

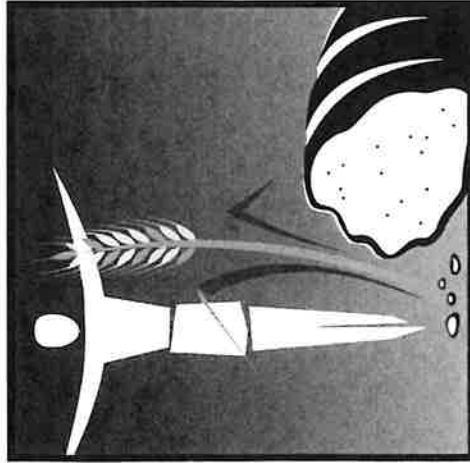


Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are times God seems to ask too much of us. We labour for others, but do not see the fruits of our labour. Our families take us for granted, and we are exploited at work. This is particularly trying when we only wanted to be of service to others, to help them wherever we could. What's the point of giving of oneself when it only seems to be futile? In this we are like Elijah.

There are other times when we are challenged to change our way of thinking and to accept what seems to make extraordinary demands on us. A new way of understanding church may call us to be open to the cultural diversity within the community. Or it might claim that we have a responsibility toward the poor and homeless in our midst. New biblical insights make us question our familiar understanding of God or of Jesus or of ourselves. In this we might be like the Jews who murmured against Jesus.

We want evidence to substantiate these radical new claims. But the evidence that Jesus offered could only be accepted in faith. And so it is with us. When we ask God for some kind of sign that will assure us that this new challenge is really what God wants, the answers received must themselves be accepted and understood in faith. The only assurance we have is rooted in faith, and those who are not open in faith will not understand. God does indeed ask a great deal from us.



'No one can come to me unless he is drawn by the Father who sent me, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the prophets: They will all be taught by God, and to hear the teaching of the Father, and learn from it, and is to come to me. Not that anybody has seen the Father, except the one who comes from God: he has seen the Father. I tell you most solemnly, everybody who believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the desert and they are dead; but this is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that a man may eat it and not die. I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

11 August 2024

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:4-8

Strengthened by the food, he walked to the mountain of the Lord.

Elijah went into the wilderness, a day's journey, and sitting under a furze bush wished he were dead. 'Lord', he said 'I have had enough. Take my life: I am no better than my ancestors.' Then he lay down and went to sleep. But an angel touched him and said, 'Get up and eat.' He looked round, and there at his head was a scone baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again. But the angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, 'Get up and eat, or the journey will be too long for you.' So he got up and ate and drank, and strengthened by that food he walked for forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

4. The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 4:30-5:2

Walk in love, just as Christ.

Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God who has marked you with his seal for you to be set free when the day comes. Never have grudges against others, or lose your temper, or raise your voice to anybody, or call each other names, or allow any sort of spitefulness. Be friends with one another, and kind, forgiving each other as readily as God forgave you in Christ.

Try, then, to imitate God, as children of his that he loves, and follow Christ by loving as he loved you, giving himself up in our place as a fragrant offering and a sacrifice to God.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 6:41-51

I am the living bread come down from heaven.

The Jews were complaining to each other about Jesus, because he had said, 'I am the bread that came down from heaven.' 'Surely this is Jesus son of Joseph' they said. 'We know his father and mother. How can he now say, "I have come down from heaven"?' Jesus said in reply, 'Stop complaining to each other.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)
2. Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all his terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Edwin Cutayar, Alexander, Felipe, Anne

RECENTLY DECEASED

Caterina Medici, Paul Collins, Robin McKenzie

ANNIVERSARIES

Francesca Muscara, Emmanuel Said, Fr Andrew Doan Thanh Dien, Fr Peter Pham Huu Lai, Antonia Mcallef, Rosina & Mark Pisano, Joseph Farrugia, Rance Murtiah

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 18th August 2024

Layla Kraycer

Mason Payne

Please pray for these children & their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) You can still join us in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.30pm on Tuesday to make an enquiry about RCIA. Please call Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 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. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or you may remain anonymous

Church Collection – 2nd Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Church Account BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 53530 4676. Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. ASmith T/G 500

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 14 Aug St Maximilian Kobe

Thu 15 Aug The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2024

One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now 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 narthex from this weekend.

Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. 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 to help continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes which can be found on the table in the narthex. Alternatively, you can also make a gift online: melbournecatholic.org/archbishops-campaign or via the QR code on the campaign materials. We also have a banner and "Donations" button on our new Parish Website.

You can take home a pledge card to consider your pledge/donation and return over the next 2 weekends. We will also be having a special collection for this Campaign at Masses next weekend (17/18 August). ***This one special collection replaces several other collections usually held during the year.***

'THANK YOU' TO OUR VISITING PRIESTS

We thank Fr David, Fr Zaher, Fr Isaac and Fr Anton for celebrating Masses for us over the past 2 weekends and on weekdays, while Fr Anil is away.

MASS TIMES

A reminder that there will be **no 5pm Sunday Mass** from **Sunday 11th August**, until **Sunday 1st September**. The 5pm Sunday Mass will resume on Sunday 8th September.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



Thursday 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 have mass on this day at 7.00pm.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – 4-11 AUGUST

National Vocations Awareness Week - 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, especially from our community.

OUR NEW ST PETER'S PARISH WEBSITE

Please check out our new Website for all the latest news and any mass time updates. <https://www.melbournecatholic.org/keiloreast>

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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

*No 5pm Sunday Mass from 11/8/24-1/9/24

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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Administration: Stephanie Wood, Christine Torrance

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 3 STUDENTS' - 1st RECONCILIATION

COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday, 31st August – 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 1st September – 10.30am Mass

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.