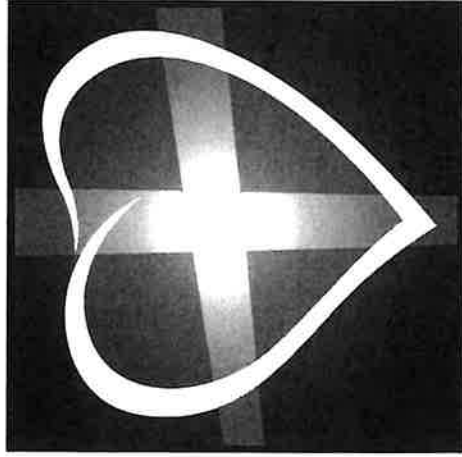




Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 13:31-35

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified,
and in him God has been glorified.
If God has been glorified in him,
God will in turn glorify him in himself,
and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another,
everyone will know that you are my
disciples.'

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

The passage from the Gospel of John actually comes from the Last Supper account, as is indicated by the opening line: 'When Judas had gone'. However, the passage is being used during the post-resurrection Easter season. The passage about being glorified can be read in this context as referring to the crucifixion that was, rather than the crucifixion that is still to come in the original setting. The reference that Jesus will not be with the disciples much longer can also be read as an indicator towards the Ascension. It is a clever liturgical use of a gospel passage out of its intended context.

The second half of the gospel passage is perhaps the more familiar section. It is a common text for marriage ceremonies. However, sometimes its selection is purely based on the use of the term 'love'. Earlier in his ministry, Jesus was asked which commandment was the most important. He replied that you must love the Lord your God with all your heart and that you must love your neighbour as yourself. (Mt 22) The 'new' commandment that he issues at the Last Supper is not so much a new commandment as a variation on a theme. The newness highlights the changes that are occurring in the small group of friends. His language conveys an imperative: you must love one another, 'just as I have loved you'. He tells the disciples – and us – that the way they behave towards one another must be with the same love that Jesus treated them. And the love that Jesus gave was the love of God for all the world. So the love that Jesus commands the disciples (us) to show one another is nothing less than the powerful love of God.

PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE KEILOR EAST 18th May 2025 5th Sunday of Easter – Year C Volume 46, Number 17



Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year C

18 May 2025

First Reading Acts 14:21-27

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed.

On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

*(R.) I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Second Reading Rv 21:1-5

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.'

Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'



INAUGURATION OF POPE LEO XIV

This Sunday, 18 May, Pope Leo XIV will officially inaugurate his papacy with Mass in St Peter's Square. The Mass will be livestreamed on the [Vatican News YouTube channel](#) at 6.00pm Melbourne time.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Massimo Burrone(1 month), Helen Whelan

ANNIVERSARIES

Berenice Cesile, Domenica Cesile, Emilio Trovato, Maria Faramella, Americo Faramella, Charles & Maryanne Spiteri

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 18th May 2025

Logan Antypas

Please pray for these children and their families.

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CARITAS - PROJECT COMPASSION 2025

Last week to return any boxes or envelopes.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Sat 24 May – Our Lady, Help of Christians

PARISH NEWS

YOU'RE INVITED – Year 6 Confirmation Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral

The St Peter's Parish community is warmly invited to join the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation of our Year 6 students on Friday 30th May at 6:00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne.

This special Mass is not only a milestone in the faith journey of our young candidates but also a joyful parish celebration during the Jubilee Year – a time of renewal, grace, and unity in the Church.

As our students are sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, we give thanks for their growing commitment to faith and pray that, as a community, we may continue to support them with our presence and prayers.

All are welcome. Join us in this significant moment for our parish family.

ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR FOR CONFIRMATION

We are inviting all competent singers to join the St Peter's Community choir for the Confirmation Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Friday, May 30th at 6.00pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together to be part of this special occasion. **Rehearsals will be on Tuesday, May 20th, and Tuesday, May 27th, at 5.00pm in the Church. We will also sing at the 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 25th May.** If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please contact Seona Martin smartin@spkelloreast.catholic.edu.au We look forward to your involvement in making this event memorable!

MONTH OF MAY – MONTH OF ROSARY Month Dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

During the month of May, we recite the Rosary on weekdays and Saturday mornings from **8.50am** (before the 9.15am Mass).

ANNUAL MASS COUNT

Continues this weekend. Collectors at weekend masses are asked to compile the figures and complete the clipboard.

MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE RESULTS

Congratulations to the lucky Mother's Day Raffle Winners: 1st Prize: Yellow D74 Marian Saldanha, 2nd Prize: Blue B40 Rita Mojzes, 3rd Prize: Red A13 Lucy, 4th Prize: Red A89 Pauline Cassar, 5th Prize Red A85 Teresa Alessi.

SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY – Saturday 24th May at Corpus Christi College

There will be a Seminary Enquiry Day for young men who are thinking about becoming a Priest. If you are interested in attending the Enquiry Day, please contact Fr Anil or email vocations@cam.org.au if you have any questions.

ST PETER'S PARISH 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED'

We need more volunteers to serve as Readers, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Mass Helpers and Altar Servers, for our Weekend Rosters. Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference form and note which Liturgical Ministry you are interested in joining (salmon coloured forms can be found on the display stand in the narthex). Please return to the Parish Office by 1st June. Training will be provided.

MINISTERS' ROSTER: 1/7/25-31/10/25

The next Ministers' Roster will be prepared soon. Please email or call the Parish Office with any 'away' dates between July-October 2025 by Tuesday, 3rd June.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE:

MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES - Sunday 1 June 2025, 11.00am-12.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the Jubilee of Families. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries: 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above, will receive a commemorative certificate. Please see flyers in the narthex. For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5751 or proclaim@cam.org.au Please register for your spot by Sunday 25 May.

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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

FIRST EUCHARIST COMMITMENT

MASSES - 17/18 MAY

At the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass & 10.30am Sunday Mass this weekend, Year 4 students will present themselves as candidates for the Sacrament of First Eucharist. Please keep these children, their families and teachers in your prayers.

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.