

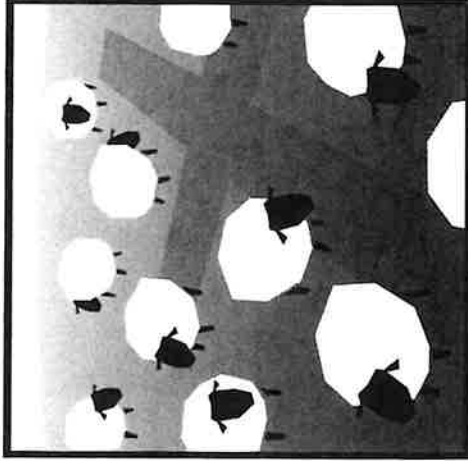


Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus chose disciples to continue his work; he instructed them and empowered them. He sent them out on a mission, and they returned. People followed them, because they wanted to hear what Jesus and the disciples had to say; they wanted to be released from the sickness and the demons that possessed them.

There are so many searching people in the world today, people hungering for instruction, good people looking for direction. They may be parents who are sick with grief over the future of a troubled child; a man stripped of his dignity through unemployment; a woman facing a pregnancy alone; elderly people feeling the surge of life leave their declining bodies; people who are angry and confused because they believe that the church is no longer dependable. They are people who are looking for answers and for meaning. They are like sheep without a shepherd, and Jesus looks to us to shepherd them.

In the midst of this confusion, there are reliable shepherds who walk with us in the dark valleys. They are willing to share the dangers through which we pass, even at the risk of their own safety. They do not pit one segment of the community or one theological perspective against another, scattering the sheep and driving them away. Instead, they work to dismantle the walls that divide us. They speak the word that gathers us together. They reconcile us with God and with each other. They may not give us easy answers, but their primary concern is to lead us to Jesus, the one who is our peace.



Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 6:30-34

They were as sheep without a shepherd.

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to teach them at some length.

First Reading Jer 23:1-6

The remnant of the flock I will gather to me, and bring them back to their pastures.

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them. Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures; they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land.

In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The Lord-our-integrity.'

Responsorial Psalm Ps 22. R. v.2

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

1. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

Second Reading Eph 2:13-18

Christ, our peace, has made us one.

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God. In his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Max Symington

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Salvatrice Scrofani(1 month), Gus Vella, Joseph Micallef, Joseph Pham Khanh, Simon Doan Minh Duc, Denise Beasley, Philip Muscat, Lavia D'Souza, Isaac Rodrigues

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 21st July 2024

Evie Rose Principato

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Please pray for these children & their families.

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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BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 53530 4676.
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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 22 July St Mary Magdalene
Thu 25 July St James
Fri 26 July Sts Joachim & Anne

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Good

Works 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 their Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

PARISH NEWS

FEAST OF SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE – THE GRANDPARENTS OF JESUS

'GRANDPARENTS MASS' - 27/28 JULY

The Feast of Sts Joachim & Anne falls on Friday 26th July, but as a parish, there will be a special blessing for all Grandparents who attend weekend Masses at St Peter's on 27/28 July. All welcome.

ST PETER'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOL FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 27TH JULY

Next Saturday at 10.30am and 12noon, Year 4 students from St Peter's Primary School, will make their 1st Holy Communion. Please keep these children, their teachers and families in your prayers.

NO MORNING MASS – 9.15am on 27th July

There will be no Saturday Morning Mass at 9.15am on 27th July, due to the 2 First Holy Communion Masses. Parishioners are welcome to join either Mass at 10.30am or 12noon.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Enquiry Period

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is? The Enquiry Period continues. There will be a second **Enquiry Night on Tuesday 23rd July**, followed by a third and final Enquiry Night on **Tuesday 30th July** in St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room at **7.30pm**. Everyone is welcome. Please pass this on to those you think who might be interested. For further information, please contact Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103. Please remember our Enquirers and the RCIA Team in your prayers.

SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY - INVITATION

Young men interested in a vocation to the priesthood or would like to hear more about a vocation, are invited to join Archbishop Peter Comensoli at a Seminary Enquiry Day at Corpus Christi College, 180 Drummond Street, Carlton on Saturday, 10th August from 10.45am-3.30pm. Lunch provided. RSVP by 2/8/24 at vocations@cam.org.au
Please speak with Father Anil if you have any questions.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK OFFERS STRENGTH TO THE SERIOUSLY ILL AND ELDERLY – *Pope Francis*

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is not just for those who are nearing the end of their life, Pope Francis said. 'Let us remember that the Anointing of the Sick is one of the "sacraments of healing", of "restoration", that heals the spirit,' the Pope said in his prayer video message for July, released by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. Having a priest give the sacrament does not necessarily mean saying 'goodbye to life,' he said. 'Thinking this way means giving up every hope.' 'When a person is very ill, it's advisable to give them the Anointing of the Sick. And when someone is elderly, it's good that they receive the Anointing of the Sick,' Pope Francis said, underlining how there is no need to wait until a person experiencing a serious illness is at the point of death to receive the sacrament. 'Let us pray that the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick grant the Lord's strength to those who receive it and to their loved ones, and that it may become for everyone an ever more visible sign of compassion and hope,' he said.

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KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS – ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER 2024

Join the Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria to celebrate the 24th annual Archbishop's Dinner. The dinner is held each year to raise funds for the Priests Support and Education Fund. This fund was established by the Knights of the Southern Cross to assist in the funding and education of seminarians and the post-ordination education of priests. **When:** Friday 30 August **Time:** 7.00pm-11.30pm **Venue:** Moonee Valley Racecourse, Moonee Ponds. **Cost:** \$160pp. **RSVP** 9/8/24 to Nadia Bolzonello at giveback@optusnet.com.au
Phone: 0407055237.

COASIT AGED CARE – Italian Assistance Association

Please see flyer on the narthex noticeboard.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass(not 27/7)

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(not 27/7); 5.30pm Saturday (Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Administration: Stephanie Wood, Christine Torrance

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 4 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday, 27th July – 10.30am & 12noon

Please keep these children 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.*