



Gospel Jn 14:15-21

I shall ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them.

We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world.

The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

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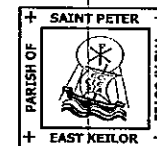
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KEILOR EAST

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First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

They laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. see v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

3. He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

4. Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul; Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:15-18

In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

María Lamanna

14th May 2023

**WISHING YOU GOD'S BLESSINGS
TODAY AND ALWAYS**

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Emilio Trovato, Marie Stanley

RECENTLY DECEASED

Nino Rosin, Mirko Stancin

ANNIVERSARIES

Clara Inserra(1 month), Lewis Camilleri,
Eufrecina Baera, Nancy Palumbo, Peter
Dong Tam

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday 21st May 2023

*Chloe Cu
Summer Cu*

Please pray for these children and their family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

RCIA classes will recommence in July and these dates will be published in coming weeks. 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:-

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ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Continues this weekend. Collectors at weekend masses are asked to compile the figures and complete the clipboard.

PARISH NEWS

FR SEBASTIAN ON LEAVE

We wish Fr Sebastian a safe and enjoyable holiday as he returns home to visit his dear mother and family for 2 weeks. During his absence, Mass times at St Peter's will remain as normal. Please assist our visiting Priests where you can and make them feel 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 Saturdays) before the Morning Mass, throughout the month of May.

LITURGICAL GUIDELINES: MASKS & SANITISERS

For many months since the lifting of restrictions, we have practiced measures of hygiene that are no longer required under Liturgical Guidelines of our Archdiocese. Cautiously, we now move to the following guidelines: Celebrants and Eucharistic Ministers are no longer required to wear masks to distribute Holy Communion. However, face coverings should be worn when visiting vulnerable or immunocompromised parishioners, or members of the community. Sanitising of hands is not required in our Church but is strongly encouraged.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' ROSTER

The next Ministers' Roster will be prepared soon. Please email or call the Parish Office with any 'away' dates between July-November 2023 by Tuesday, 6th June.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Parishioners who are themselves sick or housebound or know someone who is and would like Holy Communion brought to them at their home in East Keilor, are encouraged to leave their details with the Parish Office. A visit by one of our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, can be arranged for after the 10.30am Mass on Sundays.



HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY – 14TH MAY

During the month of May, the Church honours with special love Mary, the Mother of God. This weekend is also a special time for celebrating the gift of mothers and women. We pray for all mothers in our community. May they continue to love and nurture their children and may we treasure their precious gift of mothering.

We pray for those mothers, grandmothers and great grandmothers who have passed away. We give thanks for their love, their laughter and their labour. We give thanks for the many ways they shaped our values, our faith and our family traditions and rituals. May they Rest in Peace.

All mothers, grandmothers & special women in our lives attending a Mass this weekend at St Peter's will receive a rose as a small 'Thank You'.

A Blessing for Mothers

Loving God,
as a mother gives life and
nourishment to her children,
so you watch over your Church.

Bless these women,
that they may be strengthened
as Christian mothers.

Let the example of their faith
and love shine forth.

Grant that we,
their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

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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

18 May – School Advisory Council Meeting at 7.00pm

23rd May – Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day

24th May - Our Lady Help of Christians – Whole School Mass at 9.15am. All welcome to attend

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.