

**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

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Gospel Mk 9:30-37

The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity ... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants of all.

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**19 September 2021****First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20**

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man,
since he annoys us
and opposes our way of life,
reproaches us for our breaches of the
law
and accuses us of playing false to
our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true,
let us observe what kind of end he
himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son,
God will take his part
and rescue him from the clutches of
his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and
with torture,
and thus explore this gentleness of his
and put his endurance to the proof.
Let us condemn him to a shameful death
since he will be looked after – we have
his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6***(R.) The Lord upholds my life.*

- O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. *(R.)*
- For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. *(R.)*

- But I have God for my help.
The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. *(R.)*

Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**God has called us with the gospel
to share in the glory of our
Lord Jesus Christ.**

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

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RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

William Cutayar, Stella Cutayar, Roberta Pavlic, Michele Celata, Lola & Pascal Attard

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Please pray for the families waiting to have their children baptised in our Church.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Classes will commence once we can reopen. For enquiries, please contact Teresa Paradowski 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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Lockdown Light—a weekly series

A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown
Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations at www.bit.ly/LockdownLight

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 20 Sep	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon Paul Chong Ha-Sang & Companions
Tue 21 Sep	St Matthew
Thur 23 Sep	St Pius of Pietrelcina

PARISH NEWS

ONLINE MASS

This weekend, for parishioners with internet access, the Mass for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time will be available online via our Parish Website, Facebook or You Tube from approximately 5.00pm on Saturday, 18th September. For parishioners without internet access, please tune in to Channel 31 (44 on digital tv) at 11am on Sunday 19th September, for the St Patrick's Cathedral Mass.

ST PETER'S 'COMMUNITY AT HOME TIME' We continue our weekly Zoom meetings. This is a friendly, relaxed way to get together during this time of lockdown. Our next Zoom 'get together' will be **Wednesday 22nd September from 8-9pm.**

Everyone is welcome. The link to attend is: Topic: St Peter's Community at Home Time: This is a recurring meeting each week between 8-9pm. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6279668391?pwd=TTJlVY1R0dThxaHM5WEQzQ3FjeXlZz09> Meeting ID: 627 966 8391 Passcode: 7774040

BREAK OPEN THE WORD OR DAILY MASS BOOKS FOR 2022 These 2 resources can be ordered through the Parish Office - \$24 each. Please call or email your order by **Wednesday, 22nd September.**

HEART OF LIFE CENTRE

Are You Called to be a Spiritual Director? A Pastoral Supervisor? Or a compassionate listener to others? We invite you to a Taster Session (via Zoom), on Saturday 2 October 2021 at 9.30am-11am AEST to explore whether one of these ministries may be for you. Come and experience in a facilitated group via Zoom: a) the Siloam Program for the Formation of Spiritual Directors, b) the Emmaus Supervision Program, or c) Let the Heart Listen. Each of these courses is available in 2022 in-person (Covid-permitting) or via Zoom. To register for the free Taster event, please click the link on our home page at www.heartoflife.melbourne, or contact us at secretary@heartoflife.melbourne or tel (03) 9890 1101.

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY – A time to reflect and give thanks

On 19 September 2021, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day, we invite all to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 43 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

We call to mind the recent [2021/22 Social Justice Statement – Cry of the Earth Cry of the Poor](#) – released by the Australian Catholic bishops, which reminds us of the social mission of the Church and which urges us to reflect on 'the bigger picture' and to act together on social, economic and ecological issues. Together, we all have a role to play in building a just and equitable society, where all have equal opportunities to flourish and prosper.

Prayer for Wonder and Awe

God of wonders,
you show us your beauty in all created things.

Help us to pay attention:
to the taste of the ocean on our lips,
the warmth of the sun on our hands,
the song of birds in the morning and evening,
the fragrance of the earth after rain,
and to the star that guides us.

Creator God,
we stand in awe of all that you have made.
Fill our hearts with gratitude for every good gift, great and small,
that feeds and forms us,
inviting and enabling us to become people who are fully alive in your amazing grace.
Amen

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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, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday (followed by Benediction & Devotion to two hearts)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS

We continue to pray for the teachers, students and their families during these difficult times.

May they all enjoy a safe and happy school holiday break.

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.