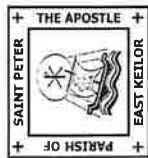


KEILOR EAST

18 October 2026

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

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First Reading Is 45:1.4-6

I have taken the hand of Cyrus to subdue nations before his countenance.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to
Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me.

I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to
the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. v. 7

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- 1 O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the
peoples. (*R.*)
- 2 The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens.
(*R.*)

The gospel writer presents this episode as a deliberate attempt by the Pharisees to trap Jesus and turn the people against him. Their plan was a good one, with no apparent 'safe' answer: is it permissible (within Jewish tradition) to pay taxes to Caesar or not? If Jesus were to answer that it is not permissible to pay taxes then he would be identified as a rebel and a threat to Roman authority – leaving himself open to severe punishment. If he were to answer that it was permissible to pay the taxes he would have alienated a lot of his audience who resented the taxes imposed by Rome.

Instead of falling into the trap set by the Pharisees, Jesus approaches the question in a completely different way.

He asks them to show him the money with which they pay the tax. Immediately, he has turned the tables on them. He doesn't appear to carry any of the coin in question and yet the Pharisees' disciples carry them as a matter of habit. They are asking if it is permissible to pay the tax and yet freely carry the coin with which the tax is paid. Jesus shows up the hypocrisy of their question by forcing them to reveal their own position in the simple action of producing one of the Roman coins. Jesus then closes the dispute by instructing them to render (give) to Caesar what belongs to Caesar but, more importantly, render to God what belongs to God. In a very simple way Jesus has shown up the Pharisees' disciples as being collaborators with the Roman authority and placing that authority above the authority of God. He reminds the listeners that regardless of earthly authority, the first duty is owed to God.



Gospel Mt 22:15-21

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's.

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay for the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!**

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Carmen Vella

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anthony Doan Khang(in Vietnam), Tony Bucci, Robert Cardoza

ANNIVERSARIES

Josephine & Henry Mizzi, Sister Pasqualina Attard, Dorothy June Robinson

BECOMING CATHOLIC: RCIA PROGRAM

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Our parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme has already commenced for this year. **It's not too late to enquire!** If you or someone you know is interested, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible for more information. We warmly welcome all who wish to grow in faith and discover the joy of following Jesus Christ.

Next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 20th October in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.

PARISH SUPPORT

Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

Presbytery Collection – 1st 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

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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
NFC Tags can be found on pews if you would like to give electronically.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone our Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

PARISH NEWS

CHRISTMAS CAROLS 2026 – PLANNING MEETING

All volunteers are warmly invited to come together to plan our upcoming Christmas Carols 2026 celebration.

 Tuesday, 20 October 2026
 7:00 pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room (Parkside Ave gate opens at 6.45pm)

Your ideas, time, and talents will help make our parish Christmas celebration joyful and meaningful.

Everyone is welcome! Let us work together in a spirit of faith, fellowship, and service to share the joy of Christmas with our parish community.



PROCESSION AFTER MASS

On Saturday, 31st October, after the 6.00pm Vigil Mass, we will have a Marian Procession, followed by a cuppa and catch up afterwards in the narthex. Please bring a plate to share. This will also mark the official opening of our new severy counter in the narthex. **All welcome**

ANNUAL ALL SOULS' DAY CEMETERY MASS

The annual Mass commemorating **All Souls – the Faithful Departed** will be celebrated at **Keilor East Cemetery on Saturday, 31 October, at 11:00 am.**

Let us come together in faith and prayer to remember our beloved departed, commend them to God's loving mercy, and find hope in Christ's promise of eternal life.

All are warmly invited to join us in praying for our loved ones.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

ALL SAINTS - 1ST NOVEMBER

Normal Sunday Mass timetable

ALL SOULS DAY – 2ND NOVEMBER

We will have Morning Mass at 10.00am on Monday, 2nd November.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

We pray the Rosary on weekdays from Tuesday-Friday, and on Saturday mornings. Rosary commences at 8.55am, prior to the 9.15am Morning Mass.

2027 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE
Calendars are available for purchase after Mass, from this weekend – **still \$10 each.**
Calendars are also available from the Parish Office.

GOD'S WORD 2027

Copies of St Paul Publications' "God's Word *Daily Reflections* 2027" are available in the narthex for **\$25 a copy.** A percentage of proceeds from sales will go towards fundraising for our Parish World Youth Day 2027 Pilgrims. Copies also available from the Parish Office.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS - 28/10-6/11

From Monday 26th October until Friday 6th November, the Parish Office will be open on **Tuesday, 27th October** and **Wednesday, 4th November only** - 9.00am-3.00pm. Please advise any Recently Deceased or Death Anniversary name(s) to the Parish Office by 3.00pm Wednesday.

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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 Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (or upon request of Parish Priest)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

2026 PARISH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

We are grateful for the school families who are supporting the Parish Thanksgiving Program (2026 family contribution), which continues to sustain the life and mission of our parish. May God bless your families with peace and joy.

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.