



Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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Gospel Mk 1:12-15

He was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him.

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us.

Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example.

The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship.

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PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

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1st Sunday of Lent – Year B

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First Reading Gn 9:8-15

I will recall the covenant between myself and you...the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.'

God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. see v.10

(R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. (R.)

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Pt 3:18-22

The water of the flood is a type of the baptism which saves you now.

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Eileen Britt, Jessie Stafrace

RECENTLY DECEASED

Luigi Rizzo, Charlie Muscat

ANNIVERSARIES

Eliza Pinto, Jack Rennie, Nunzia Bonnici, Sebastiana Giardino

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 18th February 2024

Chiara Lo Giudice
Maze Guglielmino
Meadow Nardella
Kyuss Nardella

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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ST PETER'S PARISH 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED'

We need more volunteers to serve as Readers, Greeters, Ministers of Communion, Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Mass Helpers, Altar Servers, Musicians & Singers. Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference Form, which can be found on the display stands in the narthex, and email it to Helena at the Parish Office: keiloreast@cam.org.au. or drop it into the Parish Office. Training will be provided.

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP

Recommences for 2024 on Monday, 19th February at 10.00am in the Church. For further information, please speak with Tina Scollo. Everyone welcome.

PARISH NEWS



STATIONS OF THE CROSS & LENTEN REFLECTION

Each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm, followed by Lenten Reflection. *All welcome.*



OUR LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO TA' PINU MARIAN SHRINE, BACCHUS MARSH – Saturday 2nd March 2024

As part of our Lenten journey, we will have a Pilgrimage to Our Lady Ta' Pinu Marian Shrine, 15 Flanagans Drive, Merrimu on Saturday, 2nd March 2024. All invited to attend.

9.00am Depart St Peter's
10.00am Stations of the Cross
11.00am Holy Mass
12noon Lunch (BYO)
Tea/coffee provided.

1.00pm Visiting Shrine area
2.30pm Bus departs Ta' Pinu
3.30pm Return to St Peter's (approx.)

We are hiring a bus for the day - \$20pp. Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex and include your contact number, or email the Parish Office. **RSVP no later than Tuesday, 27th February.** *We need to know final numbers for the bus hire.* You may leave your own car in the Church car park for the day and the gates will be shut before we depart for the Shrine.

RCIA RITE OF ELECTION

This weekend we pray for our Catechumen, Eray Simsir and our Candidates, Niki Cannata, Julian Lucius Cannata, Rachel Elias-Said and Noreen Omeka D'Rozario, who will attend the Rite of Election at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday afternoon in preparation for being received into the Church at Easter.

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

New Thanksgiving envelopes and receipts are available for collection in the narthex. Please take a moment after Mass to collect your new set of envelopes which **commence 17th March**. Please try to get up to date with your current envelopes, prior to starting the new envelopes. For those who give by credit card, direct debit, or directly online, please find your envelope with your receipt. These are kept in alphabetical order. *If your envelopes or receipts are not found, please contact the Parish Office.*

Anyone not currently contributing to the Thanksgiving Program and would like to join, please contact the Parish Office

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2024 "For all Future Generations" Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes.

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world *for all future generations*. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

LENT 2024 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical, and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up: <https://BruceDownes.org/Lent> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

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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

2025 PREP ENROLMENT – "OPEN DAYS"

Tuesday, 5th March, Thursday, 7th March & Tuesday, 12th March from 9.15am.

Enrolment Applications for 2025 close on: Tuesday, 26th March at 9.00am

Please contact the school on 9337 4111 for all enquiries.

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.