

**Reflection** by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

**Gospel** Lk 12:13-21

*To whom will all this wealth of yours go?*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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**First Reading** Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

*What do people gain by all their work?*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1**

*(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. *(R.)*
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. *(R.)*
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. *(R.)*
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. *(R.)*

**Second Reading** Col 3:1-5, 9-11

*Seek the things that are above where Christ is.*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

**Gospel Acclamation** Mt 5:3

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Happy the poor in spirit;*

*the kingdom of heaven is theirs!*

*Alleluia!*

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE – COVID-19 General Liturgical Guidelines Update**

The Chief Health Officer has strongly recommended the use of face coverings in indoor and crowd settings during this winter period (from July 0222 onwards). Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship, however please be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity. Thank you.

**IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**SICK** We pray for all who are sick in our Parish community.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Attilio Di Bello, Tony Chillemi

**ANNIVERSARIES**  
Sebastian Manickam, Valerie Butcher, Carmen & George Attard, Nina Cutayar, George Abilameh

**BAPTISMS, MARRIAGE, PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

For details regarding the celebration of these sacraments, please contact the Parish Office or speak directly to Fr Sebastian.

**PARISH SUPPORT** Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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

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**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Mon 1 Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori
Tue 2 Aug	St Peter Faber
Wed 3 Aug	St Dominic
Thu 4 Aug	St John Mary Vianney
Sat 6 Aug	The Transfiguration of the Lord

**PARISH NEWS**

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to all the parishioners who attended the Anniversary Mass & Dinner for my late father, Sebastian Manickam, on Friday evening. It meant a so much to me that you were able to be there. I would especially like to thank all the volunteers and anyone who helped in any way. *Fr. Sebastian May God bless you all.*

**MASS - 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH**

A reminder that Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's next Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> August, commencing at 7.00pm followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - ENQUIRY PERIOD**

There will be a further opportunity for those interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic on **Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 7.00pm in the St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room.** Please pass this information on to those you think may be interested. Enquiries: Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

**INFORMATION SESSION – PERMANENT DIACONATE – Do you feel like being called to serve?** The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. COME & SEE! An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **Saturday 3 September 2022, 10:00 - 11.45** at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), East Melbourne. For more information: A new Vocations website for the Archdiocese is now available. In addition, the links below (copy, then paste) are a source of additional information.

**Watch:** Melbourne's Deacons  
<https://youtu.be/q2RhNDbrTS0>

**Watch:** Pope Francis' 2020 Prayer Intention for Deacons  
<https://youtu.be/NuG99HDILaY>

**Read More:** [Brochure]  
<https://www.cam1.org.au/permanent-diaconate> **Contact:** Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)

**ALPHA CONNECT AT ST MONICA'S MOONEE PONDS**

The First Alpha Connect reunion will take place on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022, from 7.00pm-9.00pm in St Monica's Parish, Symons Centre. All Alpha participants are most welcome to attend and are invited to bring a guest. There will be a meal followed by a dramatic presentation by Simon Camilleri, of the last few chapters of John Gospel. The presentation is called: "*That you may Believe*". Those interested in attending, please contact Adrian on 0403 512 936.

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE - Winter Fiesta and World Youth Day Launch**

Join Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli for SIX30 Holy Hour followed by a Winter Fiesta in the grounds of the Cathedral. This will be a great opportunity to shake off the winter chills with some live music, delicious food and great company. We are looking forward to a great night of prayer, music, food and fun, and Archbishop Peter will also use this opportunity to launch our pilgrimages to WYD 2023. **Thursday 4 August 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm**, St Patrick's Cathedral More information: <https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/events/winter-fiesta>

**OUR LADY TA PINU SHRINE – Mass to Celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** Saturday, 13 August from 2.00pm. Eucharistic celebration led by The Episcopal Vicar for Migrants and Refugees - Mgr Joselito Asis EV, Mgr Benedict Camilleri & other clergy members. Holy Mass, Benediction, Rosary, Procession. Our Lady Ta Pinu Shrine. 15 Flanigans Drive, Merrimu. All Welcome. For more information, please see flyers on the table in the narthex.

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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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**Administration:** Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry, Sherrill Johnson

**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Prep SW Class Mass**

Saturday 30 July at the 6pm Vigil Mass. All welcome.

*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.*