



The Partnered Parishes of
Our Lady of Lourdes & **St Peter's**
Armadale **Toorak**

PARISH NEWSLETTER

5th May 2024: SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - Year B

PASTORAL TEAM

Parish Priest

Father Brendan Hayes

Parish Secretary

Madeline Dimasi

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Carmel Negline

Pastoral Associate

Delisa Gonsalves

Business Manager

Frank Glynn

St Peter's Organist & Director of Music:

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Organist: Danuta Southern

Our Lady of Lourdes Organist:

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A THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love".

1 John 4:8 second Reading

This is a strong statement that needs to be taken seriously.

The letters of St John and the Gospel of John mention love so much that the truth and urgency of the message can be overlooked.

"We've heard it all before" is the reaction, *"Tell us something new."*

Love/Charity, like Faith and Hope, is described as a theological virtue, because it is the fruit of action. If one has faith/trust in God, then love/charity is always developing and being deepened in oneself and interacting with others.

Human love reflects God's "official" love which is always at work in us and never withheld. God's love for us is shown specifically in the grace of Baptism into the community of the Church as well as in the gifts of the Spirit in Confirmation and then constantly in many other ways throughout our lives.

Even the meanest person is capable of love. People may not notice it but God does because God is love and love recognizes its reflection.

In the light of this truth, failure to love is a serious flaw because it means that one has never wanted to grow in the practice of love of God and neighbour. Lest we despair of ever loving God enough, let us always be mindful of our desire to love God and the free gift of God's grace to us.

Fr Hayes



WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Peters

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.30am

Our Lady of Lourdes

Sunday 11.15am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Our Lady of Lourdes

Tuesday 9.30am

Wednesday 9.30am

St Peter's

Thursday: 9.30am

Friday 11.30am

RECONCILIATION

St Peter's Saturdays 5.15pm

OLOL Tuesdays before Mass

BAPTISMS – MARRIAGES – FUNERALS

Please ring the Parish Secretaries to make arrangements

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK

Jane Mooney Bongiorno (in USA), Patricia Webb, Margaret Daniels, Marianne Parisi, John Gibb, Dymrna Brady, Brendan O'Donnell, Mohan Paul, Ranjan Gregory, Anna Rallistan, Julie Mahony

If you would like to add names to the list, please ring Delisa at the parish office.

P.N. The privacy legislation requires us to have permission from an authorized person before any sick person's name can be included in this section.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Valentino Adami, Andrew Sinn, Beryl Taylor, Barry Waddell

ANNIVERSARIES

Cathryn Ann Crain, Camilla Thompson, John Pacini Robin Siemering, and Isabel O'Sullivan

ROSTERS

ST PETER'S 11th & 12th May 2024

Lectors: 6.00pm – Clare Pettigrew
9.30am - Nevia Krizman

Special Ministers:
6.00pm Sandra Ficarra
9.30am Nevia Krizman

LOL 4th May 2024

Lector: 11.15am Phil Thomas
Special Minister: Manique Corteling

READINGS –11th & 12th May 2024

First reading: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11
Psalm: Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6
Second Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23
Gospel: Mark 16:15-20

COLLECTION SUMMARY

Thanksgiving	St Peter's	LOL
2 nd Collection	Env. \$1,605	\$ 60
28 th April	Cash \$ 556	\$129

Presbytery (for Clergy)

1 st Collection		
28 th April	\$1,629	\$348

Mass Count	161	44
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HYMNS THIS WEEK AT BOTH CHURCHES

No. 553: Love is his word
No. 354: Christ the Lord is ris'n again

SACRAMENTAL AND OTHER RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES

ROSARY AT ST PETER'S

Next Friday 11am. All welcome

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

Congratulations to **Lorna Crehan**, and to **Lily and Pippa Harkins** and to their families.

FUNERAL MASS AT ST PETER'S

Wednesday 8th May, 11am for **Valentino Adami**.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal
There is a special appeal at all Masses. See envelopes in the pews.

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing unemployment and homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing grief and trauma.

You can also donate online at:
www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call 9287 5513.

MUSIC FOR ST PETER'S

A Clare Benediction It is an anthem by John Rutter beginning with *May the Lord show his mercy upon you*. Rutter wrote both the text and music to honour Clare College Cambridge where he studied

Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring J S Bach This is the popular English title of the Chorale from Cantata BWV147 Herz und Mund und Tat und Leben (heart and mouth and deed and life)

Offertorio Domenico Zipoli 1688-1726 An Italian composer from the Baroque period who worked in Rome. He became a Jesuit in order to work in the Reductions – Indian Settlements in Paraguay. He died in Cordoba Argentina. He is remembered as a most accomplished musician among the Guarani people.

MOTHER'S DAY NEXT SUNDAY

There will be a blessing for mothers at all Masses next Sunday.



WHAT'S ON IN THE PARISH

PARISH ACTIVITIES FOR MAY

Sunday 5th May – Morning Tea after 9:30am Mass in the Parish Centre (Located next door to St Peter's Church)



Celebrating Volunteers in Volunteers Week

The Toorak Ecumenical Council invites all volunteers who give their time to join us at



St Peter's Parish Centre
Wednesday 22nd May 2024
From 5pm to 7pm



RSVP to your Church Office or Op Shop by
Monday 20th May 2024

Volunteers including Op Shop Assistants, Pastoral Carers, Readers, Church Committee Members, Flower Arrangers, Food for Friends, Communion Assistants/Special Ministers, Liturgical Helpers, Office Helpers, Thanksgiving Collectors, Cleaning Stewards.



Thursday 30th May – Prayers for Christian Unity at 10:00am at St John's Anglican Church (510 Toorak Road, Toorak) Light refreshments provided afterwards.

Thursday 30th May – An Evening with Fr Frank Brennan SJ.
7:00pm – 8:30pm in the St Peter's Parish Centre.
More details to come in the upcoming weeks.



EXERCISE CLASSES

A chair-based exercise class is held **Every Thursday** at 10.30am in St Peter's Parish Centre. \$5 per person, payable on the day.

ZOO: DRAWINGS BY EMILY DOBER

St Francis Contemporary Art Space :326 Lonsdale St
Exhibition from 16 April to 19 May 2024
Mon – Fri 10am to 4pm -Sun.10am-2pm
Enq: bwremmen@bigpond.net.au / (03) 9663 2495

WHAT'S ON IN THE COMMUNITY AND IN THE ARCHDIOCESE

FRIENDS OF THE CARMELITE NUNS OF KEW

Invite you to a Film Night
THE WAY, MY WAY

Miracles happen on the Camino

Palace Balwyn Cinemas

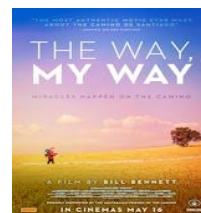
Monday 20th May 2024, 7.00pm

R.S.V.P. 15th May

Tickets \$35 with supper afterwards

Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CRATS>

Enquiries: Janine Burgess 0408 111 605



KINROSS ARTS CENTRE

Invites you to:

Art for the Music – by Bronwen Gibbs

29th April to 24th May, 2024

Opening Celebration: Friday 3rd May, 6-8pm (free)

Artist Talk: Tuesday 7th May: 11am \$10.

603 Toorak Road, Toorak - Enquiries: 9829 0340

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA AND WAGGA WAGGA

Warmly invites you to a half day retreat led by Fr Trevor Tibbertsma, at St Peter's Toorak

Saturday, 1st June - 9.00am to 12.15pm

The theme is **The Seeker of Souls: Understanding God's Intense Search for You!**

Commences: 9.00am - Holy Mass

Morning tea provided.

at www.trybooking.com/CQACG or
info@cwlvicww.org.au

SOIREE: ST JOSEPH'S MALVERN MUSIC MINISTRY IN COLLABORATION WITH CABRINI CHOIR 'Music in the Chapel'

**UNFORTUNATELY, THIS EVENT IS NOW
CANCELLED - DUE TO BE RESCHEDULED**

CLEARANCE SALE ON BOOKS!

Books from the Parish's 'An Evening with' series are available now for: **\$5.00 each**

Books can be purchased from the Parish Office.



FIRST READING

[Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48](#)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said, 'I am only a man after all!'

Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said, 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

[Ps 97:1-4, R. see v.2](#)

Response

*The Lord has revealed to the nations
his saving power.*

SECOND READING

[1 John 4:7-10](#)

A reading from the first letter of St John

My dear people,
let us love one another
since love comes from God
and everyone who loves is begotten by God and
knows God.

Anyone who fails to love can never have known God,
because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed
when God sent into the world his only Son
so that we could have life through him;
this is the love I mean:
not our love for God,
but God's love for us when he sent his Son
to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.



GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL [John 15:9-17](#)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

'As the Father has loved me,
so I have loved you.
Remain in my love.
If you keep my commandments
you will remain in my love,
just as I have kept my Father's commandments
and remain in his love.

I have told you this
so that my own joy may be in you
and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment:
love one another,
as I have loved you.

A man can have no greater love
than to lay down his life for his friends.

You are my friends,
if you do what I command you,
I shall not call you servants any more,
because a servant does not know
his master's business;
I call you friends,
because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me,
no, I chose you;
and I commissioned you
to go out and to bear fruit,
fruit that will last;
and then the Father will give you
anything you ask him in my name.
What I command you
is to love one another.'

ST KEVIN'S – OMNIA ART PRIZE & EXHIBITION

24-26 May – 10am – 4pm. Smith Hall, St Kevin's College Heyington, featuring over 300 works from 200 Australian artists for sale and onsite café and live music.

The Omnia Art Prize & Exhibition is a premier annual prize and exhibition celebrating Australian contemporary artists. This prestigious \$15,000 prize supports emerging and established contemporary artists nationally and supports students in need, with proceeds from the event going to the St Kevin's College Foundation.

Enq: Friends of Art Committee: 0416 036 442