



kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'

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### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

## PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

26 November 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe – Year A

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**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, Year A 26 November 2023**

### First Reading Ez 34:11-12.15-17

*You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep.*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 22:1-3. 5-6. R. v.1**

*(R.) The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose. (R.)
2. Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit.  
He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name. (R.)
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. (R.)
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall  
follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Cor 15:20-26.28

*He will hand over the kingdom to God the Father, so that God may be all in all.*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him; then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

### Gospel Acclamation Mk 11:9-10

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Blessings on him who comes  
in the name of the Lord!*

*Blessings on the coming kingdom  
of our father David!*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Mt 25:31-46

*He will take his seat on his throne of glory, and he will separate men one from another.*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Kaye Nelson, Victor Camilleri, Elizabeth O'Sullivan

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Fr Andrew Doan Thanh Dien, Joseph Pham Van Khanh, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, Maria Profeta, Angela Lamari, Vincenzo Amoddio, Santo & Nunzia Bonnici, Roberto Cope Villanueva

#### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023

*Emilia Rose Zito*

*Chloe Stornello*

Please pray for these children and their families.

**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.

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#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 30 Dec St Andrew

#### 2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Only a few left to buy - \$10 each. Please see Ken, Cathy or Adele before Mass.

#### NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes for November Masses are available in the narthex.

### PARISH NEWS

#### ADVENT ADORATION & MASS – FRIDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 9.15AM-8PM

After the 9.15am Mass next Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> December, we will have 9 hours of Adoration in the Church. Please add your name to the clipboard for when you will be here during the day. At least 2 people per hour is needed.

At 7.00pm Benediction and Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, followed by Holy Mass.

#### ADVENT RETREAT – 16 DECEMBER

Advent Retreat, Reconciliation and Healing Mass – Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> December 9.15am-1.00pm. Further information to come soon.

#### CATHOLIC DEAF APPEAL – 19/11/23

Last weekend's Special Collection for the Catholic Deaf raised \$607.65. Your donations support the John Pierce Centre by providing support to Deaf families through counselling, offering liturgies, visitation of the sick and sacramental preparation in Auslan and much more. Many thanks.

#### PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK

The annual update and reprinting of the Parish Remembrance Book will take place shortly. Parishioners are invited to submit the names of their loved ones and the dates of death to the Parish Office no later than 8/12/23.

#### VOLUNTEER TRAFFIC WARDENS NEEDED FOR TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

As part of the St Peter's Parish and Primary School Traffic Management Policy, we need volunteers to be Traffic Wardens for morning Traffic Management on school days. Under the new Policy, Traffic Wardens must be present at the Church car park entrance at Parkside Avenue from 8.50am-10.15am Tuesday-Friday only and for funerals, as required. Please contact the Parish Office, or speak with Fr Anil or Bob Morley

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

Less than 2 weeks to go! Please join us on **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December**, from **4.30pm-9.00pm**. Gates open from 4.15pm

The St Peter's Primary School children will entertain us with their beautiful voices, singing Christmas Carols! There will be barbecues selling sausages and hamburgers, Vietnamese food, Indian food, a cake stall, snow cones, fairy floss, popcorn, door prizes, the raffle will be drawn, tea & coffee, children's disco, fun and laughter!

#### WE NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS!

Please consider volunteering for the Carols. If you can help, please leave your name and number on the clipboard and we will contact you. Otherwise, you can email or call the Parish Office with your availability.

#### CAKE STALL – Cakes/slices needed!

We will have a Cake Stall at the Carols but we need **lots of cakes** to sell, made lovingly by our wonderful parishioners. If you can bake something, please bring by **11am on 6<sup>th</sup> December (or even drop off on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> December)** to the Church or Parish Office. It is important you write down the ingredients used in making your cake/slice (see ingredients details in narthex).

#### 1<sup>ST</sup> AID VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We still need at least 2 qualified First Aid volunteers to assist during the Christmas Carols Event. If you can help please speak to Fr Anil or contact the Parish Office.

#### RAFFLE

Thank you to those who have taken home a book of raffle tickets to sell. There are some more books in the narthex if you missed out last week - \$2 a ticket, \$20 a book of 10. Prizes drawn on Carols night. Please return all money & stubs by Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December. *Thank you to those who have kindly donated prizes.*

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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

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