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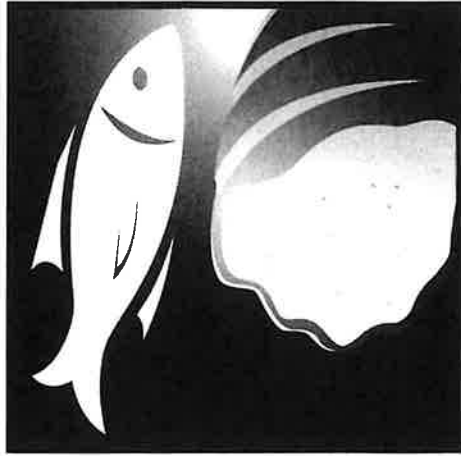


Reflection by Greg Sunter

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ celebrates the central celebration of Christianity – the Eucharist. All three readings relate to this Eucharistic theme. In the second reading, we have the first written account of the Last Supper and what came to be seen as Jesus instigating the Eucharist. Paul's account, written well

before the gospels, was entrenched in the tradition by the time the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke echoed these words of Jesus at the Last Supper. Of course, it is these same words that are spoken by the priest at the consecration in the Eucharistic Prayer each Mass. The words used today are the very same words that have been used in the Church for two millennia.

Rather than a gospel account of the Last Supper to celebrate the feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, we are presented with what is widely regarded as another 'eucharistic' story from the gospel of Luke. The feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fish is regarded as a eucharistic story because it was a clear example of God's presence in a miraculous meal. All of the meal stories in the gospel of Luke are instructive for the audience. Whenever the gospel writer refers to a meal, the meal is used to teach about the reign of God. The gospel writer uses meals to demonstrate who is welcome in the reign of God. Like in today's gospel, the author of Luke's gospel was keen to show that the reign of God is available to anyone who wishes to be a part of it. The reign of God is inclusive and welcoming; no one will be turned away.



Gospel Lk 9:11-17

They all ate and were filled.

Jesus made the crowds welcome and talked to them about the kingdom of God; and he cured those who were in need of healing.

It was late afternoon when the Twelve came to him and said, 'Send the people away, and they can go to the villages and farms round about to find lodging and food; for we are in a lonely place here.' He replied, 'Give them something to eat yourselves.' But they said, 'We have no more than five loaves and two fish, unless we are to go ourselves and buy food for all these people.' For there were about five thousand men. But he said to his disciples, 'Get them to sit down in parties of about fifty.' They did so and made them all sit down. Then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven, and said the blessing over them; then he broke them and handed them to his disciples to distribute among the crowd. They all ate as much as they wanted, and when the scraps remaining were collected they filled twelve baskets.

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First Reading Gn 14:18-20

Melchizedek brought bread and wine.

Melchizedek king of Salem brought bread and wine; he was a priest of God Most High. He pronounced this blessing:

'Blessed be Abraham by God Most High, creator of heaven and earth, and blessed be God Most High for handing over your enemies to you.'

And Abraham gave him a tithe of everything.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 109:1-4. R. v.4

**R. You are a priest for ever,
in the line of Melchizedek.**

1. The Lord's revelation to my Master:
'Sit on my right:
I will put your foes beneath your feet.' (R).
2. The Lord will send from Zion
your sceptre of power:
rule in the midst of all your foes. (R).
3. A prince from the day of your birth
on the holy mountains;
from the womb before the daybreak I
begot you. (R).
4. The Lord has sworn an oath he will not
change.
'You are a priest for ever,
a priest like Melchizedek of old.' (R).

Second Reading 1 Cor 11:23-26

Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming the death of the Lord.

This is what I received from the Lord, and in turn passed on to you: that on the same night that he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus

took some bread, and thanked God for it and broke it, and he said, 'This is my body, which is for you; do this as a memorial of me.' In the same way he took the cup after supper, and said, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Whenever you drink it, do this as a memorial of me.' Until the Lord comes, therefore, every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are proclaiming to his death.

Sequence (shorter form)

Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God's true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshadowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.

Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;

O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;**

**whoever eats this bread will live
for ever.**

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

John Noce, Sonia Care(1 month)

ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Concetta Bruzzese, Elisabetta Sgro, Francesco Cuppari, Rosario Baera, Joe Walsh, John Minh Ven Le, Elizabeth Ngai Thi Bui, Andrew Minh Quong Le, Giovanni & Victoria Cammarano, Giuseppina Usai, Felice Mangion, Connie Xuerch, Caterina Riga Ventrice, Domenico Riga

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 6th July 2025

Mateo Alabella

Mavi Alabella

Ruby Rowland

Jasmine Faggion

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

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

Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C
BSB: 083 347 Account No. 665417521
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Church Collection – 2nd Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Church Account
BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 535304676.
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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tue 24 June The Nativity of St John the Baptist
Fri 27 June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

PARISH NEWS

FEAST OF STS PETER & PAUL - SUPPER INVITATION – 28TH & 29TH JUNE

To celebrate the Patron Feast of our Parish, St Peter, there will be a light supper in the narthex after Masses on the weekend of 28th & 29th June. It would be appreciated if you could bring a small plate of sweet or savoury finger food to share. All welcome to stay and enjoy a hot cuppa and chat after the Mass.

PETER'S PENCE – ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER – 28/29 JUNE

Next weekend we will have the annual collection for the Holy Father. Peter's Pence is the name for the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the universal Church, and for the relief of those most in need.

COME and EXPLORE

the meaning of life and the basics of the Christian faith



Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is? Are you a person in search of the meaning of life? Are you a Christian wishing to find out more about the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic looking for more meaning in your faith? If it is yes, we will begin the ALPHA Program soon in our Parish. More details will be available soon.

CATHOLIC MISSION – PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL 'THANK YOU'

Thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula last weekend. Thanks to your kindness, women like Sharon will have the skills to provide for their families, and mothers like Grace can give birth with dignity. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world. Last weekend we raised \$1,516.50 (including credit cards). Please return any envelopes by next weekend.



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ,
our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of
the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from
within

both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil
vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/7/25-31/10/25
Will be emailed during the week. Hard copies
will be available in the narthex from next
weekend.

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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

1ST RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the Year 3 children who made their 1st Reconciliation on Thursday, 17th June. Thank you, parents, for your encouragement for these children to grow in their faith journey.

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.