



became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

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**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

The blessings upon which we meditate today are undeserved gifts from God. They were not earned. The graciousness of God transforms us in such a way as to effect new beginnings. It can be seen in the promises made to Abram. He leaves the past behind and moves into a new future. It can be seen in the psalm response. The Lord delivers us from death and inspires us to look to the future. It can be seen in the reading from 2 Timothy. Through Christ Jesus we are called to a new life of holiness; we escape the fetters of death and are brought into the freedom of the resurrection. We see it in the gospel, a glimpse into the future glory of Jesus which, through grace, we will be able to share. Lent is a time of new beginnings which find their origin in the abundant blessings of God.

The ultimate blessing of God is Jesus himself. As Abram was called to be the source of blessing for all others, as Peter, James and John were chosen to witness the transfiguration of Jesus, so today we too are invited to look to Jesus for inspiration during this holy season. Paul speaks of the salvation that Jesus brings as having come, not because of any works of righteousness that we might have performed, but because of the grace of God. Once again the Lenten readings focus on the merciful action of God in our lives, and in the end they point to Jesus.

**Second Sunday of Lent, Year A**

**5 March 2023**

**First Reading Gn 12:1-4**

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:  
I will curse those who slight you.  
All the tribes of the earth  
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22**

*(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,  
as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. *(R.)*
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. *(R.)*
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. *(R.)*

**Second Reading 2 Tm 1:8-10**

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

**Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5**

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

*From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:*

*this is my beloved Son, hear him.*

*Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

**Gospel Mt 17:1-9**

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Dina Di Gregorio

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Gregory Terlato(1 month), Maria Certo Tripodi, Francesco Schipano, John Chalabi, Fortunata & Filippo Miranda, Serafina Ravida, Tony & Nina Cutayar, Katerina & Aloysius Grbac, Richard & Mary Schmols, Maryanne & Charles Spiteri, Branka & Ivan Brko

#### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023

*Alexander De Salvo*

*James O'Neil*

*Mitchell Grant*

*Archer Teal*

Please pray for these children and their families.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

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

##### Church Collection – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

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

#### ST PETER'S SOCIAL CLUB

Meets Wednesdays from 10.00am-1.30pm (approx.) in the Parish Centre (entry via Bellarine Avenue). Enjoy a cuppa; make new friends. BYO lunch, Bingo. *New members are very welcome. Please come along!*

### PARISH NEWS



**ST PETER'S PARISH LENTEN HEALING RETREAT – Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2023 with special Guest Speaker: Fr. Rojan George VC**

#### Program

- 9.30am Registration & Morning Tea
- 10.00am Praise and Worship
- 10.30am Talk by Fr. Rojan George, VC
- 12.00noon Adoration & Confessions
- 12.30pm Light lunch (in the narthex)
- 1.00pm Healing Mass
- 2.30pm Conclusion

Please RSVP your attendance by 21<sup>st</sup> March to the Parish Office on 9337 4141, [keiloreast@cam.org.au](mailto:keiloreast@cam.org.au) or add your name on the clipboard in the narthex.

#### FRIDAYS DURING LENT

##### Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

7.00pm – Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass.

##### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March

7.00pm – Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass

8.30pm–11.30pm – Healing Eucharistic Adoration

##### Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

7.00pm – Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass

##### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March

7.00pm – Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass

8.30pm-11.30pm – Healing Eucharistic Adoration

#### THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

New Thanksgiving envelopes and receipts are available for collection in the narthex. Please collect your new set of envelopes which **commence 19 March**, or for those who give by credit card, direct debit, or EFT online, please find your envelope with your receipt.

#### CHILD SAFETY - WEEKDAY MORNING MASS

Please note that from Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> March, the front entry gate for cars to drive in for Morning Mass will **not be opened until 9.00am**. This is for the safety of children who arrive to school late and are still walking through the yard after 8.50am. If you arrive earlier than 9.00am, you will need to park your car in the street or at the Overland Reserve car park.

Cars entering which are not parking in a Disabled Zone, should not cut through this area, but should drive past the church and turn at the end of the centre island, then find a park.

Please remember to keep to the 10kph speed limit *for the safety of all*.

#### PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

If you would like to join our Stewardship Program (Parish Thanksgiving), Pledge cards are available in the narthex. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

#### MINISTERS' ROSTER – MARCH-JUNE 2023

New Rosters have been emailed. Please check your inbox. For those without email, hard copies can be collected from the narthex. Some extra hard copies available.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2023 "For All Future Generations"** Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

Tereesa is a Gamilaroi woman from Western Sydney who struggled with homelessness while raising her four children. Through the Baabayn Young Mums and Bubs Group, Tereesa was able to reconnect with her culture and create a better future for her children. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow *For All Future Generations*.

**COASIT ITALIAN ASSISTANCE ASSOCIATION** Please see flyers on noticeboards. For those who can assist, extra copies can be found in the narthex.

#### ST PETER'S PARISH, KEILOR EAST

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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:** Stephanie Wood, Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry

#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

##### 2024 PREP ENROLMENT – OPEN DAYS

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Please contact the school on 9337 4111 for further information.

##### SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING AGM

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm

*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.*