



Gospel Mt 5:13-16

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

5 February 2023

First Reading Is 58:7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 111:4-9. R. v.4

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright;
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour *(R.)*

2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. *(R.)*

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 8:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the light of the world,
says the Lord;*

*the man who follows me
will have the light of life.*

Alleluia!

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IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Dina Di Gregorio.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gregory Terlato

ANNIVERSARIES

Modesta Refalo, Helen Paulina DaGama Pinto

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.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 6 Feb	St Paul Miki & Companions
Wednesday 8 Feb	St Jerome Emiliani
	St Josephine Bakhita
Friday 10 Feb	St Scholastica

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

INVITATION FOR ALL TO ATTEND:
St Peter's Primary School Staff & Parish Group Leaders & Parish Volunteers 'Commissioning Mass' – 12/2/23 at 10.30am, followed by Free BBQ lunch from approx. 11.30am

On Sunday, 12th 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. It will be a wonderful opportunity to catch up after the holidays and to meet some of the school staff. If you would like to bring a salad or dessert along to share, please contact the Parish Office or add your name and details to the clipboard in the narthex. BBQ sausages and drinks supplied. If the weather is hot, please bring along a hat and sunscreen.

MASS TIMES

The 5.00pm Sunday Mass resumes for 2023 on 5th February.

'THANK YOU' TO OUR VISITING PRIESTS
We are grateful and give thanks to our visiting priests for celebrating our weekday and weekend Masses over the past 3 weeks: Fr George Hogarty, Fr Colin McLean, Fr Tom Cleary and Fr Ray Scanlon, all from the Missionary Society of St Columban. Fr Sebastian returns next weekend.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/3/23-30/6/23
Requesting all Parish volunteers who perform any 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, 15th February**. This Roster **includes** Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday Masses on 8th & 9th April.

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA: PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2023

Next weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of the darkest times of their life. Please give generously. *A special collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Envelopes will be available. Please support.*

ST PETER'S SOCIAL CLUB

Recommences on Wednesday, 8th February in the Parish Centre (entry via Bellarine Avenue) from 10am until 1.30pm approx. New members are welcome.

ST PETER'S GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP
Recommences on Monday 13th February, 10.00am until 11.30am in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. New members are welcome. Please contact Margaret Walsh on 0401 399 577 for further details.

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

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.

LENTEN SESSIONS WITH SR CONNIE:

Tuesdays at St Martin's Avondale Heights at 10.00am, commencing 28th February. Everyone welcome. Please inform St Martin's Parish Office on 9337 6016 of your attendance.

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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

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Administration: Stephanie Wood, Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday 18th February at 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 19th February at 10.30am 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.