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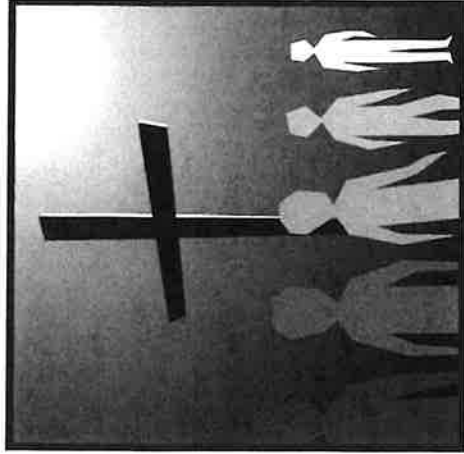


Reflection by Greg Sunter

The lectionary for today offers a choice of three gospel readings: Mt 11:25-30 – revelation of the Father through the Son; Mk 15:33-39, 16:1-6 – the crucifixion and resurrection; and Lk 7:11-17 the widow of Nain's son raised from the dead. None of the readings deal directly with the question of what happens when we die but each of them addresses the revelation of God as a God of faithfulness, compassion and love. This faithfulness and compassionate love of God is celebrated on the feast of All Souls because we remember that the invitation of God is extended to all people that they might enter into the kingdom of heaven.

The passage from the gospel of Luke about the widow of Nain is particularly revealing of the compassion of God. The event takes place at the town gates. Just as Jesus is entering, the funeral bier of a young man is passing out through the gates. There are a 'considerable number of the townspeople' with the grieving mother and we assume that they are there to mourn her son and give comfort to his mother. However, the woman is a widow and the young man was her only son. As a woman with no means of male support, the crowd may have been actually making sure that she left the town rather than mourning her loss. We are told Jesus 'felt sorry for her' – not sorry for her loss, but sorry for her. When he raised the young man, 'Jesus gave him to his mother.' By giving her son life, Jesus also gave the woman a new life. With a son, she would again be welcome in the town and not forced outside the walls to fend for herself. The message of God that all are welcome is enacted through Jesus as he makes sure that the woman is not excluded from the town because of her dependence on others.

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Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:39

*Alleluia, alleluia!
This is the will of my Father, says the Lord,
that I should lose nothing of all that he
has given to me,
and that I should raise it up on the
last day.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Lk 7:11-17

Young man, I tell you, arise.

Jesus went to a town called Nain, accompanied by his disciples and a great number of people. When he was near the gate of the town it happened that a dead man was being carried out for burial, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a considerable number of the townspeople were with her. When the Lord saw her he felt sorry for her. 'Do not cry,' he said. Then he went up and put his hand on the bier and the bearers stood still, and he said, 'Young man, I tell you to get up.' And the dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him to his mother. Everyone was filled with awe and praised God saying, 'A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.' And this opinion of him spread throughout Judaea and all over the countryside.

All Souls

2 November 2025

First Reading Is 25:6-9

The Lord God will destroy death for ever.

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his peoples shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26:1. 4. 7-9. 13-14. R v.1. Alt. R v.13

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

or

*(R.) I believe that I shall see the good things
of the Lord in the land of the living.*

- 1 The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink? *(R.)*
- 2 There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. *(R.)*

Second Reading Rom 5:1-11

Having been justified by his blood, we will be saved from God's anger through him.

Hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadia Louis
RECENTLY DECEASED
Vittorio Forte

ANNIVERSARIES Anthony Doan, Joseph Muscat, Antonio Catalano, Vincenzo D'Agostino, Michele & Rosalinda Petrucci, Nicola & Rosa Lucia, Luis Manjares, Salvacion Cope, Roberto Cope, Lurisa Anne Robles Villanueva

All the Parish Masses this weekend will be offered for all the faithful departed.

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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Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C
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2026 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE
Calendars are available for purchase after Mass - **\$10 each**. Please ask Adele, Helen or Cathey. Calendars are also available from the Parish Office, during business hours.

FUNERAL NOTICE: On Wednesday, 5th November, the funeral for the late Vittorio Forte will begin with the Rosary at 9:45 a.m., followed by Funeral Mass. There will be no 9:15 a.m. Mass. All are welcome to attend the Funeral Mass and pray for the repose of his soul.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA): Our next meeting is this Tuesday, 4th November in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm. Any enquiries to Parish Office.

NOVEMBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS – MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

November is a special time in the Church when we remember and pray for all who have gone before us, especially the holy souls in purgatory. It is our Catholic duty and privilege to pray and intercede for our deceased family members, friends, and benefactors — particularly on All Saints' Day (Saturday, November 1st) and All Souls' Day (Sunday, November 2nd), and throughout the month of November. At St. Peter's, our departed loved ones will be remembered at every Mass. Their names, written in the Parish Book of Remembrance, will be included in the Prayer of the Faithful. The Book of Remembrance will be placed on the sanctuary during all Masses as a visible sign of our continued prayers and love for the faithful departed. Parishioners are encouraged to offer Masses, Rosaries, and other devotional prayers for the repose of their souls. These acts of love and faith bring comfort, hope, and spiritual benefit to our beloved deceased.

NOVEMBER MASSES

If you would like to offer masses for your departed loved ones, please use the November mass intention envelope in your envelope set. For parishioners who require additional November mass intention envelopes, please use the ones available in the narthex.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK

There has been a delay in the update of our Parish Remembrance Book, due to the loss of some of our parish files during the 2023 Parish software changeover. The process to update the Remembrance book will therefore take some time and your patience is appreciated. We will let you know once it has been completed.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER:

Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community, and may receive peace of heart from the Spirit of Consolation.

NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS' DAY (SOLEMNITY)

This holy day of obligation celebrates all saints, known and unknown, who are now in heaven. It is a day to honor those who have reached the fullness of life with God and serves as an inspiration for the faithful on earth.

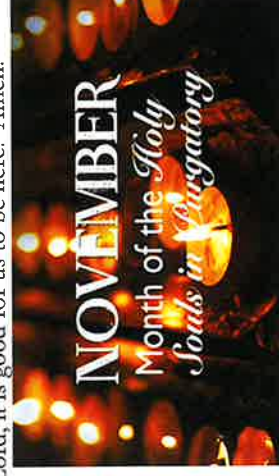
ST PETER'S 2025 CHRISTMAS CAROLS – RAFFLE – PRIZES

This year's Christmas Carols will be held on Thursday, 4th December 2025. We are looking for prizes for our raffle, with major prizes being printed on our raffle ticket books. If you can sponsor or donate a prize or know someone who would be able to assist us with prizes, please email the Parish Office at: keiloreast@cam.org.au

Prayer of the Parish of St Peter the Apostle, Keilor East

God our Father,
your parish family of St Peter's, East Keilor, thanks you for the faith we share.
Make us a people who cares for one another, and has a genuine concern for the wider community.
Help parents to give good example;
give children the grace of love and respect;
fill our youth with wisdom, hope and vision.
Their leadership is the future of our Church and Nation.

To our sick grant healing;
to those of advancing years serenity,
and to those in sorrow your peace and joy.
Father, deepen our love and strengthen our faith.
Jesus, nourish us with your word and eucharist.
Holy Spirit, direct us in all we do
and help us to say always:
'Lord, it is good for us to be here.' Amen.



Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

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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)

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 16th November 2025

Camilla Diaco

Phoebe Dimitrakakis

Jordan & Alix Nguyen

Please pray for these children and their families.

CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Please note that Tuesday, 4th November is the Cup Day Public Holiday. The Parish Office will be closed on this day.

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