Gospel Mk 13:24-32

He shall gather his elect from the four winds.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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Reflection *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

Although this is not the last Sunday of the liturgical year, the major theme found in the readings is the end of time. The events that will usher in and will take place during this time are described in apocalyptic terms. The struggles of life will culminate in a massive cosmic confrontation between the forces of good and those of evil. This last battle will be universal in scope, just like the first primordial conflict between chaos and God.

In some way, all of today's readings state that good will finally prevail over evil. In the last days Michael, the angelic warrior of God, will rise up. In the epistle, Christ is pictured seated triumphantly at the right hand of God with his enemies under his foot, a sign of conquest. Finally, in the gospel, the Son of Man, the mysterious figure from apocalyptic literature, comes in the clouds with great power and glory. All of these images are apocalyptic; each of them is quite hopeful.

We read these stories at the close of the liturgical year, because we are coming to the conclusion of our yearly telling of the story of salvation. However, apocalyptic images are timely whenever we find ourselves in the throes of the battle with evil and it appears that we will succumb. These forms will remind us that good will be able to withstand evil. From this we will conclude that we need only trust in God.

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First Reading Dn 12:1-3

When that time comes your own people will be spared.

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

1. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
   it is you yourself who are my prize.
   I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
   since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. *(R.)*

2. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
   even my body shall rest in safety.
   For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
   nor let your beloved know decay. *(R.)*

3. You will show me the path of life,
   the fullness of joy in your presence,
   at your right hand happiness forever. *(R.)*

Second Reading Heb 10:11-14, 18

By a single offering he has achieved the eternal perfection of those who are sanctified.

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:36

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

In Your Prayers

Sick

Recently Deceased

Anthony Doan, Maria Attard (Malta)

Anniversaries

Vincenza Pitruzzello, Rudolf Iskra, Filippo Simone, Antonio Di Stefano, Dorothy Curtain, Bernardo &Giancarlo Quattrucci, Fiore Augusto & Family, Sante Quattrucci & Family, Gaetano Fiore, Sam Ratnatunga, Vito Cicoria, Sebastina Russo Cicoria

Baptisms at St Peter's

12noon – Sunday, 17th November

Maisie Benstead
Nikolas Bilos
Gemma & Thomas Sirgiovanni

Please pray for these children & their families.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Next meets on Tuesday, 19th November in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm. Enquiries: Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103.

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Feast Days this Week

Thursday 21 Nov	The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday 22 Nov	St Cecilia

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

2025 Columban Calendar

Calendars are available for purchase from this weekend - $10 each. Also available from the Parish Office during business hours.

Peter Kearney Concert Reflections

'Signs of Hope – People of Faith'

Tuesday 19th November, 7.00-8.30pm at St Vincent de Paul Church, Strathmore.

Sunday 24th November, 2.00pm-3.30pm at Our Lady of Nativity Church, Aberfeldie.

Free Concert. Donations Welcome. Light refreshments provided.

Fr. Anil will be away from 19thof November to 27th of November 2024.

Wisdom from the Saints Saint Angela of Foligno:

"The only thing necessary for us is God. Finding God consists in recollecting our souls in Him. One must separate one's soul from all which disperses it, and bring it to know the abyss of its miseries."

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic ?

Would you like to know more about becoming a Catholic, being baptised and received into the Church? Please speak to Fr Anil, or contact the parish office: keiloreast@cam.org.au

A Prayer for the Month of November

God of Compassion,
We remember with gratitude and love
all the people we have known and
who you have called home to yourself.

In this month of the holy souls
we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses
who have shaped us, inspired us, loved us and forgiven us.
We pray especially for our deceased family members,
knowing that they also pray for us.

We hold out to you
the millions who are dying because of war, famine, disease and climate change.
We pray for refugees who die in search of safety.

May our sorrow encourage us to work for a more just world
where every life is treated with equal dignity

Living and dead, we are all your family.
May your perpetual light shine on us all.

Amen.

Written by Michael McGirr

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES

As usual, we will have our Memorial Masses for our departed loved ones during the month of November. Masses will be offered and all names received will be placed at the Altar during our weekend Masses. Please make use of the special envelopes in your Thanksgiving boxes or the November Mass Offering Envelopes, available in the Church 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(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)

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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.