

**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

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**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A****13 August 2023****First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9-11-13***Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8***(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

**Second Reading Rom 9:1-5***I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

**Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38***Alleluia, alleluia!**I hope in the Lord,**I trust in his word.**Alleluia!***Gospel Mt 14:22-33***Command me to come to you over the water.*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Emmanuel Said, Simon Doan Minh Duc

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Rosetta Carlino(1 month), Antonio Morena(1 month), Francesca Muscara, Patricia Morena, Jacintha Menezes, Antonia Micallef, Fr Peter Pham Huu Lai, Joseph Farrugia(Fox), Sylvia D'Mello, Giuseppina Celata

#### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> August 2023

*Harvey Hudson*

*Thomas James Damian*

*Flynn William Dowden*

Please pray for these children and their families.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - ENQUIRY PERIOD

It is not too late to join us on **Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> August at 7.30pm** in the **St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room**. Enquiries: Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

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#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 14 <sup>th</sup> Aug	St Maximilian Kolbe
Tue 15 Aug	The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**ALPHA IS COMING SOON TO ST PETER'S**  
Wednesdays from 4<sup>th</sup> October. Stay tuned!

### PARISH NEWS



#### 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.

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Father's Day Dinner on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> September. Details to come soon!

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

This weekend, 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.

#### CATHOLICARE – ANNUAL CHURCH APPEAL

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma. **Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.** Your compassion and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. A special collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend. Envelopes are available. You can also donate online at [www.catholiccarevic.org.au](http://www.catholiccarevic.org.au) or call (03) 9287 5513. *All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.*



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

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

#### WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

The Melbourne pilgrims have come home! Despite sweltering temperatures, the pilgrims' time in Lisbon, Fatima, Rome, Assisi and the Holy Land was a deep immersion in the story of Catholicism, and a great chance to meet other young Catholics from around the world who are excited about their faith. Pope Francis reminded the gathered pilgrims, 'You are not here by accident. The Lord has called you ... Indeed, he has called you by name. Be not afraid, take heart. Some of them have already been talking to us about their highlights. The sleep-out on the Field of Grace along with Eucharistic adoration was certainly a standout; pilgrims also share how God really spoke to them through their World Youth Day experiences, from a private audience with Pope Francis to visiting the Basilica of St Clare in Assisi. Let us all keep them in our prayers.

Next World Youth Day will be held in 2027, in Seoul, South Korea.

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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

##### 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.*