



### Gospel Mt 25:1-13

Look, the bridegroom comes. Go out to meet him.

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone of to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

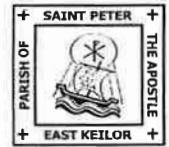
### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. *How* it will happen, we do not know. *When* it will happen, we do not know. *That* it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

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### First Reading Wis 6:12-16

Wisdom is found by those who look for it.

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 62:2-8. R. v.2

(R.) *My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)
2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary. to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)
3. So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Thes 4:13-18

Those who died as Christians, God will bring to life with Jesus.

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

### Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Be watchful and ready:*

*you know not when the Son of Man is coming.*

*Alleluia!*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Robert Zampieri

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Vincenzo Scolla, Peter Dong Manh Hung, Adrian Cervetto, Andrew Xerri, Filippo Simone, Bernardo, Sante & Giancarlo Quattrucci & family, Augusto and Gaetano Fiore & family, Sam Ratnatunga

#### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Noreen Tuimauga  
Cassius Jr D'Rozario**

Please pray for this family.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** *Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or would you like to know more about the Catholic faith?*

For further information, please contact 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

#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Fri 17 Nov St Elizabeth of Hungary  
Sat 18 Nov Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul

#### 2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

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

#### NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes for November Masses are available in the narthex.

### PARISH NEWS

#### WELCOME FATHER ANIL ROSHAN MASCARENHAS

We warmly welcome Fr Anil Mascarenhas as our new Parish Administrator at St Peter's. If you haven't had an opportunity yet, please introduce yourself to Fr Anil after Mass.

#### COLLECTION FOR FR AROCKIA SEBASTIAN

This weekend at all Masses there will be a Collection for Fr Sebastian, to thank him for 8 years of service as Parish Priest of St Peter's. Fr Sebastian preferred the collection be taken after his departure. Thanks to all who have already contributed to the gift by envelopes provided earlier.

#### MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

**Dear St Peter's Parishioners,**

Some of you may have heard Fr Sebastian announce at the 10.30am Mass last weekend that I will be finishing my role as principal of St Peter's School on 28 January 2024 to take up the position of Regional Leadership Consultant with Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS). Serving as principal of our parish school community has been an absolute pleasure and joy. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with staff to support our wonderful students in both their learning and faith formation. I have also enjoyed my many conversations with parishioners and thank you most sincerely for your support of the school – the education and faith arm of our parish. I especially want to acknowledge and thank Fr Sebastian and Helena Meredith (parish secretary). I know too that Fr Anil will give both parish and school his full support and pastoral leadership. Lastly, thank you all for the beautiful memories I will take with me, especially in celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversaries of school and parish. **I wish you all the very best for the future, Linda.**

#### CATHOLIC DEAF APPEAL – 19/11/23

Next weekend at all Masses, we will have a Special Collection for the Catholic Deaf. Please support where possible.

#### ST PETER'S 2023 CHRISTMAS CAROLS – WEDNESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

As announced last weekend, the annual Christmas Carols will be held on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 5.00pm-9.00pm. Gates open from 4.45pm

The St Peter's Primary School children will entertain us with their beautiful voices, singing Christmas Carols. There will be a Barbecue, Vietnamese & Indian food stalls, a cake stall, snow cones, fairy floss, children's disco, a raffle, tea & coffee, fun and laughter!

#### MORE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS!

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. We need more volunteers! Please let us know in what way you can help and come to the Meeting if you can. Church gates will be open from 7.15pm. Please come along!

#### CHRISTMAS CAROLS - RAFFLE

Thank you very much to those who have donated prizes for the raffle. Tickets will be available for purchase soon.

#### "THANK YOU"

Firstly, a belated 'Thank You' to all who helped at our recent All Saints and All Souls Day Masses & those who assisted at the Ultima Reception Centre for the Keilor Cemetery All-Souls Day Mass last Saturday.

Secondly, 'Thank You' to all who came along last Sunday to Fr Sebastian's Farewell BBQ. Special thanks to all who brought along food to share. Very Special Thanks to all the volunteers who worked so hard to make it a wonderful celebration and farewell. A lot of work behind the scenes went into making this day so special, both at the weekend Masses and for the lunch on Sunday, such as organising flowers for the Church, getting ready the photo presentation, preparing speeches, cooking the bbq (crying over those onions), baking & decorating the cake, preparing the gazebo area, organising the sound system, music, drinks, tables & chairs, serving, cleaning up, etc etc. Fr Sebastian was very happy and grateful for everyone's efforts. Feedback was that everyone enjoyed themselves. **THANKS TO YOU ALL!**

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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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Administration: Stephanie Wood, Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry

#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

##### 2023 Christmas Carols

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

##### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

End of year Mass @ 9.15am

End of Term @12.30pm

*The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.*