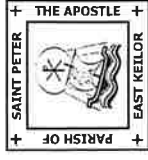


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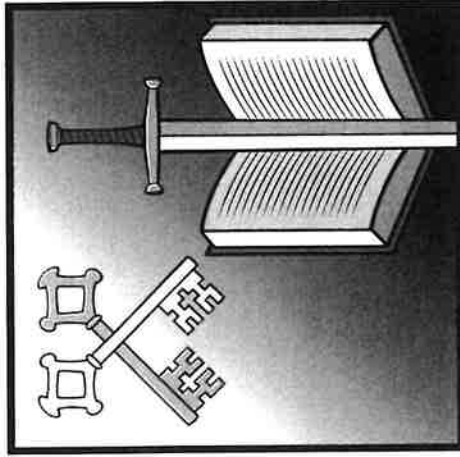
Saint Peter and Paul 29 June 2025

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Throughout most of its history, the Church has linked the two major figures of Peter and Paul, so it is fitting that they share this feast day. However, also throughout most of the Church's history, Peter has been given greater regard and has held a more significant place in the tradition. In fact, the Church itself is often described as 'Petrine' – in the tradition of Peter. Much is made of the line of Popes being traced back to Peter. The authority and structure of the Church is linked to the Petrine model of Church. Describing Peter as the 'rock' upon which the Church was built is an excellent image of stability and constancy.

In something of a contrast, the apostle Paul is best known as the great traveller who spread the message of Jesus all around the shores of the Mediterranean, establishing communities of faith wherever he went. His letters – or epistles – to these communities were some of the first Christian writings; predating by 20 years or more the four gospels of the New Testament. Rather than stability and constancy, Paul is identified with growth and change; expansion and openness. Many would argue that without Paul the early Christian communities may not have survived beyond the end of the 1st Century.

Peter and Paul represent two great traditions within the Church: the strength of tradition and oneness associated with Peter; and the valuing of new ideas and outreach to others that typified the work of Paul. Although the Petrine tradition has been dominant for most of the Church's history, the Pauline tradition was rediscovered in the latter part of the 20th Century and it is now clearly evident that the church needs both of these arms to embrace the world.



Gospel Acclamation Mt 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;

the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 16:13-19

You are Peter, and I will give to you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

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Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33:2-9. R. v.5

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears.

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 my terrors he set me free. (R.)
3. Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)
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 2 Tim 4:6-8, 17-18

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

First Reading Acts 12:1-11

Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unrelentingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.'

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Daniel Galea

ANNIVERSARIES

John Scicluna, Francesca Simone, Keith Dias,
Pietro Fratangelo, Maria Luigia Fratangelo

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 6th July 2025

Mateo Alabella

Mavi Alabella

Ruby Rowland

Jasmine Faggion

Please pray for these children and their families.

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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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 3 July St Thomas

MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION

Thank you to the parishioners who attended last Sunday's Corpus Christi Mass and Procession. It was a faith filled experience and looking forward to more opportunities like this. God bless you all.

MINISTERS' ROSTER

The next Roster has been delayed but will be available as soon as possible. Volunteers rostered on for the 1st weekend in July will be notified early next week.

PARISH NEWS



Happy Feast Day of Saints Peter & Paul,

Our Parish Patron Saint – St Peter

We joyfully celebrate our Feast Day this weekend. May Saints Peter & Paul intercede for us and continue to bless us and our St Peter's community and families.

Thank you for making our Parish community more faith filled and for your generous support. May God bless you all and wish you a Happy Feast Day!

Please join us in the narthex after Mass for a chat, something to eat and a hot cuppa.

PRAYER TO ST PETER

O Holy Apostle,

you are the Rock upon which Almighty God has built His Church.

Obtain for me I pray you:

lively faith, firm hope, and burning love;
complete detachment from myself,

contempt of the world,

patience in adversity,

humility in prosperity,

recollection in prayer,

purity of heart,

a right intention in all my works,

diligence in fulfilling the duties of my state of life,

constancy in my resolutions,

resignation to the will of God

and perseverance in the grace of God even

unto death;

that so, by means of your intercession and

your glorious merits,

I may be made worthy to appear before the

Chief and Eternal Shepherd of Souls,

Jesus Christ,

Who with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

lives and reigns forever.

Amen.

Our Parish Starts... Alpha



What: Explore life's BIG questions

When: Tuesdays 7:30pm from 22nd July 2025

Where: St Peter's Parish Centre, 2A Parkside Avenue, Keilor East

Why: Opportunity to explore life's BIG questions in a safe and welcoming space. At alpha we share a meal, 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.

Want to meet new FRIENDS and have some FUN? Enrolments and info: Parish Office: keiloreast@cam.org.au All are welcome.

PETER'S PENCE – ANNUAL COLLECTION

FOR THE HOLY FATHER – 28/29 JUNE

This weekend at all Masses, the annual collection for the Holy Father will take place. 'Peter's Pence' is the traditional collection to support the charitable work of Pope Francis to help our suffering brothers and sisters as well as to support the work of the Holy See around the world. Please support.

ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE: Take the

Way of the Gospel - The Vibrant Parish

Formation Series – 2nd July, 6.30-9pm at Club Italia, 128-132 Furlong Road, Sunshine. Parishioners are invited to attend a seminar from the Archdiocese. The keynote speaker is the highly respected and renowned Scripture scholar and President of Yarra Theological Union Fr Christopher Monaghan cp.

Topic: Fellowship: *Hospitality that transforms hosts and guests.*

See flyers in the Church narthex for further information and details on how to register. Please notify the Parish Office if you are attending. This may be a good opportunity to make our Parish more vibrant.

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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

SAINTS PETER & PAUL CELEBRATION –
WHOLE SCHOOL MASS

Friday 4th July, commencing at 9.15am

All welcome.

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.