

PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE
KEILOR EAST

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First Reading Is 66:18-21

They will gather all of your people from all nations.

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15

*(R.) Go out to all the world
and tell the Good News.*

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage picks up one of the major themes that runs throughout the gospel of Luke: the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews, but is for all people; Jew and Gentile alike. A number of times in this gospel, the writer makes a point of having Jesus relate this controversial and fairly unpopular message to his audience. Today's gospel makes clear that to gain salvation, you have to do more than just show up! Like those knocking on the locked door and claiming friendship, we can't just turn up at the last minute and expect to be received. Salvation – entrance into the kingdom of God – belongs to those who accept the message of Jesus and act on it for the rest of their lives.

The gospel makes plain to the Jewish people of the time that unless they accept the message of Jesus and act upon it, they will get a terrible shock ('weeping and grinding of teeth') at the coming of the kingdom. Those who believe in name only will find themselves looking in from the outside and will see the greatest prophets in the kingdom while they themselves are denied access. To further make the point, they are told that people from east and west, north and south will be welcomed into the feast of the kingdom. References to people from the four points of the compass always indicate people from other lands – non-Jews. Jesus tells his audience that people who are faithful to his message, even though they may be Gentile, will gain salvation before anyone who thinks they deserve it because of their birth or title. The kingdom must be earned through faithful effort, not by just turning up and claiming to be a believer.

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Gospel Lk 13:22-30

From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

Second Reading Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

The Lord disciplines those he loves.

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth, and the life,
says the Lord;*

*no one comes to the Father, except
through me.*

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Margaret Walsh, Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis
RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the Souls of all the Recently Deceased

ANNIVERSARIES

Sonia Care, Daniel Galea, John Galea, Frances Abela, Antonino & Francesca Pisano, Giovanni Pisano, Gaetana Pisano, Gregorio Terlato, Giuseppe & Gesualda Terlato, John & Maria Terlato

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 14th September 2025

James Mancini

Please pray for these children & his family.

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BSB: 083 347 Account No. 665417521
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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 27 August St Monica
Thu 28 August St Augustine
Fri 29 August The Passion of St John the Baptist

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Good Works

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone their Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

PARISH NEWS

Your generous gift supports ministries across the Archdiocese –bringing the Good News to life not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



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THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which can be found in the pews today.

Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building, Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants.

Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminary formation and evangelisation ministries.

Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes which can be found on the table in the narthex.

Please fill in a pledge card during Mass and place in the collection basket, or take home and return next weekend. There will also be a collection at Masses this weekend, for those wishing to make a cash donation. We also have a banner and "Donations" button on our Parish Website:

<https://www.melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign>

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS: Online Information Session on the Permanent Diaconate

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 24 September 2025 beginning 19:00 – 20:00
Location: via **ZOOM Attendance will be by invitation**. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au. In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL-VIBRANT PARISH FORMATION SERIES Evangelisation: Bridging the Gap between Parish and School

When: Wednesday 10th September
Time: 6.30-9.00pm Where: Club Italia, Sunshine. Gain insights on bringing parish and school closer together in mission and explore key findings, stories of hope, and resources to help you do the same in your communities.

Please contact the Parish Office if interested in attending. See flyers in the narthex for registration details.

ST PETER'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS – SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

All volunteers are required to hold a current and valid volunteer Victorian Working with Children check or VIT Card, ensuring it is noted that St. Peter's Parish is referenced as at least, one place where you undertake voluntary work. A Police Check - depending on what volunteer work is being undertaken. Completion of the Safeguarding Essentials online training every three years. All volunteers need to undertake Safeguarding Training. Instructions on how to complete the online training will be emailed to volunteers soon. Volunteers without computer access will be contacted separately. The Parish will also be running some in-person sessions in the near future.

Reading and understanding the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Framework and signing of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct, every 3 years.

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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

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (or upon request of Parish Priest)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

INVITATION: ST PETER'S 2025 STEAM SHOW

Join us on **Wednesday, 10th September, from 3:30pm–7:00pm** at **St Peter's Primary School** for our **STEAM Show**—a celebration of student creativity, innovation, and learning. The event will showcase projects from Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics, highlighting the talent and imagination of our students. All are warmly invited to come along and be inspired by their big ideas!

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.