



the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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Reflection

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The major themes today are call and discipleship. Most of us are rather insignificant in the eyes of the broader society. And even those who are well known or in some way famous are still just simple human beings with needs and fears and dreams like the rest of us. Yet we have been called by God. This is what makes us special. Paul picks up this theme in his development of justification. He argues that we are special because when we were still sinners we were justified. All this has come to us as a pure gift from God. It is God who calls; it is God who chooses; it is God who justifies. If we are to boast, we must boast in God.

Paul further teaches that good works do not gain faith. It is the other way around. It is faith that manifests itself in works. In the gospel we see that the disciples are sent out to give to others the gift of faith which had been given to them. They proclaim the gospel, the good news that the time of fulfilment has come, and then they perform mighty works that demonstrate what they preach. We too have been called to discipleship; we have been made God's special people. To us has been entrusted the good news of salvation to proclaim to others. We must be the healing touch of Christ in our world. We must comfort those who mourn, bring back to life those who are in despair, embrace those who have been ostracised by society, drive out anger and fear and hatred.



First Reading Ex 19:2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus

You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.

From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."

Responsorial Psalm

PPs 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

(R.) *We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.*

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock (R.)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation Mk 1:15

*Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 9:36 – 10:8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Tran Hanh, Theresa Tran Vinh, Rosario Baera, John Debono, Elizabeth Ngai Thi Bui, John Minh Ven Le, Andrew Minh Quang Le, Rocco Cornacchia, Vincenzo Pierorazio, John Robinson, Caterina Riga-Ventrice, Souls of the Wee, Chai, Chua families and Peter Su

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 18 June 2023

*Joseph Kraycer
Lenny Serrano*

Please pray for these children and their families.

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If you requested a receipt for your 2023 Project Compassion donations, please take it from the table in the narthex. Receipts will not be posted out.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wednesday 21st June St Aloysius Gonzaga
Thursday 22 June Sts John Fisher & Thomas More
Saturday 24 June The Nativity of St John the Baptist

PARISH NEWS

MASS AT ST PETER'S

We return to our normal weekday Morning Mass at 9.15am from Tuesday, 20th June.

LAST WEEKEND'S VISITATION BY BISHOP TERRY CURTIN – 'THANK YOU'

Thank you to all parishioners who stayed for and participated in the Parish Forums last weekend after Mass. A special thanks to the volunteers who helped in any way.

FEAST DAY MASS OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES – 29/6/23

Our Parish Feast Day Mass takes place on Thursday, 29th June at 9.15am. Please come along.

To celebrate our Feast Day, at weekend Masses on 1st and 2nd July, everyone is welcome to stay for a chat, cuppa and some finger food after Mass in the narthex. *If you can, please bring a plate to share.*

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 11th, 18th & 25th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room**. For further info, please contact Mrs Teresa Paradowski, on 9337 3103.

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

The Peter's Pence Collection is a worldwide collection that provides the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this special collection which will take place next weekend at all Masses.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Members of the local St Vincent de Paul Group assist families in need in the community. Our 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 cash donation at any time into our SVDP donation box which is located permanently at the back of the Church (near Mary Mackillop picture). All donations received are sent to the local SVDP Conference. Please go to the Parish Website or Facebook page for their most recent Report.

If you know of someone who needs their assistance please call: 1800 305 330.

CATHOLIC REGIONAL; COLLEGE, SYDENHAM – Class of 1993 Reunion

Students and teachers of the Class of 1993, are invited to attend a 30 Year School Reunion on 28th October. Email: crcsydenhamclassof93@gmail.com for more information RSVP 28/8/23.

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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)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

END OF TERM 2

Friday 23rd June at 1.30pm

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.