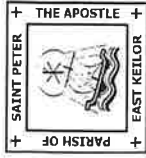


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## Second Reading Rom 5:6-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul

## A Reading from to the Romans

*We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.*

We were still helpless when at his

## PPS 99:2-3. 5. R. v.3

**Gospel Acclamation** Mk 1:15

1. Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. (*R.*)
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his  
flock (*R.*)
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. (*R.*)

**A reading from the holy Gospel  
according to Matthew**

*He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.*

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask

The portrait of Jesus that is painted by the gospel of Matthew is as the one who has come to fulfil the Jewish tradition. This is sometimes incorrectly interpreted as being anti-Jewish but that is not the case at all. The community for whom Matthew was writing were Jewish Christians and they saw the pathway taught by Jesus as the best way to live out the Jewish tradition. It is in this context that today's gospel passage must be considered. The way the commissioning of the Twelve begins is very significant: 'When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd.' This is the gospel writer describing the people of Israel as a whole - harassed and dejected and without a shepherd. For the Matthew community, Jesus was that shepherd the Jews needed. But Jesus also knew that one person alone could not bring about the change within Judaism that was required. He chose the Twelve and named them as apostles (those who are sent) to continue the work that he had begun.

The gospel writer describes Jesus as giving the apostles 'authority' over unclean spirits. For the Matthew community, authority was a defining question. They had recently been expelled from the Jewish synagogues and the authority of Jesus had been called into doubt. Yet, for this community, real authority lay with Jesus and those whom he sent out to do his work. Throughout this gospel, Jesus is described as exhibiting 'authority' so as to reaffirm to the original community that they were right in choosing to follow the way of Jesus and not bend to the authority of the Jewish leaders who were oppressing them.

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.’

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## IN YOUR PRAYERS



### SICK

Richard Fernandez

### RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the souls of all the recently deceased

### ANNIVERSARIES

Peter Tran Hanh, Theresa Tran Vinh, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Hong, Anthony Doan Trung, Joseph Pham Van Khanh, John Julian Robinson, Eliza Pinto, Antonio Catalano

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

Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

JUNE 2026

**Jacob Thomas McLeod**  
**Kaitōa Anthony Ruberto**  
**Alessia Lina-Caterina Usai**

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

### FEAST OF STS PETER & PAUL - SUPPER INVITATION – 27<sup>TH</sup> & 28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE

There will be a light supper in the narthex after Masses on the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> June. More information to come next weekend.

## PARISH NEWS



**2026 COMMUNION OF REPARATION VIGILS**  
100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Our Lady's Apparition in Pontivedra, Spain



**ST. PETER'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
2A Parkside Avenue  
Keilor East  
**June 19-20, 2026**

**FRIDAY, June 19**  
6:30 PM - Rosary  
7:00 - Holy Mass  
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
- Sherry Weddell  
- Nine Offices of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
8:45 - Sacred Heart  
10:50 - Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
11:30 - Rosary  
11:50 - Benediction

**SATURDAY, June 20**  
12:00 AM - Holy Mass

In 1925, Our Lady appeared in Pontivedra, Spain to St. Lucia asking for REPARATION to her Immaculate Heart and with the Child Jesus requesting His Heart be honored side by side with His Mother....

In the light of the ongoing global unrest, join the Alliance of the Holy Family International (AHFI) in answering Our Lady's URGENT APPEAL for Prayer and Penance in this year-long weekly COMMUNION OF REPARATION VIGILS from December 10, 2025 - December 10, 2026.

**5 INTENTIONS for the Communion of Reparation Vigils**

1. Pray for the Holy Family and global unity
2. Pray for the Holy Family and global unity
3. Pray for the Holy Family and global unity
4. Pray for the Holy Family and global unity
5. Pray for the Holy Family and global unity

All are welcome to attend the 2026 Communion of Reparation Vigil on June 19-20. Please see flyers in the narthex.

### WINTER APPEAL – ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY “THANK YOU”

Last weekend's Special Collection for the St Vinnies Winter Appeal raised \$2,480.80 (cash). Thank you for your generosity. Thanks also to those who donated online or by using the QR Code. **If you know of someone who needs their assistance please call: 1800 305 330.**

**ST PETER'S SAFEGUARDING COMMITTEE**  
We are looking for a volunteer to join the Parish Safeguarding Committee. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office or speak with Fr Anil.

### PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK

The Parish Remembrance Book will be updated and reprinted soon. Please contact the Parish Office with the name and date of death of loved ones you wish to be added, by Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June. We need the deceased's name and date of death, including year.

**PROCLAIM**  
26-27 JUNE 2026

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation.

International Speaker  
**Sherry Weddell**  
Founder of the  
Catherine of Siena Institute

An inspiring two day event to form, equip and send you to share Christ in your communities. Discover the program and register at [melbournecatholic.org/proclaim26](https://melbournecatholic.org/proclaim26)

### PROCLAIM26

*Go out to the whole world; proclaim the gospel to all creation. Mark 16:15*

**Friday 26 and Saturday 27 June 2026**  
**Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne**

In a world where many are seeking meaning, truth and belonging, are we ready to proclaim the Gospel in this moment in time?

Join world-renowned Catholic author, and expert on discipleship and mission, Sherry Weddell for Proclaim26, a two-day gathering to form, equip and send Catholics to share Jesus Christ in their communities.

Proclaim26 will host formative keynote talks, inspiring real-life stories of parish renewal and practical workshops on formation, RCIA, youth and young adult discipleship, music and more.

For the full program please go to: <https://melbournecatholic.org/proclaim26>

Please contact the Parish Office by **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June** if you would like to attend and we will complete the registration for St Peter's Parishioners.

**MELBOURNE ARCHDIOCESE VACANCIES**  
Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for various positions in the Archdiocese. Further details can be found at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

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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**

**END OF TERM 2**  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

**2026 PARISH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM**  
We are grateful for the school families ongoing support of 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.**