

PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE  
KEILOR EAST  
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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter - Year A  
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### Reflection by Greg Sunter

One of the remarkable things about the Risen Jesus is that his friends and followers almost always fail to recognise him at first. In the instance on the road to Emmaus, two of the disciples are walking the road feeling sorry for themselves when Jesus joins them. It is, perhaps, an experience that is not unfamiliar in our own lives: so absorbed by what is happening to us that we fail to recognise the presence of Christ walking the journey with us – in spirit or in the guise of someone around us. Jesus allows the disciples to share their woes and their grief and then he slowly but surely relates all of what had happened to the scriptures and demonstrates to the disciples that the events of the previous few days were all part of God's plan. The disciples felt that their hopes and beliefs had been misplaced in Jesus; he hadn't delivered all that they had dreamed. But the Risen Jesus makes them realise that their hopes were not misplaced; they were right to trust and hope in Jesus and that belief will still bear fruit.

It is not until Jesus re-enacts the Last Supper breaking of bread that the disciples suddenly recognise him, but at that moment of recognition, Jesus vanishes from their midst. It must have been tantalising and frustrating for the two disciples – when they finally realised who they had been talking with and they could celebrate his presence Jesus disappeared. But the truth of what they had realised didn't abandon them. They reminded one another of the passion they had felt: 'Didn't our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road?' They are saying to each other, how stupid must we have been not to recognise Jesus? Only he could make us feel like that!

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening,' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?'

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must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth,' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.'

Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

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### Third Sunday of Easter, Year A

#### First Reading Acts 2:14, 22-33

*It was impossible for him to be held by the power of Hades.*  
On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

I saw the Lord before me always,  
for with him at my right hand nothing  
can shake me.

So my heart was glad  
and my tongue cried out with joy:  
my body, too, will rest in the hope  
that you will not abandon my soul to Hades  
nor allow your holy one to experience corruption.  
You have made known the way of life to me,  
you will fill me with gladness through your presence.

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

#### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2. 5. 7-11. R. v.11

(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.

or

(R.) Alleluia.

1. Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)

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2. I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
3. 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.)
4. You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

#### Second Reading 1 Pt 1:17-21

*The ransom that was paid to free you was the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ.*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

#### Gospel Acclamation See Lk 24:32

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
make our hearts burn with love when  
you speak.  
Alleluia!

#### Gospel Lk 24:13-35

*They recognised him at the breaking of the bread.*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast.

Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You

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### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

We pray for all the sick, especially those in our parish community

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Jeanette Eims

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Jack Cutayar, Massimo Burrone

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Next meets on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2026 at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.

#### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026

*Myah Rose Ferris*

*Natalia Norris*

*Kyle Lazari*

*Matteo Peter Whyte*

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:-

#### Presbytery Collection – 1<sup>st</sup> 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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

#### EASTER OFFERINGS

Envelopes are available in the narthex.

#### PROJECT COMPASSION

Anyone still with envelopes or money boxes at home, please leave in the basket at the front of the altar, or bring them into the Parish Office so that we can finalise the donation and transfer funds to Caritas. Thank you.

### PARISH NEWS

#### ANZAC DAY - 25<sup>TH</sup> APRIL

Next Saturday, 25<sup>th</sup> April is Anzac Day. Please note **Morning Mass will commence at 10.00am** that day. We especially welcome all ex-servicemen and women to join with us in praying for all the Anzacs who sacrificed their lives for us.

#### MOTHER'S DAY RAFFLE – Hamper items needed

Donations of suitable, good quality items to help make up some hampers are needed. Please bring to the Parish Office before Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> April. Thank you. Raffle will be drawn on 10<sup>th</sup> May.

#### GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY – 26<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2026

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

#### DIVINE MERCY FEAST CELEBRATION 'THANK YOU'

Many thanks to all who participated in or assisted in any way during the 9-day Divine Mercy Novena and the Feast Day Mass held last weekend. Thanks also to those who gathered after the Mass and brought along food to share.

#### EASTER HOUSE BLESSINGS

According to the tradition of the Catholic Church, all the houses of the believers are sprinkled with the blood of the lamb (the newly Blessed Holy water) as a sign that we are resurrected with Christ. This is done from Easter to the Feast of Pentecost. If you wish to have your house blessed for Easter by Fr Anil, please contact the Parish Office.

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need more volunteers for the Ministry of Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.



#### What is a Synod?

A Synod is a moment when the Church deliberately pauses to listen, pray, and discern together. It is not simply a meeting or a conference, but a spiritual process rooted in faith that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church today. In a Synod, we ask not only "What do we think?" but more importantly, "What is God asking of us at this moment in our mission?"

#### Where does the word "Synod" come from?

The word *Synod* comes from the Greek *synodos*, meaning "walking together on the road." This reminds us that the Christian life is never meant to be lived alone. Faith is a shared journey, where we support one another, listen to one another, and discern together how best to follow Christ.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email: [Synod2026@cam.org.au](mailto:Synod2026@cam.org.au)



#### Adrian Commaeur has a new book Titled "Angels-Helpers from Heaven"

May these reflections on Angels bring a greater appreciation of our own guardian angels and encourage us to call upon the angels in times of need. **Copies of this book can be obtained from the Parish Office (if not available after Mass). They are \$10 each.**

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#### MASS TIMES

##### Weekend Mass Times:

\*9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

\*Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April-Morning Mass will commence at 10.00am

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

Term 2 commences Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> April.

#### THANKSGIVING OFFERING

We would like to thank school families for generously supporting the Parish Thanksgiving Program for 2026. May God bless you.

*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.*