



Gospel Mt 16:13-20

You are Peter, to you I will give the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realize that that was all that they were—good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realize that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

27 August 2023

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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First Reading Is 22:19-23

I place the key of the House of David upon his shoulder.

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:
I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiyah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6. 8. R. v.8

*(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;
do not forsake the work of your hands.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. *(R.)*

2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 11:33-36

From him, through him, and in him are all things.

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church;
the gates of hell will not hold out
against it.*

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Maria Pace

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Bruno Chiera, Antonino Di Stefano, Serafina Ravida, Nicola Miranda, Felice Consolo, Luis Manjares Villanueva, Vincenzo D'Agostino

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 10th September 2023

Julian Micallef

Please pray for this child and his family.

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

It is not too late to join us on **Tuesday, 29th 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 – 1st 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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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

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 28 Aug	St Augustine
Tue 29 Aug	The Passion of St John the Baptist
Fri 1 st Sep	EMBER DAY
1 st day of Spring -	Day of Penance

CATHOLICARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL 'Thank You' CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during the Sunday Appeal held 2 weeks' ago. We raised **\$1,197.10!** Many thanks for your kind donations.

ALPHA IS COMING SOON TO ST PETER'S Wednesdays from 4th October until Wednesday 6th December. More details to come!

PARISH NEWS

POSTPONED: 'FATHER'S DAY' DINNER – Friday, 1st September

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we have had to postpone the planned 'Father's Day Dinner, which was meant to take place next Friday, 1st September. A new date will be set and we will let you know when that will be, as soon as possible. Please stay tuned!

SINGERS WANTED!

To support our musicians at Masses with music, we need more parishioners joining in with the singing of hymns. Even if you are not an accomplished singer(not many of us are!), it doesn't matter. We welcome everyone joining in and *'Raising the Roof'* of our Church.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note the Parish Office will be closed on Wednesday, 30th August due to a Parish Administration Forum taking place at the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

MASS – 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

A reminder that Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's next Friday, 1st September commencing at 7.00pm, followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

PACEM

All Melbourne Parishes are currently moving over to a new software program – PACEM. Parishioners on Credit Card and Direct Debits will see a change in the description on your bank statement for your Thanksgiving Donations. 'Fat Zebra' is the provider PACEM is using to process your Direct Debits and Credit Card transactions through the PACEM program. This platform ensures the safety of your Credit Card and Direct Debit account numbers. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the Parish Office. *Thank you.*

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL– COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK PRIESTS '*Caring for those who cared*' – 2/3 SEPTEMBER

Next weekend the annual Father's Day collection will be taken up for the support of the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Envelopes will be available. Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Envelopes available. Please support generously.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE: Social Justice Sunday 27th August 2023

On this Social Justice Sunday, Australia's Bishops are asking us to renew our engagement with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Let's commit ourselves to reaching out to First Nations people in love and humility. Let's try to listen to them and learn from them and walk the journey of healing together – first in relation to the referendum and, then, in the period that follows. Resources can be found by going to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au Some hardcopies of the Statement Summary, can be found in the narthex.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/11/23-29/2/24

The next Ministers' Roster will be prepared soon. Please contact the Parish Office with your 'away' dates from 1/11/23-29/2/24, no later than **Tuesday, 12th September** if you don't wish to be rostered on a particular weekend. *We are looking for some new volunteers.* If you are interested in joining our wonderful team of volunteers at Mass, please contact the Parish Office or speak with Fr Sebastian and fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference Form, available in the narthex. Training will be provided.

'TRUE NORTH' YOUNG ADULTS GROUP is meeting this Sunday 27 August 6:30pm - 8:30pm (after 5:30pm Mass at St Monica's). The night includes food, social, and WYD testimonies. Location: St Monica's Catholic Church (Symons Centre), 820 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds. Ages 18-35 welcome. More queries: please email truenorth90stable@gmail.com True North is for young adults from all our local region, supported by the local parishes.

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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 Council Meeting

Thursday, 31st August at 7.00pm

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.