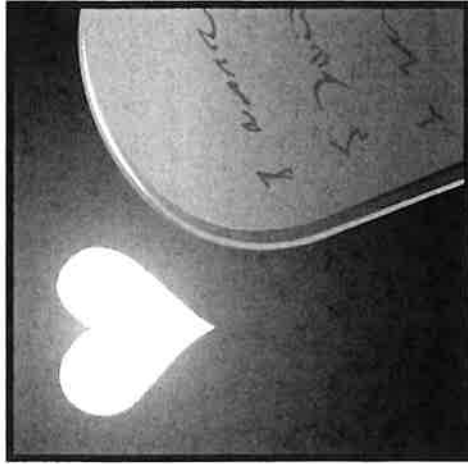




Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!'

It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others.



Gospel Mk 12:28-34

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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First Reading Dt 6:2-6

Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.'

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 17:2-4. 47. 51. R.v.2

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my
stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes.
(R)
2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

Second Reading Heb 7:23-28

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

**All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we
will come to them.**

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Maria Attard (in Malta)

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anthony Doan, Don McSweeney

ANNIVERSARIES

Faith & Hope Rodrigues, Santo & Nunzia Bonnici, Angela Lamari

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 3rd November

Ariana Eid

Lachlan & Maya Wakefield

Please pray for these children & their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Next meets on Tuesday, 5th November in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm.
Enquiries: Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103.

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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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 4 Nov St Charles Borromeo
Saturday 9 Nov The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

ARCHDIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

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

PARISH NEWS

ANTHONY DOAN (DEC'D)

We mourn the passing of a loved and devoted parishioner, Anthony Doan, following a short illness.

Anthony volunteered as our Audio-Visual operator at the 10.30am Sunday Mass for over 10 years. He also recorded Masses for YouTube streaming during the COVID lockdown period and was always willing to assist for St Peter's Parish special celebrations.

We will miss Anthony's beautiful smile, his audio-visual expertise, and willingness to help wherever needed.

May he Rest in Peace

We extend our Deepest Sympathies to Anthony's wife, Van My Tran, together with the Doan and Tran families, at this sad time. Please keep them in your prayers.

1st RECONCILIATION

Congratulations to the Grade 3 children who made their 1st Confession last Tuesday.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday 5th November for the Cup Day Public Holiday.

Over the next 2 weeks, the Parish Office will be open only on Wednesday, 6th November and Tuesday, 12th November, due to staff annual leave. Please advise any Death Anniversaries by 11am on Wednesdays.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/11/24-28/2/25

The Roster was emailed to Liturgical Ministers last. Hard copies of the Bulletin are available in the narthex.

2025 COLUMBAN CALENDAR

Calandars are available for purchase after Mass or from the Parish Office - \$10 each.

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES

As usual, we will have our Memorial Masses for our departed loved ones during the month of November. Masses will be offered and all names received will be placed at the Altar during our weekend Masses. Please make use of the special envelopes in your Thanksgiving boxes or the November Mass Offering Envelopes, available in the Church Narthex. You can also place the names of your loved ones with your name and your offering in an ordinary envelope. You can put it in the collection during mass or in the basket near the Memorial Book. Memorial Book will be placed at the front of the Altar from Friday, 1st November 2024. During the month of November, due to large numbers of names, only the names of the recently departed will be placed in the Parish Bulletin and Prayers of the Faithful. Thank you.

A Prayer for the Month of November

God of Compassion,
We remember with gratitude and love all the people we have known and who you have called home to yourself.
In this month of the holy souls we give thanks for the great cloud of witnesses who have shaped us, inspired us, loved us and forgiven us.
We pray especially for our deceased family members, knowing that they also pray for us.
We hold out to you the millions who are dying because of war, famine, disease and climate change.
We pray for refugees who die in search of safety.
May our sorrow encourage us to work for a more just world where every life is treated with equal dignity.
Living and dead, we are all your family.
May your perpetual light shine on us all.
Amen.

Written by Michael McGirr

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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 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday: 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

The school will be closed between Monday 4 November – Wednesday 6 November for Report Writing, Melbourne Cup Public Holiday and Professional Learning.

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.