



**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** Mt 21:28-32

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

**Reflection** by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.

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**First Reading** Ez 18:25-28

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6**

*(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

1. Lord, make me know your ways.  
Lord, teach me your paths.  
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour. *(R.)*
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.  
Do not remember the sins of my youth.  
In your love remember me,  
because of your goodness, O Lord. *(R.)*
3. The Lord is good and upright.  
He shows the path to those who stray,  
he guides the humble in the right path;  
he teaches his way to the poor. *(R.)*

**Second Reading** Phil 2:1-11

**or shorter form Phil 2:1-5**

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the  
underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of  
Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

### COVID-19 STAGE 4 RESTRICTIONS

With Stage 4 restrictions still in place, our Parish Office is closed. Parish Secretary, Helena Meredith is working remotely from home. These are challenging times. Please email if you need anything or call 9337 4141 and leave a message. We will respond to calls as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding. If you have envelopes for the weekend collections, please contact me if they need to be collected, or keep them with you until we are able to open again. Please consider changing to credit card, direct debit or direct online banking. We can assist you with setting this up. May God bless you all.

*Fr Arockia Sebastian*

#### IN YOUR PRAYERS

##### SICK

Visal Prum, Kathleen Gillies

##### RECENTLY DECEASED

Joyce Cachia

##### ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Concetta Bruzzese, Elizabeth Rodrigues, Patrick Mahony, Michele Celata, Vincenzo D'Agostino, John O'Loughlin, Lingala Inna Reddy, Clarence De Gama Pinto, Michael Chircop

##### PARISH SUPPORT

We are most grateful for your contributions during this challenging time. Thank you all for your support. Online donations can be made as follows:-

##### Presbytery Collection – 1<sup>st</sup> Collection

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##### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 29 Sep Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

Wednesday 30 Sep St Jerome

Thursday 1 Oct St Therese of the Child Jesus,

Friday 2 Oct The Holy Guardian Angels

### REMEMBERING, WORKING AND PRAYING FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

On this 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we remember, pray for, and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many in 'our own backyard'. We acknowledge and give thanks for the many parish communities across the state, along with those working within our Catholic social services and other organisations and community groups, who are making considerable efforts to assist people seeking asylum, refugees, and other migrants who hold temporary visas—many remain in harsh circumstances in detention centres, and the majority of the 115,000 living in the Australian community have been deemed ineligible for any federal government support payments during COVID-19, making many at risk of homelessness and despair. In his message for World Day for Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis tells us, "You have to know in order to understand" and "It is necessary to be close, in order to serve". Only when different elements of the community work together — individuals, parishes, schools, universities and organisations — can we effectively advocate for systemic change and provide for people's immediate necessities and other spiritual and social needs.

#### DONATION OF FURNITURE

If you are in need of some very good quality used furniture, or know someone who does, a Parish family are donating the following items: a lounge room Display Cabinet, a Wardrobe with drawers, an extendable Dining Table and chairs, a Queen size Bedhead with matching Side Drawers and a Bedroom Dresser with Mirror. Please email the Parish Office by **Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> September** with your name and contact number and we will be in contact.

#### BREAK OPEN THE WORD OR DAILY MASS BOOKS FOR 2021

These 2 resources can be ordered through the Parish Office - \$22 each. Please call or email your order by **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October**.

### 2020 World Day for Migrants and Refugees

*From Pope Francis, a prayer suggested by the example of Saint Joseph at the time he was forced to flee to Egypt to save the child Jesus.*

**Father**, you entrusted to Saint Joseph what you held most precious: the child Jesus and his Mother, in order to protect them from the dangers and threats of the wicked.

Grant that we may experience his protection and help. May he, who shared in the sufferings of those who flee from the hatred of the powerful, console and protect all our brothers and sisters driven by war, poverty and necessity to leave their homes and their lands to set out as refugees for safer places.

Help them, through the intercession of Saint Joseph, to find the strength to persevere, give them comfort in sorrows and courage amid their trials.

Grant to those who welcome them some of the tender love of this just and wise father, who loved Jesus as a true son and sustained Mary at every step of the way.

May he, who earned his bread by the work of his hands, watch over those who have seen everything in life taken away and obtain for them the dignity of a job and the serenity of a home.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, whom Saint Joseph saved by fleeing to Egypt, and trusting in the intercession of the Virgin Mary, whom he loved as a faithful husband in accordance with your will.

**Amen.**

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*The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.*

*All staff and volunteers in our parish must have a current Working with Children Check.*

#### ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE, ESSENDON

Applications for Year 7 in 2022 will close Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020. Our next Virtual Tour will be held on Wednesday 2nd September. Book your place at [columba.vic.edu.au](http://columba.vic.edu.au)

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