



## Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world.

There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present.

Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever.



## Gospel Mk 7:31-37

*He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.*

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

## First Reading Is 35:4-7

*Then the ears of the deaf shall be opened and the tongues of the dumb speak.*

Say to all faint hearts,

'Courage! Do not be afraid.

'Look, your God is coming,  
vengeance is coming,  
the retribution of God;  
he is coming to save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
the ears of the deaf unsealed,  
then the lame shall leap like a deer  
and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy;  
for water gushes in the desert,  
streams in the wasteland,  
the scorched earth becomes a lake,  
the parched land springs of water.

## Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1**

*(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!*

*or:*

*(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  
bound down,  
the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)

3. The Lord 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.)

## Second Reading Jas 2:1-5

*Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom?*

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that?

Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

## Gospel Acclamation Mt 4:23

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Jesus preached the Good News  
of the kingdom**

**and healed all who were sick.**

**Alleluia!**

## IN YOUR PRAYERS

### SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Frances Abela, Maria Lamanna, Rev Desmond Magennis PE

### ANNIVERSARIES

Janina Paradowski, Jozef Paradowski, Patricia Ann Sabato

### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2024

*Olivia Ottelli*

*Benjamin & Matias Martinez*

*Vincent Tropea*

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 7.00pm 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

Fri 13 Sep St John Chrysostom  
Sat 14 Sep The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

### 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>

## PARISH NEWS



### CONGRATULATIONS

Fr Anil Mascarenhas  
7 Years Ordained a Priest  
9<sup>th</sup> September 2024  
May God Bless you Fr Anil

**MASS TIMES: NO 9.15AM ON WEDNESDAY, 11<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Due to the funeral Mass for the late Maria Lamanna on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> September at 11am, there will be no 9.15am Morning Mass on this day.

### SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2024

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that respects the dignity of all children and adults at risk, and empowers and listens to all people, especially those who are vulnerable.

**ATTENTION ST PETER'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS** During the week commencing 15 September, Parish Volunteers may receive an automated email from the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne regarding compliance with the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Standards. We are aware of this email going out. Further information will be provided in next weekend's Parish Bulletin.

### MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/11/24-28/2/25

The next Ministers' Roster will be prepared soon. Please contact the Parish Office with your 'away' dates from 1/11/24-28/2/25, by **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October**, if you don't wish to be rostered on a particular weekend during the above time period. Volunteers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be advertised separately.

## ST PETER'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

More volunteers are needed to serve as Readers, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ext. Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Mass Helpers, Altar Servers & Greeters, for our Weekend Rosters. Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference Form, found in the narthex, and return to Helena at the Parish Office. Training will be provided.

### THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2024

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2024 Archbishop's campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese. Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the narthex. **Please Note:** *As there is no separate Father's Day Appeal for Retired and Sick Priests, parishioners may still return these envelopes and they will be forwarded to the Priest's Retirement Foundation – 'Caring for those who cared'*

### ORDERS FOR ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS

#### Break Open the Word

Contains readings and psalms for each Sunday. Please let the Parish Office know by Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October if you would like to order a copy. 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 2024. Orders are being taken. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to order a copy of either publication by 1<sup>st</sup> October - \$30.00 each.

**'MASS FOR ALL NATIONS': MIGRANT AND REFUGEE MASS, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**  
- Sunday 29 September 2024  
**2.00pm-4.00pm** 'God walks with His people.'

Celebrate the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with migrant communities from all over Melbourne on Sunday 29 September at St Patrick's Cathedral. 2pm: Procession and Rosary in various languages 3pm: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese.

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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 (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

*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.*