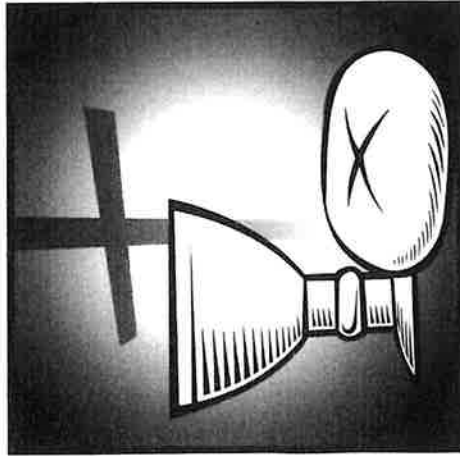




Reflection by Greg Sunter

The feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, also known as *Corpus Christi*, celebrates and commemorates the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. Although the liturgy on Holy Thursday remembers the celebration of the Last Supper, its focus tends to be more aligned with the events of the Passion rather than on the institution of the Eucharist. In the 13th Century, Pope Urban IV established the feast of Corpus Christi (the Body of Christ) and it was St Thomas Aquinas who composed the official prayers of the Church for the feast day. In 1970 the feast was changed to the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ. In some countries it is celebrated on the Thursday following Trinity Sunday and in others on the following Sunday.

The gospel passage comes from the 6th chapter of the gospel of John in which the gospel writer has Jesus deliver an extended discourse on the image of himself as the Bread of Life. This passage comes from the end of that discourse and, in this relatively short passage, Jesus repeatedly demands that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. It is through these actions that his followers will share in eternal life. Jesus says that whoever does this will live in him and he will live in them. That is one of the fundamental beliefs about the Eucharist. When we receive the body and blood of Jesus in the Eucharist we become what we receive – we become Christ's body in the world. When Jesus called his disciples, he called them to be like himself. He reissues that call to be like him every time we receive his body and blood in Eucharist.



and the bread that I shall give
is my flesh, for the life of the world.'

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his

flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied:
'I tell you most solemnly,

if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of
Man

and drink his blood,
you will not have life in you.
Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink
my blood

has eternal life,
and I shall raise him up on the last day.
For my flesh is real food
and my blood is real drink.

He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood
lives in me
and I live in him.

As I, who am sent by the living Father,
myself draw life from the Father,
so whoever eats me will draw life from me.
This is the bread come down from heaven;
not like the bread our ancestors ate:

they are dead,
but anyone who eats this bread will live
for ever.'

First Reading Dt 8:2-3, 14-16

He gave you food which you and your ancestors did not know.

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 147:12-15, 19-20. R. v.12

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)

2. He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)

3. He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 10:16-17

Though we are many, we form a single body because we share this one loaf.

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 6:51-52

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the living bread from heaven,
says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Jn 6:51-58

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink.

Jesus said to the Jews:

'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven.
Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever';

IN YOUR PRAYERS



SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the souls of all the recently departed

ANNIVERSARIES

George & Carmen Attard, Tessie Mizzi, Francesca Lauricella

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:-

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BSB: 083 347 Account No. 665417521
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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Fri 12 June The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Sat 13 June The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
St Anthony of Padua

PARISH NEWS

A JOYFUL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR ST. PETER'S PARISH

Dear Parishioners,

It is with great joy and thanksgiving that we share the wonderful news that Archbishop Peter Comensoli has appointed **Fr. Anil** as the Parish Priest of **St. Peter's Parish**.

For more than two and a half years, Fr. Anil has faithfully served our parish as Administrator. Throughout this time, he has provided dedicated pastoral leadership, spiritual guidance, and compassionate care to our parish community. His commitment to the mission of the Church, his approachable nature, and his genuine concern for all parishioners have been a source of encouragement and blessing to many.

We are delighted that Fr. Anil will continue his ministry among us as our Parish Priest. His appointment brings a sense of stability, continuity, and hope as we continue to grow together as a community of faith, united in Christ and inspired by the Gospel.

On behalf of the entire parish community, we extend our heartfelt congratulations to Fr. Anil and assure him of our prayers, support, and cooperation. May the Holy Spirit continue to guide and strengthen him in his ministry, and may God richly bless him with wisdom, good health, and abundant joy as he leads St. Peter's Parish into the future.

Let us give thanks to God for this blessing and keep Fr. Anil in our prayers as he begins this new chapter of service as our Parish Priest.

Congratulations, Fr. Anil! May God bless you and your ministry among us.



WINTER APPEAL – ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - 6/7 JUNE 2026.

Volunteer members of the St Vincent de Paul Society, led locally by St Martin's and St Peter's parishioners, visit anxious people in the East Keilor/Avondale Heights area who call the Assistance Line 1800 305 330. Members seek to provide relief from distress in accordance with the Gospel message of seeing Christ in the Poor. Parishioners and School Families at St Martin's and St Peter's have always generously supported this work through encouragement, Christmas Gifts and Winter offerings of shelf stable food, cash and good quality warm clothing that can be made available through Vinnies shops and Soup Vans. ***We will have a Special Collection for our local St Vincent de Paul Society at all Masses this weekend. Please support. Envelopes are available in the Narthex. A donation box is also available inside the Church (near the back wall, next to the picture of St Mary MacKillop).***

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, 12th June. We need the deceased's name and date of death, including year.



CONGRATULATIONS

Harley Daskalovski
on receiving the Sacrament of
1st HOLY COMMUNION
Saturday 6th June, 2026
May God bless you Harley

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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

FRIDAY 12TH JUNE – FEAST OF THE

SACRED HEART

Whole School Mass at 9.15am. All welcome.

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.