

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 10:14

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;*

*I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** Jn 10:1-10

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,  
I am the gate of the sheepfold.  
All others who have come  
are thieves and brigands;  
but the sheep took no notice of them.  
I am the gate.  
Anyone who enters through me will be  
safe:  
he will go freely in and out  
and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'

**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

This is 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and a particular focus taken today is leadership. Which voices do we follow? Why do we follow these voices and not others? Authentic leadership is rooted in authority, and authentic authority is the ability to author or bring life to birth. Genuine authority cherishes, guards and encourages the best in life; it provides rest and refreshment; it guides our steps; it nourishes us; it leads us to God. Peter is an example of authentic authority: he proclaims the truth, even if others find it hard to hear; he denounces error, even when this places him in jeopardy; he calls for a change of heart, even when it makes great demands.

Authentic leadership is patterned after the leadership of Jesus. It is gentle and familiar, like the true shepherd; it has won the confidence of those who follow, as did the true shepherd; it is committed to the enhancement of the lives of others, as was Jesus. Authentic leadership is willing to forgo its own needs and to deny its own interests in favour of the needs and interests of others.

Heavy demands are placed on those who follow authentic leadership. Those who follow the Good Shepherd must follow him in the dark valleys as well as to the refreshing streams. They must be willing to relinquish some of their own plans and self-determination and entrust themselves to his leadership. They must never forget that they are following a shepherd who has paid the ultimate price on their behalf.

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A****30 April 2023****First Reading** Acts 2:14, 36-41

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.'

Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 22:1-6. R. v.1**

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

*or*

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of  
darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your  
staff;  
with these you give me comfort. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall  
follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

**Second Reading** 1 Pt 2:20-25

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Carmelo(Charlie) De Bono, Liljana Gustincic, Michael Natoli

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Phyllis Petry, Joseph Refalo, Guzeppina Micari

#### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon -- Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2023

#### Giselle Gauci

Please pray for this child and her family.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Non-Catholic parents wishing to have their children Baptised Catholic, should consider attending our RCIA classes, which will commence in July. Please call the Parish Office or Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information.

**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 you may 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

#### EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

#### EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

If you wish to have your house blessed for Easter by Fr Sebastian, please contact the Parish Office.

#### PROJECT COMPASSION

Please return your Project Compassion boxes or envelopes by next weekend.

#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tue, 2 May St Athanasius  
Wed, 3 May Sts Philip & James

### PARISH NEWS

#### INVITATION TO TWO SPECIAL

#### PARISH EVENTS

#### 12<sup>TH</sup> & 13<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2023 – Mother's Day Dinner & Our Lady of Fatima Procession

On Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, we will have a Parish 'Mother's Day' Roast Carvery Dinner, commencing at 6.00pm(pre-dinner drinks) in the Parish Centre, followed by dinner from 6.30pm(\$25 adults, children under 12, \$15). BYO alcohol, soft drinks supplied. We will have raffles, music, laughs! Ask your relatives, neighbours and friends to join you, or come along on your own and make new friends. Sign up sheet in the narthex or contact the Parish Office. **RSVP Sunday, 7<sup>th</sup> May.**

On Saturday, 13<sup>th</sup> May, we will have a Procession with Our Lady of Fatima statue, commencing at 5.30pm (please arrive by 5.15pm) from St Peter's Church and returning before 6.00pm for the Vigil Mass. **ALL WELCOME**

#### MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY Month Dedicated to Blessed Virgin Mary

Rosary will be recited Tuesday-Friday mornings from 9.05am, (9.00am on Saturday) before the Morning Mass, throughout the month of May.

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

Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May at 7.00pm, followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All welcome.

#### CONFIRMATION AT ST PETER'S

On Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> April, the Year 6 children from St Peter's Parish Primary School received the Sacrament of Confirmation, by Bishop Terry Curtin. We congratulate and pray for all the children, together with their sponsors, teachers and families. We also congratulate our adult R.C.I.A. candidates, Mohsen & Elham, who were also Confirmed on Friday and we pray for them, their family sponsors and the R.C.I.A. team.

#### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2023

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

#### A Vocation View

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

#### A prayer request

You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

#### Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at [www.pledgetoprayer.com.au](http://www.pledgetoprayer.com.au) this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

#### CORPUS CHRISTI COLLEGE & CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

#### Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal

*Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church*  
Your tax-deductible donation will support the costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians. <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

#### VICTORIA POLICE – 2023 COMMUNITY

SENTIMENT SURVEY Victoria Police are conducting a Survey about our community safety concerns, engagement preference and experiences of local Police. The survey is anonymous and will be open until midnight on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Please see flyers in 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

*We welcome back all students, teachers and admin staff for Term 2!*

*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.*