

**Gospel Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48**

Anyone who is not against us is for us. If your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off.

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The question of legitimacy of ministry is not a new one. There is a certain amount of tension between the institutional and the charismatic aspects of the church. To say that one is Spirit-driven and the other is not is to misunderstand Jesus' promise to remain with the church until the end of time. God normally calls ministers through the structures of the community. The authorities of the church are usually the ones who make the ultimate decisions about the needs of the church, how these needs are to be met, and who is to meet them. That is one of the responsibilities of their office.

However, God calls in other ways as well. A solid biblical tradition maintains that the Spirit is not confined to human structure or custom. We see this in the judges, the prophets, and even the early kings. The Pentecost story describes the coming of the Spirit upon all people – sons and daughters, young and old, slaves and free. When God calls it is up to us to recognise that call and to test its spirit. Perhaps the primary criterion we have for judging is the biblical measure: By their fruits you shall know them.

Today we also see that those who benefit from exploitation of the vulnerable will reap the fruits of their sin. This warning stems from the belief in the justice of God. Just as we believe that God will not allow the righteous to go unrewarded, so we are confident that neither will the wicked escape punishment.

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**26 September 2021****First Reading Nm 11:25-29**

Are you jealous on my account? Who decrees that all people may prophesy?

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look', he said, 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Responsorial Psalm**Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9**

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. *(R.)*
2. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. *(R.)*

3. So in them your servant finds instructions;
great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. *(R.)*

4. From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless,
clean from grave sin. *(R.)*

Second Reading Jas 5:1-6

Your wealth is rotting.

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 17:17

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Your word, O Lord, is truth:
make us holy in the truth.*

Alleluia!

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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

NEW PARISH TELEPHONE SYSTEM

In coming weeks, the Parish will have a new telephone system and there may be some disruptions to incoming calls. Please be patient when calling the Parish Office during this process. Our telephone number: 9337 4141, will remain the same. Please note that our old email address: stpek@bigpond.net.au will be disconnected and emails to the Parish Office should only be sent to: keiloreast@cam.org.au

PARISH NEWS

'VICTORIAN ROADMAP'

As you would be aware, last Sunday the Premier, Dan Andrews, announced a proposed Victorian Roadmap outlining some 'aspirational' markers that will enable a slow and staggered re-opening. The length of time before any real change will be implemented is disappointing but at least Religious Worship has been included in the planning. Details of some of the allowances around 'fully vaccinated' attendees and 'unknown vaccinated' attendees is very unclear, and the Archdiocese have requested clarification from the Government on this.

Taking into account the density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm, **from October 26**, we should be able to operate **outdoors** with a 50 cap of fully vaccinated; 20 cap unknown vaccination status.

Then **from 5th November**, we should be able to operate with a density quotient of 1 person per 4 sqm **indoors** with a 150 cap fully vaccinated; 20 cap unknown vaccination status. For **Funerals**, from 26 October, 50 attendees fully vaccinated allowed indoors; Unknown vaccination status: 20 people per facility (and those necessary to conduct funeral). This increases to 150 fully vaccinated from 5th November, Unknown vaccination status: 20.

Further information will be provided in coming weeks.

ZOOM MASS & ROSARY AT ST PETER'S DAILY FROM OCTOBER

Let us pray the Holy Rosary

We will commence a daily 'Zoom' Rosary, from **Friday, 1st October at 9.30am**, followed by Eucharistic celebration. Please use the following recurring link (same link that is used for the Wednesday evening Zoom catch up). Join Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6279668391?pwd=TTJlVjY1R0dThxM5WEQzQ3FjcXlzZz09>

ID: 627 966 8391
Passcode: 7774040

ST PETER'S 'COMMUNITY AT HOME TIME'

All are welcome to join in our weekly 'Zoom' meetings. Our next Zoom 'get together' will be **Wednesday 29th September from 8-9pm**. See 'Zoom' link above.

MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES SUNDAY

The 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2021 will be celebrated on September 26th – Migrants and Refugees Sunday. In his Message, *Towards an Ever Wider "We"* for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis turned to his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* to express once again his concerns and hopes during this time of the COVID19 pandemic: "Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of 'them' and 'those', but only 'us'". For this reason, the Pope said he has devoted his Message to the theme, *Towards An Ever Wider "We"*, in order to "indicate a clear horizon for our common journey in this world."

"Our 'we'", says Pope Francis, "both in the wider world and within the Church, is crumbling and cracking due to myopic and aggressive forms of nationalism and radical individualism," and, "the highest price is being paid by those who most easily become viewed as others: foreigners, migrants, the marginalized, those living on the existential peripheries."

Prayer

Holy, beloved Father,
your Son Jesus taught us that there is great rejoicing in heaven whenever someone lost is found, whenever someone excluded, rejected or discarded is gathered into our "we", which thus becomes ever wider.

We ask you to grant the followers of Jesus, and all people of goodwill, the grace to do your will on earth.

Bless each act of welcome and outreach that draws those in exile into the "we" of community and of the Church, so that our earth may truly become what you yourself created it to be: the common home of all our brothers and sisters.

Amen. (Pope Francis)

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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.