

PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE
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First Reading Am 6:1, 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

The almighty Lord says this:
Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion
and to those who feel so safe on the
mountain of Samaria.

Lying on ivory beds
and sprawling on their divans,
they dine on lambs from the flock,
and stall-fattened veal;
they bawl to the sound of the harp,
they invent new instruments of music like
David.

They drink wine by the bowlful,
and use the finest oil for anointing
themselves,
but about the ruin of Joseph they do not
care at all.
That is why they will be the first to be exiled;
the sprawlers' revelry is over.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

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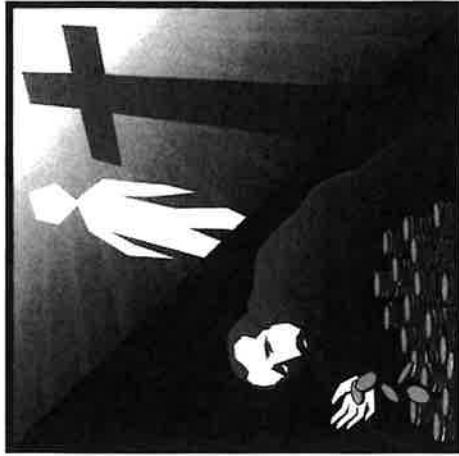
(R.) Alleluia!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
3. He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Reflection by Greg Sunter

In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others. The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness but their message has been ignored.

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the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

"The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "if they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ,

who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see:
to him be honour and everlasting power.
Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Joe Mazzafarro, Lyndell Galea

ANNIVERSARIES

Elizabeth Rodrigues, Colomba Carniato,
Italo Inserra

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 5th October 2025

Alessia Cosner
Ethan Damian
Lenna Gusman

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS (RCIA) Our next meeting is this Tuesday, 30th September in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm. Any enquiries to 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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Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 665417521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or you may remain anonymous

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DIRECT DEBIT & CREDIT CARD

CONTRIBUTORS If you notice anything unusual on your bank statement related to your pledge to our parish, please contact the parish office promptly. We'll investigate the matter for you. It should show as *Fat Zebra*.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 29 Sep	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Tue 30 Sep	St Jerome
Wed 1 Oct	St Therese of the Child Jesus
Thu 2 Oct	The Holy Guardian Angels
Sat 4 Oct	St Francis of Assisi

PARISH NEWS

ST PETER'S 2025 CHRISTMAS CAROLS – THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025

This year's Christmas Carols will be held on **Thursday, 4th December**. Food will be served from 5.00pm, followed by Carols from 6.30pm.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS – RAFFLE – PRIZES NEEDED

We are looking for prizes for our raffle, with major prizes being printed on our raffle ticket books. If you can sponsor or donate a prize or know someone who would be able to assist us with prizes, please email the Parish Office at: keiloreast@cam.org.au

MONTH OF OCTOBER – ROSARY

As part of our devotions to Our Lady, during the month of October we will continue to pray the Rosary on weekdays from Tuesday-Friday, and on Saturday mornings. Rosary commences at 8.55am, prior to the 9.15am Morning Mass.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/11/25-28/2/26

The next Ministers' Roster will be prepared soon. Please contact the Parish Office with your 'away' dates from 1/11/25-28/2/26, by **Tuesday, 30th September**. Volunteers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be advertised separately.

ORDERS FOR ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS

Break Open the Word

Contains readings and psalms for each Sunday. Suitable for Parish Groups, Readers of God's Word etc.

Daily Mass Book

This Mass book contains all the texts for Sunday and weekday mass and begins in Advent 2025. **Please contact the Parish Office by 7th October, if you would like to order a copy of either publication - \$33.00.**

ARCHDIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for vacancies in the Archdiocese. Further details of positions can be found at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

ST PETER'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS: SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

Volunteers of St Peter's Parish with email addresses should have received instructions on how to complete the Safeguarding Essentials Online Training Module. This was emailed on 12th September. If you have not received this email, please contact the Parish Office.

Thank you to volunteers who have read and signed the Code of Conduct and completed the Online Training Module.

Could volunteers yet to complete the Training Module, please do so by **Friday, 10th October** and forward your Certificate of Completion to the Parish Office. If experiencing any problems at all, please let us know. Other options for completing the module:-

- Make an appointment to come to the Parish Office and we will assist; or
- Attend a Group Training session. The date and time for this will be advised in coming weeks.

Please let us know your preference by 12/10/25.

Volunteers without email addresses will be contacted separately.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH

FESTIVAL (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago. Run over three days, at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, the Festival provides young people from Year 9-25 years of age, from all across Australia, with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting ACYF from 30 November – 2 December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne.

Further information can be found at melbournecatholic.org or acyf.com.au

If any young person from the Parish is interested in registering to attend this Festival, please contact the Parish Office.

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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

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 22nd September-Friday 3rd October

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.