



### Gospel Mt 17:1-9

*His face was shining like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

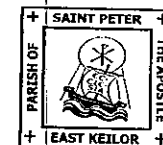
In the midst of Ordinary Time we are invited to behold the transfiguration of Christ. By some horrible coincidence, we recall Christ's brilliance on the day that the world marks another cosmic event, its birth into the atomic age at Hiroshima. The paradox of these events should not be lost on us. The white light that shone from Christ was a mere suggestion of the divine splendour that is beyond human comprehension; the flashing light from the atomic explosion was an omen of the destructive force that is within human grasp. It is imperative that the horror of the latter be brought under the control of the glory of the former.

The transfiguration was a moment in time when Jesus' divine glory broke through his humanity and shone with a brilliance that was blinding. We sing of this glory time and again in the psalms. Yet when it really appears we can hardly believe it ourselves. The readings outline three different moments when this glory was revealed. The first was reported by the visionary in the book of Daniel. The second moment was the scene of the transfiguration. The third is hidden in the resurrection testimony of the author of the Letter of Peter.

We are the ones who today possess the prophetic message; we are the present day eyewitnesses of Christ's majesty. We too have moments when we might behold his glory and hear the voice proclaiming his identity, but we need eyes of faith and ears that are open.

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### Transfiguration

6 August 2023

#### First Reading Dn 7:9-10. 13-14

*His raiment was as white as snow.*

As I watched:  
Thrones were set in place  
and one of great age took his seat.  
His robe was white as snow,  
the hair of his head as pure as wool.  
His throne was a blaze of flames,  
its wheels were a burning fire.  
A stream of fire poured out,  
issuing from his presence.  
A thousand thousand waited on him,  
ten thousand times ten thousand stood  
before him.  
A court was held and the books were  
opened.  
I gazed into the visions of the night.  
And I saw, coming on the clouds of  
heaven,  
one like a son of man.  
He came to the one of great age  
and was led into his presence.  
On him was conferred sovereignty,  
glory and kingship,  
and men of all peoples, nations and  
languages became his servants.  
His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty  
which shall never pass away,  
nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 96:1-2. 5-6. 9. R. vv.1. 9.

*(R.) The Lord is king, the most high  
over all the earth.*

1. The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right. *(R.)*

2. The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory. *(R.)*
3. For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth  
exalted far above all spirits. *(R.)*

#### Second Reading 2 Pt 1:16-19

*We heard this voice from out of heaven.*

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour.' We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophecies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

#### Gospel Acclamation Mt 17:5

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*This is my Son, my beloved,  
in whom is all my delight;  
listen to him.*

*Alleluia!*

### 'CONGRATULATIONS'

*Adele & Laurie Mizzi*

Celebrating their  
**'50<sup>th</sup> Golden Wedding Anniversary'**  
04.08.73 – 04.08.23  
*May God bless you both*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Michele Nesci, Emanuel Said, Rev. Desmond Anthony Pantone PE

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Sebastiano Pitruzzello, Raneer Mutiah, Victor Gherxi

### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

*Chloe Caruso  
Luca Trimboli*

Please pray for these children and their families.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - ENQUIRY PERIOD** There will be a final Enquiry Night for those interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic, on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm in the St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room. Enquiries: Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

**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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### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

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|------------|----------------------|
| Tue 8 Aug  | St Mary of the Cross |
| Thu 10 Aug | St Lawrence          |
| Fri 11 Aug | St Clare             |

### PARISH NEWS

#### SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS (MARY MACKILLOP)

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August at 9.15am, Mass on the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross (Mary MacKillop) will be celebrated with the school community present. All welcome.

#### ST PETER'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 12 & 13 AUGUST

Next Saturday at 11am and Sunday at 12noon, Year 4 students from St Peter's Primary School will make their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion. Please keep these children, their teachers and families in your prayers.

#### NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – 6-13 AUGUST 2023

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

#### 'THANK YOU' FROM THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

Following their talk at Masses last weekend and Appeal for donations to replace the leaking roof at St Joseph's Home, Northcote, below are some excerpts from Sr Mary's (on behalf of Mother Shanthi), 'Thank You' email: *"It was wonderful to be at St Peter the Apostle Church, Keilor East on the weekend. What a lovely Church you have. The Parishioners are very nice and very generous. We received over \$4,000.00 in donations and are very thankful. We will not forget to pray for Keilor East Parishioners. May The Lord continue to bless them and reward them a hundredfold."*

### MARY MACKILLOP PRAYER

God of the Pilgrim,  
Mary MacKillop trusted your guidance  
in her journey of life  
and deepened her confidence in your  
will.

May we renew our trust in your  
Providence to lead us to hope as we  
bring our prayer before you.

May we grow in the fullness of your  
love and the depth of your mystery.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
our Way, our Truth and our Life.

**Amen.**

#### CATHOLIC CARE – ANNUAL CHURCH APPEAL

Next weekend is the Catholic Care Sunday Appeal. Donations will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community. There will be a collection after Communion at all weekend masses. Envelopes will be available.

#### THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday 15 August is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass at St Peter's will be celebrated at **9.15am** with the school community present and at **7.00pm** in the evening.

**TA PINU SHRINE, 15 FLANAGANS DRIVE, MERRIMU (BACCHUS MARSH) – Let's Celebrate the Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> August from 2.00pm. Rosary, Procession, Holy Mass & Benediction led by Rev. Ted Rostworoski. Featuring the Presentation and Blessing of the Children. For more information: Josette 0412 360 231.

*Flyers in the narthex.*

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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Peters-Parish-Keilor-East-248965765799277>

### 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

**Principal:** Ms Linda Tattran

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**Administration:** Stephanie Wood, Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry

### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

**YEAR 4 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**  
Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> August

Please keep these children in your prayers.

*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.*