

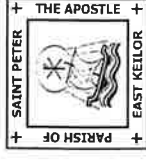
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KEILOR EAST

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First Reading Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

I see water flowing from the temple and all who were touched by it were saved.

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9. R. v.5

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God.

1. God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea. (R.)
2. The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day. (R.)
3. The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17

You are the temple of God.

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ.

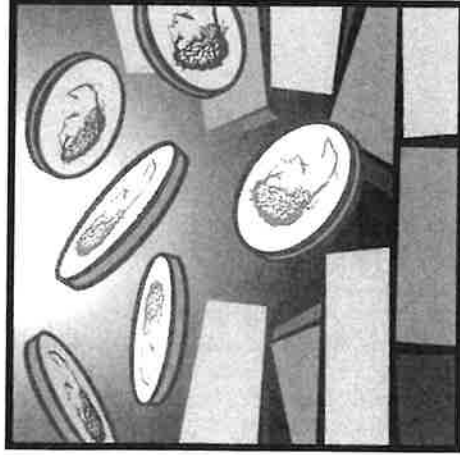
Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Reflection by Greg Sunter

A theme that runs throughout the gospel of John is that Jesus seeks to break down the institutions of the Jewish Temple and the gospel writer presents Jesus as the fulfilment and replacement of the Temple. This theology actually harkens back to an earlier Jewish tradition, evident in the scriptures of the Old Testament, where the community itself is described as a 'holy building' or 'temple'. This image may have arisen from the fact that for so long the Israelites had no 'home' and they believed that God travelled with them wherever they went. Furthermore, once they did construct a Temple in Jerusalem in the 10th Century BCE, it was destroyed at the time the Jews were taken into exile in Babylon (587 BCE) and rebuilt later in the 6th Century BCE. So, for many years, the Jewish people were familiar with the idea that the travelling community itself constituted the 'holy place' where God was present.

The gospel of John was written 20 to 30 years after the destruction of the Second Temple by the Romans in the year 70 CE. For both the Jewish community and the early Christian community, the destruction of the Temple challenged the theology and the religious practice that had been centred around the Temple for the best part of 600 years. They had to think about a different way in which God was present in their midst. In the gospel of John, Jesus is presented as the one who fulfils and replaces the Temple tradition. Today's gospel, featuring Jesus 'cleansing' the Temple and making reference to the sanctuary being destroyed and raised up again in three days, is a crucial element of the gospel writer's development of this theme.

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Gospel Acclamation 2 Chr 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord,

that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

Gospel Jn 2:13-22

He spoke about the temple of his own body.

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: 'Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Attard, Sister Pasqualina Attard, Peter Tran Hanh, Theresa Tran Vinh, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, Anthony Doan, Joseph Pham Van Khanh, Peter Dong Manh Hung, Mildred Correa, Antonio Giuliano

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 16th November 2025

Camilla Diaco

Phoebe Dimitrakakis

Jordan & Alix Nguyen

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Our next meeting is this Tuesday, 11th November 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:-

Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection

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

Church Collection – 2nd Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Church Account BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 535304676. Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. ASmith T/G 500

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 10 Nov St Leo the Great
Tue 11 Nov St Martin of Tours
Wed 12 Nov St Josaphat

2026 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE

Calendars are available for purchase after Mass - \$10 each. Please ask Adele, Helen or Cathy. Calendars are also available from the Parish Office, during business hours.

PARISH NEWS



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

When: Thursday 4th December

Where: St Peter's Parish & School Grounds

Time: Gates open 4.30pm. food sale from 4.30pm followed by Christmas Carols performances, drawing of raffle etc from 6.30pm-8.00pm

The St Peter's Primary School children will entertain us with their beautiful voices, singing Christmas Carols. There will be food stalls, a cake stall, fairy floss, a raffle, cold drinks, tea & coffee, fun and laughter!

Volunteers needed for this year's Christmas Carols!

We need more volunteers! Please let us know if you can assist us.

Christmas Carols – Raffle

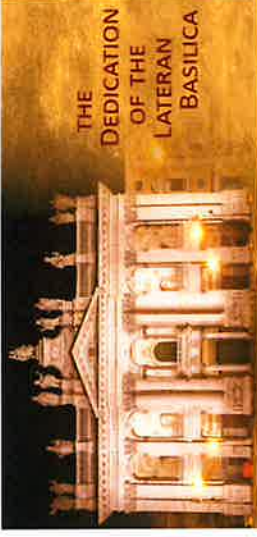
Thank you very much to everyone who has donated prizes for our raffle. Tickets will be available for purchase soon. We truly appreciate your generous and continued support.

Medical Volunteer Support

As we prepare for our upcoming Christmas Carols on Thursday, 4th December, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, we are seeking volunteers from the medical field—doctors, nurses, or first aid personnel—who would be willing to assist during the event in case of any medical emergencies.

Your presence and support will help ensure the safety and well-being of our community as we come together in joyful celebration. We would be deeply grateful for your generosity and willingness to serve in this way. If you are able to assist, please contact Fr. Anil or Principal Ann at the school or parish office, or email us at keiloreast@cam.org.au.

Thank you in advance for your kind support and for sharing your gifts in service to our community



THE LATERAN BASILICA

Today we celebrate the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica. The Lateran Basilica is the cathedral church of the Pope, who also holds the position of Bishop of Rome. It is considered the most important Catholic church because it contains the Cathedra Romana, the symbol of the teaching authority of the Bishop of Rome. The basilica was first dedicated in 324 after the property was donated to the Church by Emperor Constantine, the first Roman emperor to accept Christianity. Whilst we celebrate the dedication of this most important church, at the same time we celebrate all churches throughout the world.

by Greg Sunter



November is a special time in the Church when we remember and pray for all who have gone before us, especially the holy souls in purgatory. It is our Catholic duty and privilege to pray and intercede for our deceased family members throughout the month of November. At St. Peter's, our departed loved ones will be remembered at every Mass.

Parishioners are encouraged to offer Masses, Rosaries, and other devotional prayers for the repose of their souls. These acts of love and faith bring comfort, hope, and spiritual benefit to our beloved deceased.

NOVEMBER MASSES

If you would like to offer Masses for your departed loved ones, please use the November Mass Intention envelopes available in the narthex.

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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)

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Parishioners who are themselves sick or housebound or know someone who is, who would like Holy Communion brought to them at their home in Keilor East, are encouraged to leave their details with the Parish Office.

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.