adrian know directly; or email the Parish Office if you are staying for the BBQ. All welcome.

PARISH NEWS

FR. SEBASTIAN'S MUM - UPDATE

Fr Sebastian flew out on Sunday to be with his mum, who is unwell and needs surgery. Fr Sebastian arrived safely in India and is with his her in the hospital. We pray for Kulandhai Therese' return to good health and for Fr Sebastian and his family.

WELCOME FR. MICHAEL ELLIGATE We welcome and thank Fr Michael, who will celebrate our Masses for us this weekend.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/11/22-28/2/23 The next Ministers Roster will be prepared soon. All Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ext. Mins. Communion to the Sick, Mass Greeters & Mass Helpers, are requested to contact the Parish Office with any 'away' dates, by **Tuesday**, 4th October. WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is a parish tool for evangelisation based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation. The Program is run all over the world, by Christians of all traditions, and provides a common expression of proclamation, service, and witness. Over 29 million people have tried Alpha. Why not you? For more information about Alpha in a Catholic Context visit https://australia.alpha.org/catholiccontext/home

An Alpha Program is being run here at St Peter's Parish, Keilor East, with the blessing and support of Fr Sebastian as well as our neighbouring Parish Priests, Fr Nhan & Fr Thomas.

The Program will run on Thursday evenings from Thursday, 6 October - Thursday, 8 December from 7.00pm to 9.15pm. All are welcome and there is no cost although donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information or to register call Sam Montalto (0425-800-085) or Paul Whiting (0488-455-008). To register, please scan the OR code.



MONTH OF OCTOBER - ROSARY

For the month of October, on weekdays and Saturday mornings commencing at 9.00am, we will pray the Rosary, prior to the 9.15am Morning Mass. Starts Saturday, 1st October.

NATIONAL DAY FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES – 25^{TH} September 2022

"Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees" is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR). Pope Francis highlights the commitment that we are all called to share in building a future that embraces God's plan, leaving no one behind. Pope Francis links human mobility and the building of the Kingdom of God, saying that "the ultimate meaning of our 'journey' in this world is the search for our true homeland, the Kingdom of God inaugurated by Jesus Christ, which will find its full realization when he comes in glory". He goes on to explain that God's plan "gives priority to those living on the existential peripheries" including "migrants and refugees, displaced persons, and victims of trafficking" and that "the Kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants." Migration is part of humanity's journey, seeking to live ever more truly as one human family on our way to our true home.

Prayer

Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn. Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish,

and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.

Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom, together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.

Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters.

Amen.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 9 May 2022

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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 Principal: Ms Linda Tarraran Phone: 03 9337 4111 Email: principal@spkeiloreast.catholic.edu.au Administration: Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry, Sherrill Johnson

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 4 Starts Monday 3rd October

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.