



### Gospel Mt 11:2-11

*Are you the one who is to come, or must we wait for someone else?*

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Half way through Advent we pause for a moment to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a picture of regeneration. The desert that once seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues devoid of speech are all given new life. There will be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations, no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will discover the meaning of true fulfilment.

John the Baptist is a standard for judging the privilege of entering here and now, the kingdom of heaven. He was the herald of the coming of Jesus, the one who prepared for him, but John himself died before the death and resurrection of Jesus opened the flood gates of the eschatological tide. By comparison, even the least in the kingdom of God is far greater than this prophetic herald. John also serves as a model of patience in suffering. His circumstances teach us that moving toward eschatological fulfilment is not without cost.

Just as Matthew presents us with the example of John the Baptist, so James describes the patience required of those who await the age of fulfilment. That age of fulfilment will dawn in its time; all we can do is discharge our responsibilities regardless of how demanding they might be, and wait for that day patiently, convinced that it will come in God's due time.

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## PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent - Year A

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**Third Sunday of Advent, Year A**

**11 December 2022**

### First Reading Is 35:1-6, 10

*God himself will come and save us.*

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 145:6-10. R. see Is 35:4**

*(R.) Lord, come and save us.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. 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, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)

3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

### Second Reading Jas 5:7-10

*You also must be patient; do not lose heart, the Lord's coming will be soon.*

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

### Gospel Acclamation Is 61:1 (Lk 4:18)

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;*

*he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.*

*Alleluia!*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

Madeline Lam

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Rayar (in India), Maria Grazia Augello

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Agostino & Innocenza Cutajar, Vincenzo Scolla

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#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 13 Dec St Lucy

Wednesday 14 Dec St John of the Cross

#### 2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE

Available for purchase before Mass - \$10 each.

#### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the current set of Thanksgiving Envelopes and in the narthex.

#### CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Donations for the costs associated with flowers for our Altar at Christmas would be appreciated.

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL 'GIVING TREE'

If you are able to, please take a tag and purchase a gift or gift card and return to the tree by next **Sunday, 18<sup>th</sup> December** at the latest. Please choose appropriate gifts for the age and gender shown on the gift card e.g. Toys etc for the younger ones, Gift Card for teenagers. Unwrapped (open Gift Bags) would be appreciated. Gifts will be distributed by Vinnies to those less fortunate than ourselves. Thank you.

### PARISH NEWS

#### END OF SCHOOL YEAR MASS – FRIDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

End of Year School Mass at 9.15am. All welcome.

*Wishing all school students, teachers and families a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year. May God Bless You All.*

#### ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2022 'THANK YOU'

Thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the Carols night a wonderful success this year. Thank you to the School Choir, all the children who entertained us on the stage and the teachers for preparing them so well. Thank you to the 50+ Parish & School volunteers who worked so hard for the event both in the lead up, on the day and into the night, and then packing and cleaning up afterwards. A huge effort from everyone involved – thank you. Thanks also to all who baked goodies for our cake stall and those who purchased them! It was great to see so many children dancing away at the Children's Disco. Congratulations to all our Raffle, Silent Auction and Door Prize Winners. *Thanks to everyone involved in any way, we couldn't have done it without you!*

#### ST PETER'S RAFFLE RESULTS – Congratulations to all major prize-winners in the Raffle..

1<sup>st</sup> Prize Ticket No. 4283 Margaret Mahony, 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Ticket No. 3037 Tia Navuni, 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Ticket No. 4776 S. Lasek, 4<sup>th</sup> Prize Ticket No. 3228 Tracey Fabri, 5<sup>th</sup> Prize Ticket No. 2255 Valentina Ferreira, 6<sup>th</sup> Prize Ticket No. 4457 Teofil, 7<sup>th</sup> Prize Ticket No. 5576 Agnes Care, 8<sup>th</sup> Prize Ticket No. 3939 Marianna Mangion, 9<sup>th</sup> Prize Ticket No. 2310 Eve Giamondo, Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets. A huge thank you to all who donated major and minor prizes in our Raffle, Silent Auction and Door Prizes on Carols night.

#### 24 HOURS FOR THE LORD 'THANK YOU'

Thanks to everyone who participated in or helped last Friday & Saturday.



#### CHRISTMAS WORSHIP AT ST PETER'S 2022

##### The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm

*Fr Sebastian will be available for Confession on appointment at other times.*

##### Christmas Masses

###### Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December

###### Christmas Eve

Christmas Vigil Mass at 6.00pm (Family Mass)  
Carols from 5.30pm

*Children are encouraged to come dressed as Angels or Shepherds*

Christmas Vigil Mass at 9.00pm  
Carols from 8.30pm

Christmas Mass at Midnight at 12.00am.  
Carols from 11.30pm

###### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December

###### The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Mass during the Day at 8.30am  
*(bilingual-English & Italian)*

Christmas Mass during the Day at 10.30am

###### Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
9.15am Morning Mass

###### Saturday 31 December

New Year's Eve – Morning Mass at 9.15am  
6.00pm Vigil Mass

###### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023

New Year's Day – Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God  
8.30am & 10.30am Masses

#### 6PM CHRISTMAS VIGIL MASS – 24/12/22

Encouraging all children who attend the 6.00pm Christmas Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve to come dressed as Angels or Shepherds.

**CHRISTMAS MINISTRY** Please fill in the clipboard in the narthex or email the Parish Office by **Friday, 16/12** if you can volunteer. We need Readers, Ext. Mins. Communion, Mass Helpers, Greeters, Altar Servers, Musicians and Singers and cleaners for all our Christmas Masses.

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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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#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

##### YEAR 6ES CLASS MASS

Saturday 10 December at 6.00pm

##### YEAR 6 GRADUATION MASS

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm

##### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL YEAR FOR STUDENTS

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm

*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.*