

**Gospel Mt 5:1-12**

*Happy are the poor in spirit.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

'How happy are the poor in spirit:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
Happy the gentle:  
they shall have the earth for their  
heritage.  
Happy those who mourn:  
they shall be comforted.  
Happy those who hunger and thirst for  
what is right:  
they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the  
cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Happy are you when people abuse you  
and persecute you and speak all kinds  
of calumny against you on my account.  
Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be  
great in heaven.'

**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

To follow Jesus does not mean merely that one travels with him from place to place. It means that one learns from him, that one follows his manner of life and his way of thinking. To follow Jesus means to follow his example in the way he respects himself and other people, in his use of the things of the natural world. It means that one listens to what he says, and asks for an explanation when what he says is not understood. All of this requires that the disciple be a learner, one who can learn from the life of Jesus as well as from his teaching.

The first lessons that the disciples must learn are found in the beatitudes. The same lessons are placed before us, the modern-day disciples. The setting of Jesus' teaching is so serene; a mountain apart, a teacher with his disciples gathered around him, simple statements that are coupled with glorious rewards. However, the reality of the lessons is in stark contrast with this tranquil scene. These beatitudes, these blessings call for profound inner transformation.

The gospel outlines the kind of person the disciple is to become; the psalm sketches the program to which the learner is called. The disciples of Jesus are not merely his followers; they also continue the work that he began. In whatever circumstance of life we find ourselves, as disciples of Jesus we work to sustain the good that is in the world and to transform whatever needs transformation.

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A****29 January 2023****First Reading Zep 2:3; 3:12-13**

*In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

Seek the Lord  
all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.  
Seek integrity,  
seek humility:  
you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.  
In your midst I will leave  
a humble and lowly people,  
and those who are left in Israel will seek  
refuge in the name of the Lord.  
They will do no wrong,  
will tell no lies;  
and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.  
But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 145:7-10. R. Mt 5:3**

*(R.) Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*  
or

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,  
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 1 Cor 1:26-31**

*God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:12**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Rejoice and be glad;*

*Your reward will be great in heaven.*

*Alleluia!*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Teresa Prochilo Mary Purcell

**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:-

#### Presbytery Collection – 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Tuesday 24 Jan St John Bosco  
Wednesday 1 Feb St Brigid  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb The Presentation of the Lord

#### 2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE

We still have a few Calendars for sale - \$10 each.

#### BIBLE DIARIES FOR SALE

Reflections on the Daily Gospel, easy to read layout, full texts of lectionary readings for all days, daily saints, prayers for various occasions. For sale in the narthex - \$15 each.

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone our Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

### PARISH NEWS

#### MASS TIMES

Normal mass timetable. The 5.00pm Sunday Mass resumes Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> February.

#### MASS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Please note there will **not** be a 7.00pm Mass next Friday evening, 3<sup>rd</sup> February.

#### PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 8.30am-4.00pm.

#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL STAFF & PARISH GROUP LEADERS 'COMMISSIONING MASS' – 12/2/23 AT 10.30AM

On Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> February at the 10.30am Mass, we will be joined by the School Principal, Linda Tarraran, School Staff and Parish Group Leaders, for their commissioning by Bishop Terry Curtin.

Following the conclusion of the Mass, there will be a "sausage sizzle" available near the gazebos. All invited to come along and stay for lunch, a cold drink or cuppa and friendly chat. If you normally attend the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass, 8.30am Mass or 5.00pm Mass, please come along, but allow the people leaving the church grounds at 11.30am who aren't staying, to drive out before bringing your car in, or park in side street or Oval car park. It will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up after the holidays and to meet some of the school staff. Please contact the Parish Office if you can bring something to share e.g. a bowl of salad, a plate of sandwiches or a dessert. Sausages and drinks supplied. If the weather is hot, please bring a hat and sunscreen.

#### MASS FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF HIS EMINENCE GEORGE CARDINAL PELL AC

A Mass for the Repose of the Soul of His Eminence George Cardinal Pell AC, seventh Archbishop of Melbourne, will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, 3 February 2023 at 6:30pm by Most Rev Peter A Comensoli. All are welcome to attend.

### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### 2023 SCHOOL YEAR

Tuesday 31/1/23 Years 1-6 commence

Wednesday 1/2/23 Prep students commence

#### NOTICES FOR PARISH BULLETIN

If you have a death anniversary you would like included in the Bulletin, please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday afternoon prior to the weekend you would like it published. Mass offering envelopes are available in the narthex.

#### PARISH GROUPS

Information on commencement dates in 2023 for Parish Groups will be advertised in next weekend's Bulletin. Group leaders should contact Helena at the Parish Office by 1<sup>st</sup> February.

#### NEW FAMILIES TO ST PETER'S

We welcome all new families into our Parish. If you wish to be enrolled onto our Census, please take a Census form from the narthex to fill in and return, or contact the Parish Office on 9337 4141 or email [keiloreast@cam.org.au](mailto:keiloreast@cam.org.au)

#### PARISH THANKSGIVING PROGRAMME

We would be grateful if you would consider joining our Parish Thanksgiving Programme. Your pledge helps meet basic operating needs of the Parish – insurance, utility bills, wages, and supports programs of faith education, pastoral care and outreach. Pledge cards are available in the narthex. Payment options are: cash, direct debit, direct online transfer or credit card. Pledge cards can be filled in and returned to the Parish Office or left in the basket during a collection.

#### MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/3/23-30/6/23

Requesting all Parish volunteers who perform Special Ministry including Readers, Greeters, Ext. Ministers of Communion, Ext. Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Sacristans & Musicians, to please update your availability to the Parish Office, for the period 1/3/23-30/6/23, no later than **Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> February**. This Roster **includes** Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday Masses on 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> April.

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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

#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

##### WELCOME BACK!

We welcome to the 2023 School Year all teachers, admin staff and students. A special welcome to the new Prep students commencing their schooling at St Peter's.

*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.*