

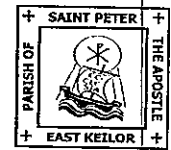
PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

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**First Reading** Is 45:1-4-6

*I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.*

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,  
whom he has taken by his right hand  
to subdue nations before him  
and strip the loins of kings,  
to force gateways before him  
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,  
of Israel my chosen one,  
that I have called you by your name,  
conferring a title though you do not  
know me.  
I am the Lord, unrivalled;  
there is no other God besides me.  
Though you do not know me, I am you  
that men may know from the rising to  
the setting of the sun  
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v.7**

*(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.*

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.  
Tell among the nations his glory  
and his wonders among all the  
peoples. *(R.)*
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,  
to be feared above all gods;  
the gods of the heathens are naught.  
It was the Lord who made the heavens.  
*(R.)*

3 Give the Lord, you families of peoples,  
give the Lord glory and power,  
give the Lord the glory of his name.  
Bring an offering and enter his courts. *(R.)*

4 Worship the Lord in his temple.  
O earth, tremble before him.  
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'  
He will judge the peoples in fairness. *(R.)*

**Second Reading** 1 Thes 1:1-5

*We are mindful of your faith, hope, and love.*

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the  
Church in Thessalonika which is in God the  
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing  
you grace and peace from God the Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers  
and thank God for you all, and constantly  
remember before God our Father how you  
have shown your faith in action, worked for  
love and persevered through hope, in our  
Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and  
that you have been chosen, because when  
we brought the Good News to you, it came  
to you not only as words, but as power and  
as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

**Gospel Acclamation** Phil 2:15. 16

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Shine on the world like bright stars;  
you are offering it the word of life.*

*Alleluia!*

**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

The frequency with which we consider the question of insider-outsider is an indication of how important universalism and the breaking down of boundaries is within our religious tradition. All peoples, all lands are called on to praise God. Furthermore, God cares about and cares for all people (see Is 19:25), and God works through all people to accomplish good in the world: Gandhi, a Hindu of Indian origin; Martin Luther King, Jr, a Baptist minister; Susan B. Anthony, a suffragist; Nelson Mandela, a Black South African, etc. Human beings have always realised that, in comparison with the grandeur and expansiveness of the universe within which they live, they are weak and vulnerable creatures. This has led them to believe in and offer homage to a divine being, or beings. Praise of God has always been an expression of awe and gratitude as well as humility.

If neither gender, nor race, nor age, nor class nor culture qualifies one for being an insider, what does? Today's readings suggest that it is service of others. In breaking down the walls of prejudice, the social activists of our own age liberate not only the oppressed groups to which they belong, but also those who oppress them. The lives of these dynamic people show us that service of others draws them into our circles and encircles us in theirs. With open arms God invites all into an embrace of divine love. As God has embraced us, so we are called to embrace all others.



**Gospel** Mt 22:15-21

*Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.*

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

Teresa Paradowski

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

KAY O'HARA

#### ANNIVERSARIES

GIUSEPPE LUCI, DOMENICO & CONCETTA BRUZZESE, SANTO & NUNZIA BONNICI, NICK CARNI, VINCENZO ROCCA, BRIAN REFALO, VINCENZA & GIUSEPPE SERRUTO

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Next meets on Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October 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

#### 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

#### ALPHA AT ST PETER'S PARISH

We are running the Alpha Program here at St Peter's on Wednesdays from 7.00pm-9.15pm until 6<sup>th</sup> December. Venue: St Peter's Parish Centre (enter via Bellarine Avenue). Everyone is welcome to share a meal and a discussion each week. For more information or to register, please call Paul Whiting (0488 455 008); or Peter Boudville (0419 381 079).

#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Sat 28 Oct      Sts Simon & Jude

#### 2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Are now available for purchase - \$10 each. Please see Ken, Cathey, Adele or after Mass.

#### MONTH OF OCTOBER – ROSARY

We continue praying the Rosary on weekdays (Tuesday-Friday) and on Saturday mornings commencing at 9.00am, prior to the 9.15am Morning Mass.

### PARISH NEWS

#### ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

#### All Saints – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November

Mass at 9.15am (with the school in attendance)

#### The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Mass at 8.00am

Mass at 9.15am

Mass at 7.00pm

*On this day there will be a board at the side of the Altar where you can pin a flower with the name of your loved ones attached.*

#### YEAR 3 STUDENTS - 1<sup>ST</sup> RECONCILIATIONS

– Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October Please keep in your prayers the Year 3 children who will make their 1<sup>st</sup> Confessions this week.

#### PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be open on Tuesday next week from 9.00am-3.00pm. Please call or email or call the parish office at other times and your request will be answered as soon as possible. Please advise any Death Anniversaries by Tuesday this week for publication in the Parish Bulletin next weekend.

#### CATHOLIC MISSION 2023 'WORLD MISSION SUNDAY' CHURCH APPEAL.

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program – The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic. The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for many in need, like Jose, who became severely malnourished at 8 months old. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far. Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world. *A collection will be taken at all Masses this weekend. Please support generously.*

### "FR SEBASTIAN'S FAREWELL"

Everyone is warmly invited to Fr Sebastian's Thanksgiving Mass and farewell celebration. Join us to celebrate and honour our Parish Priest, Fr Sebastian. It will be a great opportunity to wish him the very best at his new Parish and for all he has done for St Peter's Parish during his almost 8 years with us.

The **Thanksgiving Mass** will commence at **10.30am, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**, followed by a **Farewell BBQ** from **11.45am** opposite the Church at the gazebo, weather permitting. If inclement weather, we will move into the Parish Centre. If you attend a different Mass usually, just come along at 11.45am but please be cautious when driving into the carpark, as there may be some parishioners and cars departing from after the 10.30am Mass. Everyone staying for the BBQ is asked to add their name to the clipboard in the narthex, and if you will be bringing a salad or sweet to share. The Parish will provide the meat and soft drinks, tea & coffee.

If you wish to contribute to a gift for Fr Sebastian, next weekend - **28/29 October, at all Masses** - we will have a **Collection**. There are envelopes available if you wish to use one for your donation.

If you know anyone who no longer resides in Keilor East but may like to attend, please let them know too.

#### 'BREAK OPEN THE WORD' OR 'DAILY MASS BOOK' - ANNUALS FOR 2024

These 2 resources can be ordered through the Parish Office - \$30 each. 'Break Open the Word' is particularly helpful for Readers of God's Word. Please call the Parish Office or email your order by **Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October**.

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**Facebook:**

<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

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Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> October

*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.*