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This week's gospel passage carries with it the expectation of the late 1st Century as the early Christians awaited the triumphant return of the Christ (sometimes called the Second Coming or the *Parousia*). This is a familiar theme through the gospels and, in fact, across the gospels we can see that the communities were beginning to face the realisation that the promised return was taking longer than they had expected. In the gospel of Mark, it is clear that the community expects the *Parousia* at any moment, while by the time of the writing of the gospel of Luke, 10 or 15 years later, we can see that the language has taken on an aspect of uncertainty about the timing – it could be sooner or it could be later ('it may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third...').

What began to emerge was an attitude that if we don't know when the *Parousia* will come, then we need to live 'in anticipation' of it. We need to live as if the *Parousia* were imminent. So, rather than waiting for the kingdom of God to be delivered, we must live our lives in such a way as to bring about the kingdom; to draw the kingdom into the present. Jesus often spoke of the kingdom as both near and not yet. If we all live the values of the kingdom, by our very actions we bring the kingdom into being. This gives an incredible significance to the way we choose to live our lives. If we 'invest' in the kingdom by living out the values of the kingdom and living in expectation of the *Parousia*, then that 'investment' is its own reward.

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'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.'

'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

First Reading Wis 18:6-9

Just as you struck our enemies, you made us glorious by calling us to you.
That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.
This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies;
for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.
The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret
and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22. R. v.12

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 11:1-2, 8-19

(or shorter form Heb 11:1-2, 8-12)

We will look for the city designed and built by God.
Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them.

It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: it is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready:

You know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:32-48

(or shorter form Lk 12:35-40)

See that you are prepared.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.'

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Margaret Walsh, Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis
RECENTLY DECEASED

Greg Rough, Bishop Peter Elliott

ANNIVERSARIES

Sebastiano Pitruzzello, Francesca Muscara,
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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 11 Aug St Clare
Thur 14 Aug St Maximilian Mary Kolbe
Fri 15 Aug The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Cross

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.

SILENCE IN CHURCH

A reminder that we should make every effort to keep the Church quiet in order that people have the opportunity to spend time in quiet prayer. A useful maxim to remember is **Speak to God before Mass; speak to friends after Mass**. If you need to have a conversation with someone prior to the beginning of Mass, please use the Narthex – that is its proper role and the proper place in which conversation may take place.

PARISH NEWS

ALPHA at St Peter's Parish

What: Explore life's BIG questions

When: Tuesdays – Weekly 22nd July - 9th September 2025

Where: St Peter's Parish Centre – entry via Bellarine Avenue – gate next to tennis court
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Why: Opportunity to explore life's BIG questions in a safe and welcoming space. At Alpha we share a meal(provided), watch a short film and have a conversation. You can ask questions and share your THOUGHTS in an open, friendly environment without fear of being corrected or judged. This is also an opportunity to know more about our God and faith. ***It is not too late if anyone would still like to join. Please come along this Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. Friends and relatives are welcome too.***

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Friday, 15th August is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass at St Peter's will be celebrated at **9.15am** with the school community present. All Welcome.

Please note there will **not** be a **7.00pm Mass on this day**. For those unable to attend our 9.15am Mass, St Martin's Parish, Avondale Heights will celebrate Mass at 7.00pm.

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
The Catholic school is today's 'mission field'.

The missionary imperative to share the Gospel—the Great Commission—today may seem daunting. In the final session of The Vibrant Parish Formation Series, hear real-life experiences from a parish priest and a school leadership team member. 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

Victorian Parishes are soon to be audited and we need to ensure that our Parish is fully compliant with the Archdiocese of Melbourne Safeguarding rules. 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 next week. 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. Further information to be provided to volunteers.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN – AUGUST 2025

The campaign invites recurring donations which are instrumental in establishing long-term support for the works of the Church in Melbourne. This year, the Archbishop again invites you to help with the Archbishop's Campaign. The generosity of our parishes will fund vital ministries and key projects of the Church in Melbourne. More information available next weekend.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE: NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – 10 AUGUST

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood.

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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



FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES

On Saturdays 9th & 16th August at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass and Sundays 10th & 17th August at the 10.30am Mass, the Year 4 children will make their 1st Holy Communion. Congratulations to these children. Please keep the children, their teachers and families 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.