

**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

The vision of a disciple must be the vision of God. Disciples must see with wide angled lenses that enable them to recognise that God offers the grace of salvation to all. The passages from both Isaiah and Luke are astounding in their inclusivity. They show that God's saving grace is unbounded. It reaches out to those whom the people of God may not only distrust but sometimes even despise. There is something very dangerous about being smugly convinced of one's own salvation. When we are so sure of ourselves, we can easily fall into the error of being as sure of the moral failure of others as well. The gospel warns us against such judgment.

Women and men are gathered into the community of the saved, primarily because others have been sent out to get them. The psalm refrain is the command to go out to the whole world. The first reading describes God sending fugitives back home to get their relatives. People come from all over because someone is sent to get them. Today that command is directed to us. We are the ones who are being sent out to bring others to God. Unfortunately there are many people who do not believe that they are fit to be evangelisers. They may think that the work that they do or the lives that they live do not lend themselves to the task of spreading the good news of the gospel. They do not realise that all Christians are called and sent. This is not an option; it is a responsibility.

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**Gospel** Lk 13:22-30

*From East and West they will come to take their place in the kingdom of God.*

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C****21 August 2022****First Reading** Is 66:18-21

*They will gather all of your people from all nations.*

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 116. R. Mk 16:15**

*(R.) Go out to all the world  
and tell the Good News.*

or

*(R.) Alleluia!*

1. O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples! (R.)
2. Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever. (R.)

**Second Reading** Heb 12:5-7, 11-13

*The Lord disciplines those he loves.*

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 14:6

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the way, the truth, and the life,  
says the Lord;*

*no one comes to the Father, except  
through me.*

*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. Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship, however please be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity.

#### IN YOUR PRAYERS

##### SICK

Michael Kairouz.

##### RECENTLY DECEASED

Giuseppina Celata, Fr Peter Pham Huu Lai (in Vietnam), Antonia Micallef, Francesca Muscara

##### ANNIVERSARIES

Silvia D'Mello, Vincenzo D'Agostino, Aloysius & Katerina Grbac, Luis Manhães Villanueva, Rocco Cesile, Nicola Pisegna,

#### BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2022

**Ryan Nguyen**

Please pray for this child and his family.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) ENQUIRY PERIOD CONTINUES

It is not too late to join us in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm on **Tuesday, 23 August**. 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:-

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

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or remain anonymous

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Account Name: St Peter's Church Account BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 53530 4676. Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. ASmith T/G 500

#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 22 Aug	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tue 23 Aug	St Rose of Lima
Wed 24 Aug	St Bartholomew
Sat 27 Aug	St Monica

## PARISH NEWS

### PASTORAL CARE AT ST PETER'S - COMMUNION TO OUR SICK AND HOUSEBOUND PARISHIONERS

If you know of any parishioners who can no longer attend Mass because of age, illness or injury, and they would like to have Holy Communion brought to them at their home in East Keilor, please ask them to contact the Parish Office so that arrangements can be made for our Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick volunteers to visit them weekly.

### VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We would like to resume Children's Liturgy of the Word at St Peter's but need some dedicated volunteers to join as Leaders for this important Ministry. CLOW is the practice of children gathering in the narthex during the Liturgy of the Word, and offers younger children the opportunity to listen and respond to the Sunday Gospel that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. This will take place at the 10.30am Sunday Mass, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month (except during school holidays). Training will be provided. If you are interested in joining this Ministry, please speak with Fr Sebastian or contact the Parish Office.

### WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

All volunteers at St Peter's Parish need a current Working with Children Check and those who applied 5 years ago will soon be receiving reminders by email or mobile phone, asking them to renew their check. This may be done from 6 months before, to 3 months after your card expires. Please go to the [workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au](http://workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au) website and click on the 'Renew My Card' tab. It only takes 2 minutes to complete. Failure to renew your card in time will mean you have to fill in a whole new application. Anyone needing assistance, please contact Helena at the Parish Office.

### LOST WEDDING RING

Following a funeral in the Church on Friday, a gold wedding band has been lost. If you happen to find it, please give to Fr Sebastian so it can be returned to its owner.

### PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK

The Parish Remembrance Book will be updated and reprinted soon. Please contact the Parish Office with the name and date of death of loved ones you wish to be added, by 13<sup>th</sup> September.

### SILENCE IN CHURCH

A reminder that we should make every effort to keep the Church quiet in order that people have the opportunity to spend time in quiet prayer. A useful maxim to remember is *Speak to God before Mass; speak to friends after Mass*. If you need to have a conversation with someone prior to the beginning of Mass, please use the Narthex – that is its proper role and the proper place in which conversation may take place.

**ST COLUMBA'S COLLEGE Spring Music Concert** Thursday 8th Sep 7:30pm - The Clocktower Centre 750 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds Price: Adults \$20 / Child & Concession \$15 Family (2 adults & 2 children) \$60 Book tickets via [clocktowercentre.com.au](http://clocktowercentre.com.au) or call 9243 9191

**HEART OF LIFE CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL FORMATION - Trusting Your Own Inner Voice (via Zoom), Tuesday evening 30 Aug 2022, 7pm-9.30pm (AEST).** This reflection event will explore: assertiveness - what it is and what it is not; why being assertive is adult behaviour that builds up everyone's strength and capacity to love; finding within ourselves that voice of God that echoes who I am as good in the eyes of God; what is it that distorts this perspective and how that influences my judgement and behaviour; being assertive with God; being with an assertive God. Led by Chris Chaplin msc (MSCX, Dip Transpersonal & Experiential Psychotherapy, BTheol, Cert Spir Dir (Siloam)). Cost \$35. Book & pay by 26/8/22 via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne) Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Malvern. email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel (03) 9890 1101.

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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

**Principal:** Ms Linda Tarraran

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

#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

##### Prep AH Class Mass

Saturday 20 August at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass.

##### 1<sup>ST</sup> HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Saturday 27 August at 11am

Sunday 28 August at 12noon

##### PUPIL FREE DAY

Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> August

*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.*