



if there were not, I should have told you.  
I am now going to prepare a place for you,  
and after I have gone and prepared you a place,  
I shall return to take you with me;  
so that where I am  
you may be too.  
You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.  
No one can come to the Father except through me.  
If you know me, you know my Father too.  
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,  
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?  
Do you not believe  
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?  
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:

it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.  
You must believe me when I say  
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;  
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.

'I tell you most solemnly,  
whoever believes in me  
will perform the same works as I do myself,  
he will perform even greater works,  
because I am going to the Father.'

**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

The gospel readings for the Sundays just before the feast of Pentecost are all taken from Jesus' last discourse in the Gospel of John. In them, Jesus prepares his followers for his death and resurrection and his ultimate exaltation.

This Sunday Jesus says that it is through his death that he goes to God. However, it is as he is raised up in crucifixion that he is exalted. The author of the epistle declares him 'chosen and precious in the sight of God' but it is as the stone that was rejected that he is so honoured. If we ever wonder how the exaltation of Jesus will effect us, we have Jesus' own words of explanation. He promises to go ahead of us and make arrangements for us to share in his exaltation in the house of the one he calls Father. All we need do is follow him.

Today's readings suggest that the exaltation of Jesus is most dramatically manifested in the character of the community of those called by his name. It is revealed in the way Christians settle their differences so that all parties are treated fairly. Jesus is the cornerstone upon which this community is built, and the community mirrors his influence in its life. Christians also participate in the exaltation of Jesus by spreading the good news to others. In Acts we see how the witness of life and the preaching of the word of God increased the number of believers.

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A**

7 May 2023

**First Reading Acts 6:1-7**

*They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v.22**

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

or

*(R.) Alleluia.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)
2. For 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.)

3. 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.)

**Second Reading 1 Pt 2:4-9**

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

**Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6**

*Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says  
the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except  
through me.  
Alleluia!*

**Gospel Jn 14:1-12**

*I am the way, the truth, and the life.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled.  
Trust in God still, and trust in me.  
There are many rooms in my Father's house;

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

Emilio Trovato

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

John Burgess, Brendan Bailey, Fr Aloysius, Kevin Oakman, Fr Brian Johnstone, Fr Laurence Mooney

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret McConville, Charles & Maryanne Spiteri, Rosario Carni, Carmel Trento, Francesca Simone, Joseph Khanh Pham, Anthony Dao Doan, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, Caterina Romeo, Morgano Antonio, Cesare Iulianella, Antonina Iulianella, Emidio Tarola, Maria Tarola, Pasquina Tarola, Soosai Mary

#### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

**Aleksandra Harris**  
**Grace Vere-Flint**

Please pray for these children and their families.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** RCIA classes 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

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#### EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Saturday 13 May Our Lady of Fatima

### 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. Last chance to add your name to the sign up sheet in the narthex, or contact the Parish Office.

**RSVP: Strictly 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.

#### ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Over the next 4 weekends, the annual Mass count will take place across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Collectors at weekend masses are asked to compile the figures and complete the clipboard.

#### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> May, however you may call and leave a message or send an email. Your request will be answered as soon as possible.

#### 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 and scan the QR code to take part.

#### DO YOU FEEL LIKE BEING CALLED TO SERVE?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE!

An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 3 June 2023**, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne. For more information: Vocations website for the Archdiocese is now available. The links below (copy, then paste) are a source of additional information.

**Watch:** Melbourne's Deacons  
<https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbtTS0>

**Watch:** Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons and video  
<https://youtu.be/NuG99HD1LaY>

**Visit:** Archdiocese of Melbourne permanent diaconate webpage

<https://vocations.melbournecatholic.org/about/what-is-a-vocation/permanent-diaconate>

**Read More:** Brochure

<https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate>

**Contact:** Office of the Permanent Diaconate  
Ph. 03 9412 3357 / Email  
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#### CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

**Sign up for one of 18 short, online sessions. Engaging Your Faith – May 2023**

Theology, Vatican II, Scripture, Spirituality, Science & Faith.

Choose what interests you from \$25 per session. For more information and to register: [ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)

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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

*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.*