

Gospel Mt 22:34-40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our religious tradition is founded on love. Actually, life itself is grounded in love. We may not always feel this love, but if we allow ourselves to reflect on life, we will realise this truth. We have been called into being by God's love; and we will only be happy if we live in that love. Thus, when we are directed to love God and love one another, we are not being asked to do something contrary to our nature. Rather, we are being told to live in accord with that nature. We come from God who is love, and so it is in our very nature to love and to be loved.

We may sometimes think that it is easier to love God than to love others. It may actually be just the opposite. Other people are tangible. We can see and hear them, interact with them. Their influence in our lives can permeate our consciousness. That is not the way it is with God. Like Moses on the mountain, we can only see the traces of divinity as God passes by (see Ex 33:23). However, we show that we love God in the way we love our neighbour.

Love, the foundation of the reign of God, is contagious. When we love others, the reign of God spreads throughout the world. The compassion that we show toward others is a form of evangelisation. It proclaims much louder than any words that the reign of God has been established.

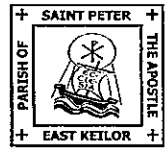
PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

29 October 2023

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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First Reading Ex 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

"If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

"If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v.2

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour;
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. *(R.)*

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. *(R.)*

Second Reading 1 Thes 1:5-10

You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
*All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.*
Alleluia!

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IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANTHONY TITONE

ANNIVERSARIES

KENNETH PERRY, MARIA MUSCARA, JACINTA MENEZES, ORAZIO CESILE, JOSEPH MUSCAT

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Next meets on Tuesday, 31st October 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

Wed 1 st Nov	All Saints
Thu 2 nd Nov	All Souls Day
Fri 3 rd Nov	St Martin de Porres
Sat 4 Nov	St Charles Borromeo

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Now available for purchase in the narthex or Parish Office - \$10 each. Please see Ken, Cathey, Adele or after Mass.

MONTH OF OCTOBER – ROSARY

We conclude praying the Rosary on weekdays before Mass after 31st October. Thanks to all who have taken part during the month of October.

MASS – 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

A reminder that Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's next Friday, 3rd November at 7.00pm followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

PARISH NEWS

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS DAY MASSES

All Saints – Wednesday 1st November

Mass at 9.15am (with the school in attendance)

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day) – Thursday 2nd 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.

NO 9.15AM MORNING MASS AT ST PETER'S – SATURDAY, 4TH NOVEMBER

Please note that due to the All Souls' Day Mass at Keilor Cemetery next Saturday, there will be no 9.15am Mass on 4th November.

KEILOR CEMETERY – 2023 ALL SOULS' DAY MASS will be held at the Keilor Cemetery, Corner Cemetery Road & Ely Court, on Saturday, 4th November, commencing at 11.00am. Mass in English. All welcome.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office re-opens from Tuesday 31st October on Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Fridays from 8.30am-4.00pm.

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday 6th November due to Cup Day Public Holiday.

CATHOLIC MISSION 2023 'WORLD MISSION SUNDAY' CHURCH APPEAL 'THANK YOU'.

Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Carolina, the Salesian Sisters and their work through The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste. **Last weekend we raised \$1826.60** Your gift is helping Sr Carolina continue to provide life-saving treatment and access to resources on health and well-being. Your gift also supports mission programs around the programs around the world that reach out and give life to those in most need. *Please return any envelopes by next weekend. Thank you.*

“FR SEBASTIAN’S FAREWELL MASS & BBQ” – ALL WELCOME

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 5th November**, followed by a **farewell BBQ** from **11.45am** opposite the Church at the gazebos, 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 on Sunday but please be careful when entering the car park, 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 **BY SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 6PM** (so we have accurate numbers of people attending for catering), 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, we will have a **LEAVING** collection on the 11/12th November weekend. There are specially marked envelopes available for this also, if you wish to use one.*

Please pass this invitation on to anyone who has left the Parish in recent years.

Let's make this a wonderful celebration and farewell for Fr Sebastian!

NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes for November Masses are available in the narthex.

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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

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.