



Remain in my love.
 If you keep my commandments
 you will remain in my love,
 just as I have kept my Father's
 commandments
 and remain in his love.
 I have told you this
 so that my own joy may be in you
 and your joy be complete.
 This is my commandment:
 love one another,
 as I have loved you.
 A man can have no greater love
 than to lay down his life for his friends.
 You are my friends,
 if you do what I command you,
 I shall not call you servants any more,
 because a servant does not know
 his master's business;
 I call you friends,
 because I have made known to you
 everything I have learnt from my Father.
 You did not choose me,
 no, I chose you;
 and I commissioned you
 to go out and to bear fruit,
 fruit that will last;
 and then the Father will give you
 anything you ask him in my name.
 What I command you
 is to love one another.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The boundlessness of God's love is seen in the fact that God loved us even before we were deserving of God's love. In fact, it was God's love that made us able both to receive and to give love in return. Love is of God; love is God. Divine love is constant and trustworthy. How easily we can think this thought or speak these words, yet how difficult, even impossible, it is to comprehend what it means. We can only really recognise love in its many concrete manifestations. Love is patient, kind and forbearing; it believes, it hopes, it endures. The love of God breaks down the barriers between Gentile and Jew, between slave and free, between the poor and the prosperous, between women and men, between the healthy and the ailing, between young and old.

Embraced by such love we are gradually transformed. We begin to recognise God's love in places we never suspected it would be found. We discover that what we once judged unclean may merely be an unfamiliar openness to God's truth. We discover that our own insistence on legitimate religious practice may really be spiritual elitism. Our eyes are opened to ways we have tried to confine God's love to the conventional boundaries we ourselves have set. As we are drawn into God's love, we eagerly embrace the commandments that help us to live righteous lives. To the extent that we love as universally as God does, we will know that we live in God and that God lives in us.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

5 May 2024

First Reading

Acts 10:25-26. 34-35. 44-48

The gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out upon the gentiles also.

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

or:

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)

2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)
3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Jn 4:7-10

God is love.

My dear people,
 let us love one another
 since love comes from God
 and everyone who loves is begotten by God
 and knows God.
 Anyone who fails to love can never have
 known God,
 because God is love.
 God's love for us was revealed
 when God sent into the world his only Son
 so that we could have life through him;
 this is the love I mean:
 not our love for God,
 but God's love for us when he sent his Son
 to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

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!

Gospel Jn 15:9-17

No one can have greater love than to lay down his life for his friends.

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
 so I have loved you.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rosa Dang Phuc, Pauline Micallef, Pasquale Bruzzese (in Germany)

ANNIVERSARIES

Rocco Francesco Medici, Giuseppe Furina, Charles & Maryanne Spiteri, Phyllis Perry, Tom & Jean Russo, Lewis Camilleri, Lina Lo Nigro

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 5th May 2024

Grace Clark

Gianni Franze

Nathaniel Spooner

Sofia Verrocchi

Please pray for these children and their families.

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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CHURCH CAR PARKING

As many parishioners are asking about the car parking situation, inside the grounds for the morning weekday Mass, this is to let you know that we are working on it. We understand this is an inconvenience, especially to our elderly and disabled parishioners. Please keep this project in your prayers.

PARISH NEWS



ALLIANCE OF THE HOLY FAMILY INTERNATIONAL

Visit of the International Centennial Pilgrim Image of Our Lady of Fatima – 4th & 5th May 2024

May will always be a special month, the month that the Church dedicates to the Blessed Virgin Mary, mother of God, and our mother. The month of May is just the right time to renew the love that all of us who are baptised ought to profess for the woman whom God chose – from eternity – to be the earthly mother of his Son, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh for the redemption of the human race.

How can we not turn our gaze toward her, who looks at us with sweetness and compassion. It's no coincidence that the Son of God wanted to grow up in the warmth of a mother like Mary and receive her loving care. Let's live this month ever close to Mary. The Church, in her wisdom, asks her children to be especially devoted to Mother Mary during May and to be particularly grateful for all her care. Another aspect to consider and meditate on is that Mary, the most humble of all women, is a model for everyone today, in the here and now.

This weekend we are blessed in our Parish to have Mother Mary consecrate our families to her. Let us continue to ask for Mother Mary's intercession in her maternal care in our journey.

MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY Month Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

During the month of May, we recite the Rosary on weekdays and Saturday mornings at **9.00am** (before the 9.15am Mass).

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Over the 4 weekends of May, the Annual Mass count will take place. This annual count is important for our Archdiocese' pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years. From this weekend, 4th & 5th May, collectors at weekend Masses are asked to please compile the figures and complete the clipboard.

SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY – Sunday 19th May at Corpus Christi College

There will be a Seminary Enquiry Day for young men who are thinking about becoming a Priest. If you are interested in attending the Enquiry Day, please contact Fr Anil or the Parish Office for further information.

ST PETER'S PARISH 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED'

We need more volunteers to serve as Readers, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound and Mass Helpers for our Weekend Rosters. Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference form and note which Liturgical Ministry you are interested in joining (salmon coloured forms can be found on the display stand in the narthex). Please either scan or bring in to the Parish Office. Training will be provided.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

All volunteers, staff and clergy in the Archdiocese of Melbourne must hold a current Working with Children Check and you must list St Peter's as a Parish in which you volunteer at. Please ensure your current WWCC has not expired. If you are unsure or need any assistance, please contact the Parish Office. Registered, teachers volunteering at the Parish, are exempt from requiring a WWCC but are required to notify WWCC that they volunteer at St Peter's. We also need a copy of their VIT Registration Card for our records. In coming weeks, we will be bringing you further information on Child Safeguarding requirements for our Parish.

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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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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

FIRST EUCHARIST COMMITMENT MASSES

At the 6.00pm Saturday & 10.30am Sunday Masses this weekend, Year 4 students will present themselves as candidates for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep these children in your prayers.

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.