



splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an overarching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, 'such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

27 February 2022

First Reading Sir 27:4-7

Do not praise someone before they have spoken.

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.

The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.

Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 6:39-45

A person speaks from what is in his heart.

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Magdaline Elizabeth Costa, Thumma Rojamma, Frank Schipano, Maria Tripodi, Teresa Prochilo, Domenico Di Tizio

ANNIVERSARIES

Jack, Stella, Nina, Tony & William Cutayar, Mary & Richard Schmols, Onelia Morgani, Rita Pallozzi, Antonina Iulianella, Concettina Mastrone, Vincenzina Capuzza

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 6 March 2022

Aston East

Maximus Antypas

Xavier Ruberto

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Please call Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information

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

Wednesday 2 March Ash Wednesday

Friday 4 March Ember Day, St Casimir

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE - NEW COVID SAFETY UPDATE AS AT 18 FEBRUARY 2022

- Wearing a mask is not mandatory, except for those doing ministry.
- The QR Code is **no longer** required for **parishioners** coming for Mass.
- The QR Code **is required for Staff and Volunteers** within the Parish setting. All Special Ministers and Parish Groups are still required to be up to date with vaccinations and do need to check in with the QR Code at the Church.
- QR Code check-in is still required for **everyone** attending the Parish Centre if not for a religious or worship gathering and those attending need to be fully vaccinated.
- Please sanitise your hands.
- Please keep a 1.5m distance at all times.
- If you do not feel well or waiting the result of a PCR test, please do not attend Mass.
- Please wipe down your pew at the end of Mass. Wipes are available on pews and bins located at back of church.

LENTEN PROGRAM - REMEMBER

AT ST PETER'S CHURCH, KEILOR EAST
For 6 weeks on Tuesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th March and 5th & 12th April. From 7.00pm-8.00pm in the Church. This weekly program consists of Prayer, Scripture Readings, and Reflection. Led by Guest Speakers. Please see clipboard in narthex for expressions of interest for attendance, or email the Parish Office with your name and contact number. All Welcome!

LENT 2022

Lent begins on Wednesday 2nd March, Ash Wednesday. Day of Fast and Abstinence.

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass times for **Ash Wednesday – 2nd March**

8.00am Mass

9.15am Mass

7.00pm Mass

- Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.
- Ash Wednesday is a day of special prayer and penance. Mass is an excellent way to begin Lent.
- We can reach out to the needy through charitable activities during Lent in special ways such as Project Compassion.

Obligations:

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence.
- Fasting – means being moderate in what we eat and applies to those over 18 and not yet 60.
- The sick and those with special dietary needs are not obligated.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm followed by Mass.

MASS – 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's next Friday, 4th March.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: PROJECT COMPASSION 2022

"For All Future Generations" Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

NEW FAMILIES TO ST PETER'S

We welcome all new families into our Parish. If you wish to be enrolled onto our Census, please take a Parish Census Card from the narthex to fill in and return, or contact the Parish Office. on 9337 4141 or email keiloreast@cam.org.au

PARISH STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

If you would like to join our Stewardship Program (Parish Thanksgiving), Pledge cards are available in the narthex. Please contact the Parish Office if you require further information.

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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

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday 26th February at 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 27th February at 10.30am Mass

PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday, 28th February

VICTORIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL GUIDE

Free in the narthex. Please take one.

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.