

Gospel Lk 9:51-62

Jesus resolutely set his face towards Jerusalem. I will follow you wherever you will go.

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village.

As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.'

Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.'

Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we consider some of the personal difficulties we might have to face as disciples. First, there is no part-time discipleship. Our commitment must be wholehearted and complete. We must have a willing attitude that frees us interiorly from all other concerns so that we might be able to follow Christ regardless of our state in life or our occupation. This attitude of commitment comes not merely from our own generosity of heart but from our having been transformed into Christ through faith and baptism.

We may face conflicts when our various allegiances seem to clash. We may have family responsibilities. There are children to raise, elderly parents or infirm relatives to care for. What does discipleship require of us? We all must earn a living. Are we expected to leave our employment to follow Jesus? And if so, what then will we do? All disciples must face the interior struggle caused by the conflict of legitimate responsibilities.

The freedom of which Paul speaks comes with genuine love, If, out of love, we can negotiate successfully these conflicts caused by competing responsibilities, without compromising our total commitment to Christ, we will find a new kind freedom. This is the freedom that enables us to be faithful to both sets of responsibilities according to the proper priority. We will see that commitment to Christ is primary and the circumstances of our lives with the accompanying responsibilities set the parameters within which we live out our commitment. It is not in opposition with these responsibilities or despite them, but by means of or through them that we live out our discipleship.

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PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

EAST KEILOR

26th June 2022

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First Reading 1 Kgs 19:16. 19-21

Elisha rose and followed Elijah and became his servant.

The Lord said to Elijah: 'Go, you are to anoint Elisha son of Shaphat, of Abel Meholah, as prophet to succeed you.'

Leaving there, Elijah came on Elisha son of Shaphat as he was ploughing behind twelve yoke of oxen, he himself being with the twelfth. Elijah passed near to him and threw his cloak over him. Elisha left his oxen and ran after Elijah. 'Let me kiss my father and mother, then I will follow you' he said. Elijah answered, 'Go, go back; for have I done anything to you?' Elisha turned away, took the pair of oxen and slaughtered them. He used the plough for cooking the oxen, then gave to his men, who ate. He then rose, and followed Elijah and became his servant.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11, R, cf. v.5

(R.) You are my inheritance, O Lord.

- Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.
 I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.'
 O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
 it is you yourself who are my prize. (R.)
- I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,
 who even at night directs my heart.
 I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
 since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)
- 3. And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety.

For you will not leave my soul among the dead,

nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

4. You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

Second Reading Gal 1:13-18

My brothers, you were called to freedom.

When Christ freed us, he meant us to remain free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery.

My brothers, you were called, as you know, to liberty; but be careful, or this liberty will provide an opening for self-indulgence. Serve one another, rather, in works of love, since the whole of the Law is summarised in a single command: Love your neighbour as yourself. If you go snapping at each other and tearing each other to pieces, you had better watch or you will destroy the whole community.

Let me put it like this: if you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you.

Gospel Acclamation 1.5m 3:9; Jn 6:68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Speak, O Lord, your servant is listening; you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Domenica Cesile, Carmen Attard, Maria Lamanna.

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

baby Zaria Sculli(1 month), Palma Berlingeri, Kevin Dragwidge, Pietro Fratangelo, Maria Concetta Bruzzese, Felice Mangion, George Mangion, Carmelo Gusman, Elisia & Giuseppe Mangion, Elana & Antonio Bunivce

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday 3rd July 2022

Ella Garcia

Please pray for this child and her family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Please see separate column.

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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ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - Good Works

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone their Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tues 28 June St Irenaeus

Wed 29 June Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME BACK FR SEBASTIAN!

We welcome back our Parish Priest Fr Sebastian from the Parish Pilgrimage in Europe and spending some time with his mum and family in India.

PETER'S PENCE – ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER – 25/26 JUNE

This weekend at all Masses, the annual collection for the Holy Father will take place. 'Peter's Pence' is the traditional collection to support the charitable work of Pope Francis to help our suffering brothers and sisters as well as to support the work of the Holy See around the world. Please support.

FEAST DAY MASS OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES - 29/6/22

Our Parish Feast Day Mass will be held on Wednesday, 29th June at 9.15am.

You are invited to stay for a "cuppa" after the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass on 2nd July and after the Sunday 8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Masses on 3rd July. All welcome to stay. *Please bring a plate to share.*

MASS - 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH - 1/7/22 A reminder that Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's next Friday, 1St July, commencing at 7.00pm, followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE - "175 Years Old"

This weekend we celebrate the 175th Anniversary of the establishment of the Catholic Diocese of Melbourne. On Friday, 25th June 1847, not one, but two, dioceses were officially established: the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne and the Catholic Diocese of Melbourne. A specially commissioned Mass setting One Family in Christ, will be launched at both Cathedrals on Sunday, 26th June, celebrating the city's storied history. After the 11.00am Mass at St Patrick's on Sunday, there will be a range of festivities around the cathedral grounds. All are welcome.

MINISTERS' ROSTER - JULY-OCTOBER

Will be sent by email to volunteers by Wednesday, 29th June and hard copies will be available, if required. If you are rostered for weekend 2/3 July, you will be notified in advance.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

As many of our Parish Volunteers' Working with Children Checks expire this year, below is some information to assist you in renewing vour check. Please go to workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au website and go to 'Renew My Card' tab and continue with process which takes less than 7 minutes to complete. If you've kept your details up to date, then Working with Children Check Victoria will remind you to renew 28 days before your check expires. You can renew your check from 6 months before to 3 months after it expires. If your check is more than 3 months expired, then you cannot renew. You will need to apply for a new check. Anyone needing assistance, please contact Helena at the Parish Office.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is? There will be a series of Enquiry Nights for those interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic. They will take place on Tuesdays 12th, 19th & 26th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. For further info, please contact Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103.

ANNUAL ANNIVERSARY MASS

Are you celebrating your 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th-70th wedding anniversary this year or did you celebrate one of those milestones in the last 2 years of lockdown?

You and your family are invited to join the Anniversary Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, July 17, 11.00am-12.00pm. Couples who register will receive a commemorative certificate.

RSVP Registrations close Friday 8 July, 2022. For any queries, please email proclaim@cam.org.au or call (03) 9926 5761.

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

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday (Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWS

End of Term 2

Friday, 24th June at 1.30pm

Wishing all school teachers, staff, students and their families a safe a relaxing 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.