



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the reading from Maccabees and the passage from the gospel speak of resurrection. The first is a testimony of faith, the second demonstrates a measure of scorn that accompanies unbelief. Belief in resurrection is not the same as the conviction of the immortality of the soul. The latter is based on the makeup of the human person; the former rests on the fidelity of God. The doctrine of resurrection is grounded in the concept of covenant, which claims that God has established a relationship with human beings. At issue is whether or not death is powerful enough to break the ties that bind us in covenant with God. Jesus says 'No!'

If this is the future that awaits us, how are we to live until it dawns? Actually, it has already dawned. This is the eschatological hope in which we live by the grace given us from God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Our future is already present and, therefore, we are called to live lives that have been radically transformed. However, the future has not yet completely dawned, and so we find ourselves living both in this age and in the age to come. Thus we live future lives, but we live them in the present. As difficult as this may be, we have the promise that the Lord will strengthen us and guard us. We have the instruction of our religious tradition that directs our minds and hearts. When we live lives of the future, we truly enable that future to dawn in the present.

Gospel Lk 20:27-38
or shorter form Lk 20:27, 34-38

He is not a God of the dead but of the living.

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well, then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

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First Reading 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

The King of the world will receive us into life eternal at the resurrection.

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the Law of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15. R. v.15

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears, my joy will be full.

1. Lord, hear a cause that is just, pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer;
no deceit is on my lips. (R.)

2. I keep my feet firmly in your paths; there was no faltering in my steps. I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God. Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)

3. Guard me as the apple of your eye. Hide me in the shadow of your wings. As for me, in my justice I shall see your face and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 2:16-3:5

May the Lord strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation Rv 1:5, 6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead; glory and kingship be his for ever and ever. Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Michele Bonanno
ANNIVERSARIES

Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, Dominic Tran Dat, Maria Nguyen Mai, Peter Tran Hanh, Theresa Tran Vinh, Father Andrew Doan Thanh Dien, Antonio Giuliano, Brian Refalo, George Mizzi, Joseph & Antonia Micallef, Carmelo & Angela Micallef

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday 20th November 2022

Jake Ioannou

Isabel Holcombe

Ruben Clark

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or would you like to know more about the Catholic faith?

For further information, please contact Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

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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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 9 Nov The Dedication of the

Lateran Basilica

Thursday 10 Nov St Leo the Great

Friday 11 Nov St Martin of Tours

Saturday 12 Nov St Josaphat

PARISH NEWS

ST PETER'S PARISH & SCHOOL 2022 CHRISTMAS CAROLS – THURSDAY 8TH DECEMBER

We are excited to announce that the Christmas Carols are back this year, after a 2 year hiatus.

Details are in the planning stage but expect food, music, a raffle, stalls, fun and laughter. More information to come soon!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS!

For the Christmas Carols to be a success, we need volunteers to assist with various stalls, selling raffle tickets, organising activities, traffic management, sponsors, stage & MC Support, general volunteers etc. If you can help, it would be very much appreciated. We will have a meeting next **Wednesday, 9th November** commencing at **7.30pm**, in the **Parish Centre Meeting Room**. Church gates will be open. Please come along!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS RAFFLE – PRIZES NEEDED

We are looking for a major raffle prize and some minor prizes which can be printed on our raffle ticket books. This needs to be finalised very soon. If you can sponsor or donate a prize or know someone who would be able to assist us with prizes, please let Fr Sebastian know, or contact the Parish Office by Thursday, 10th November.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – NOVEMBER 2022-FEBRUARY 2023 Will be emailed soon. Please check your inbox. For those without email, hard copies can be collected from the narthex. Some extra copies will also be available for those who wish to take one.

WEDNESDAY WEEKDAY MASS TIME – 9.15AM

No change in Mass time for now.

1ST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the Year 3 children who made their 1st Confession last Thursday evening.

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Joe & Annie Darmanin

on the occasion of their

50th Wedding Anniversary

'Golden Jubilee'

May God continue to bless you both

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE
Now available for purchase before Mass - \$10 each. Great Christmas gift idea! Please ask Ken, Cathy, Adele or Helena to get a copy for you, or come to the Parish Office.

CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL – WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 'THANK YOU'

\$2,309.90 was raised by St Peter's Parishioners. Thank you for your generous donations.

CATHOLIC DEAF APPEAL – 12/13 NOVEMBER Next weekend is the annual Catholic Deaf Appeal. A collection will be taken up at all Masses. Please support.

NOVEMBER MASSES
Envelopes for November Masses are available in the narthex.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – FLOODS APPEAL The Society of St Vincent de Paul have launched a Flood Appeal for those who have been affected by these devastating floods, particularly in the north of the State. Contributions can be made by:-

1. Calling 13 18 12
2. visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals/vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.
3. making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
4. via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING 2022

The Combined Societies of Mary invite you to St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday 20th November at 2.00pm for Prayers, Mass, and Eucharistic Street Procession.

Enquiries 9509 2207.

www.combinedsocietiesofmary.com

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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
SATURDAY 5 NOVEMBER
Year 6DR Class Mass at 6pm Vigil Mass

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.