



Gospel Acclamation Ps 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 13:33-37

Stay awake! You never know when the Lord will come.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today's readings contain several images: the faithfulness of those who suffer, even as they lament their predicament; the admonition to watch and wait; the expectation of the coming of the Day of the Lord. As trustees of the one who is coming, we live in the 'in between' time of ambiguity and hope. The placement of these readings at the beginning of Advent shapes the context for understanding the entire season. They fix our gaze on the world of human pain and then moves beyond it to the hope of a brighter future. Lamentation and expectation find fulfilment in the Day of the Lord.

Waiting is a prominent image this Sunday. Some people wait to be released from suffering, others await the second coming of Christ. Waiting saps our energies and stifles our enthusiasm. Yet wait we must, and as we wait, we wonder: 'What should I be doing?' The readings suggest that we should wait with patient expectation for the day of reconciliation and peace; we should wait in joyful hope that what is to come will come soon. While we wait, we should faithfully fulfil our responsibilities. We believe that we have a future worth waiting for, that there are promises that God will keep. And so we look expectantly to the Day of the Lord, that future day of ultimate fulfilment.

PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

3 December 2023

First Sunday of Advent – Year B

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First Reading Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

Oh that you would tear the heavens apart and come down.

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing
you?

Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.

Oh, that you would tear the heavens open
and come down
– at your Presence the mountains would
melt.

No ear has heard,
no eye has seen

any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.

You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.

We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.

No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.
And yet, Lord, you are our Father;
we the clay, you the potter,
we are all the work of your hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 79:2-3. 15-16. 18-19 R. v.4

**R. Lord, make us turn to you, let us see
your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.
(R.)
3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your
name. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 1:3-9

The revelation we looked for, Christ Jesus our Lord.

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.
I never stop thanking God for all the graces you have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him that you have been enriched in so many ways, especially in your teachers and preachers; the witness to Christ has indeed been strong among you so that you will not be without any of the gifts of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you steady and without blame until the last day, the day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and God is faithful.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr Gerard Dowling, Elvira Issa (in Lebanon)
Ron Stobaus

ANNIVERSARIES

Vincenzo & Olimpia Gasbarro

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 3rd December 2023

Emilia Rose Zito
Chloe Stornello

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 7 Dec St Ambrose
Friday 8 Dec The Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

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

THANK YOU - ADVENT ADORATION & MASS Thank you to all who participated in our Advent Adoration & Mass on Friday.

CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS

Donations for the costs associated with flowers for our Altar at Christmas would be appreciated

PARISH NEWS

IMPORTANT TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT POLICY UPDATE

Arising from discussions with the school, Parish and WorkSafe representatives on 1st December 2023, it was agreed that vehicles, other than those providing essential services (e.g. maintenance, hearse) will not be permitted to enter the grounds during school hours *until such time as barriers that separate children from vehicles have been installed*. To assist parishioners with access difficulties park as close to the pedestrian access gate as possible, school staff will be requested not to park in Parkside Avenue. More detail is contained in the policy document on the parish website.

Christmas Spiritual Celebrations 2023

Advent Retreat, Reconciliation and Healing Mass

Saturday, 16th December 9:15am-1.00pm

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th December
Normal weekend mass times except no 5.00pm Mass on 24th December

Christmas Masses

Sunday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Christmas Vigil Mass at 6.00pm
(Family Mass)

Carols from 5.30pm

Children are encouraged to come dressed as Angels or Shepherds

Christmas Vigil Mass at 9.00pm

Carols from 8.30pm

Christmas Mass at Midnight at 12.00am

Carols from 11.30pm

Monday 25th December -

The Nativity of the Lord

Christmas Mass during the Day at 8.30am
Christmas Mass during the Day at 10.30am
No 5.00pm Mass on 25th December

ST PETER'S 2023 CHRISTMAS CAROLS

– WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER –

4.15PM-9.00PM Please join us on Wednesday, 6th December.

4.15pm Gates Open

4.30pm Food stalls start

4.45pm Please make your way over to the stage area

4.50pm Opening Prayer - Fr Anil

5.00pm Christmas Carols Entertainment

6.15pm Raffle Drawn on stage

7.00pm Children's Disco

Please bring your families, friends & neighbours to the Carols and a rug to sit on during the children's performances. There will be chairs available for the elderly.

Lots of fabulous food for sale (*Please bring cash*) - **BBQ, Vietnamese and Indian** Food Stalls

Cold Drinks, Tea & Coffee.

Fairy Floss, Popcorn and Snow Cones

Cake Stall Everyone's Favourite!

Gold Coin donation on entry at Parkside Ave with great door prizes to be won. Door prizes to be drawn during Carols performances and you must be there to win.

Parking: Please be respectful of our Keilor East neighbours when parking in the surrounding streets and keep noise to a minimum when returning to your car.

Raffle Books: All tickets, sold or unsold, must be returned by **Tuesday, 5th December** to the Parish Office.

Cake Stall: More Cakes Needed Please drop off your homemade cake or slice to the Parish Office or Church by **10.30am on 6th December** for pricing. Please include the ingredients used in making your cake/slice on a label (available in narthex).

An Important Note for Carols Volunteers

If you aren't sure which stall you have been allocated to, please contact the Parish Office Tuesday afternoon. We ask that all volunteers arrive between 3.40pm to 4.00pm, unless you have been requested to be here at another time. **Important:** On arrival, all Volunteers must report to Carolyn at the Snow Cone Stall for induction.

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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

Principal: Ms Linda Tarraran

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Administration: Stephanie Wood, Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

2023 Christmas Carols

Wednesday 6th December

Friday 15th 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.