



and the bread that I shall give  
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one  
another: 'How can this man give us his

flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:  
'I tell you most solemnly,  
if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of  
Man

and drink his blood,  
you will not have life in you.  
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink  
my blood

has eternal life,  
and I shall raise him up on the last day.  
For my flesh is real food  
and my blood is real drink.  
He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood  
lives in me  
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,  
myself draw life from the Father,  
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.  
This is the bread come down from heaven;  
not like the bread our ancestors ate:  
they are dead,  
but anyone who eats this bread will live  
for ever.'

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### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This feast harkens back to the celebration of Holy Thursday. By way of the metaphors of food and drink, its readings provide us with a look at the mystery of divine presence. They first provide a picture of a God who feeds us. In the past God set a table in freedom, and then provided food that enabled our ancestors to survive. God fed those who were needy, not those who were worthy. Jesus offered sustenance to the crowds that gathered around him. It was not manna from heaven that he offered but his own flesh and blood as food and drink. This food and drink are the pledge of eternal life.

Those who eat this bread and drink this cup are caught up in a profound unity with God, a unity not envisioned in the wilderness experience. There is a new overlay of significance. Jesus' claim to give his flesh and blood was a bold one, Paul's seems even bolder. He states that partaking of the bread and the cup not only joins us with Christ, but actually makes us participants in the body and blood of Christ. Humanity and divinity are joined as one. The Eucharist is a sign of unity in another way. Joined to the body and blood of Christ, we are joined to each other. We are one body and that body is Christ. The Eucharist is truly a celebration of thanksgiving: thanksgiving for our transformation and thanksgiving for our unity.



### First Reading Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

*He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 147:12-15. 19-20. R. v.12**

(R.) *Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

or

(R.) *Alleluia!*

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!  
Zion, praise your God!  
He has strengthened the bars of your  
gates,  
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)

2. He has established peace on your  
borders,  
he feeds you with finest wheat.  
He sends out his word to the earth  
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)
3. He makes his word known to Jacob,  
to Israel his laws and decrees.  
He has not dealt thus with other nations;  
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17

*Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

### Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the living bread from heaven,  
says the Lord;  
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.  
Alleluia!*

### Gospel Jn 6:51-58

*My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.*

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come  
down from heaven.  
Anyone who eats this bread will live for  
ever;

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Alex Burnside, Victor Gherxi, Joseph Maggiore, Grace Cacopardo, Americo Faramella

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Eliza Pinto, George Attard, Tessie Mizzi, John Attard, Marcela Stipanic, Viktor Glavina, Fortunata Miranda, Maria Corica, Serafina Rafida, Eligio Testa

### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 18 June 2023

*Joseph Kraycer  
Lenny Serrano*

Please pray for these children and their families.

**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

### CARITAS – PROJECT COMPASSION

Receipts, for those who requested them, are now available in the narthex. If you asked for a receipt, please take it with you.

### NEXT MINISTERS' ROSTER

Thanks to all who have notified their 'away' dates from 1 July-31 October. Last day to contact the Parish Office - **Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June** if you don't want to be rostered on a particular weekend for Reading of God's Word, Ext. Mins. of Communion, Ext. Mins. Communion to the Sick & Housebound; or Greeters.

### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, 13 June – St Anthony of Padua  
Friday, 16 June – The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
Saturday, 17 June – The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## PARISH NEWS

### PARISH VISITATION TO ST PETER'S PARISH BY BISHOP TERRY CURTIN 9<sup>TH</sup>-11<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023

We welcome and thank Bishop Terry Curtin for coming to St Peter's to celebrate our Masses this weekend.

A reminder that this weekend we have the Parish Forums. Following the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and Sunday, 10.30am Mass, please stay for a cuppa, something to eat and a chat with parishioners, then all are welcome to stay for a Forum, which will take place inside the Church. During the Forum, St Peter's parishioners will have the chance to speak with Bishop Terry about matters that concern them, and learn more about Mission in Parishes - 'Take the Way of the Gospel'. Some questions posed may include:-

*Tell me where you find Jesus in the life of your Parish? (What is evangelization)  
Think about how and where you would like to see the Parish in 5-10 years...and How are WE going to get there? (What is Mission)*

For parishioners who attend the 8.30am Sunday Mass, there will be time for a chat and cuppa in the narthex. You are then most welcome to return at 11.45am for the Parish Forum.

### NO 9.15AM MORNING MASS – 13<sup>TH</sup>-16<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

Due to the annual Clergy Conference this week, there will be no morning Mass from Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> June - Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> June at St Peter's. Morning Mass resumes Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> June.

St Martin de Porres Parish, Avondale Heights have a visiting Priest, Fr Si celebrating their Morning Mass from Tuesday-Friday this week, commencing at 9.15am, should you wish to go there.

### PETER'S PENCE – ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER – 24/25 JUNE

Next weekend the annual collection for the Holy Father (Peter's Pence) will take place. Please support.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL – 10/11 JUNE

Members of the local St Vincent de Paul Group continue to assist families in need in the community. The Local SVDP Conference (St Peter's and St Martin's) and Schools continue to be wonderful partners making this possible. Most of their funding comes from Vinnies Stores - volunteers (sorting of donations or sales) are urgently required as are all donations of high quality clothing, homewares and electrical goods. Donations may be made directly at the Ascot Vale and Niddrie stores. New members to assist with Home Visits are always welcome.

You can continue to assist those in need within the community by donating to the Vinnies Winter Appeal on-line at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>, or by making your donation into our SVDP donation box which is located permanently at the back of the Church (near Mary MacKillop picture).

Please go to the Parish Website or Facebook page for further information. Thank You.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is? Are you a person in search of the meaning of life? Are you a Christian wishing to find out more about the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic looking for an adult appreciation of your faith? The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the normal process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members, and we will walk with you on your journey of discovery. This journey of discovery begins with a time of discernment and *Enquiry*, continues through a period of *Catechumenate*, reaches its highpoint at the celebration of *Easter*, and concludes with a period of further deepening of and living the Christian faith. There will be a series of *Enquiry Nights* for those interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic. They will take place on Tuesdays 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. For further info, please contact Mrs Teresa Paradowski, on 9337 3103.

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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

School Advisory Board Meeting - Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> June

*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.*