

### Gospel Lk 14:25-33

*All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The wisdom tradition from which the first reading is taken is rooted in the fact that life is a series of choices. The epistle and the gospel reading provide us with examples of the way Christians should choose. Finally, the psalm's description of the fleeting nature of life sets the context and tone of our decision-making.

Discipleship demands that, in the face of all the choices available to us, we keep our priorities straight. In the gospel, Jesus insists that we must be single minded. We must cling to the one thing necessary, and that one thing is authentic discipleship. In choosing Jesus, we choose other things as well. We choose new relationships with the very people to whom we have already been committed. Those who were slaves, or lower class, or employees, or providers of service are now regarded as sisters and brothers in Christ. In choosing Jesus, we also choose the cross. We choose to live in a way that calls us to travel the high road: to forgive offences committed against us; to live simply so that others can simply live; to take responsibility for the moral character of society.

The fleeting nature of life as characterised in the psalm forces us to look at the meaning of life. When the day dawns for us to return to dust, what will we have gained from life? The realisation of our finiteness and the transitory nature of life should help us to set our priorities right and should give us the courage to remain faithful to them.

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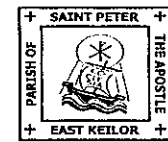
## PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

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### First Reading Wis 9:13-18

*Who can comprehend the will of God?*

What man can know the intentions of God?  
Who can divine the will of the Lord?  
The reasonings of mortals are unsure  
and our intentions unstable;  
for a perishable body presses down the  
soul,  
and this tent of clay weighs down the  
teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is  
on earth,  
laborious to know what lies within our  
reach;  
who, then, can discover what is in the  
heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt  
it, had you not granted Wisdom  
and sent your holy spirit from above?  
Thus have the paths of those on earth  
been straightened  
and men been taught what pleases you,  
and saved, by Wisdom.

### 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 Phlm 9-10, 12-17

*Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him - I could say - a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

### Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Let your face shine on your servant,  
and teach me your laws.*

*Alleluia!*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

Maria Profeta

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Harry Rodrigues, Giuseppe De Vito, Bernardo Quattrucci, Sante Quattrucci, Augusto Fiore, Vincenzo Pierorazio, Tony, Vince & George Zarb, Tony & John Sapiano, Salve Parnis

#### BAPTISM AT ST PETER'S

Saturday 10 September -- 4.00pm

*Chiara Madaffari*

Please pray for this child and her family.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** For further information, please contact Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

**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

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Sep The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### 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 Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> September.

#### ARE YOU IN NEED OF A HAIRDRESSER?

St Peter's Parishioner, Maria Usai is a fully qualified hairdresser who specialises in female and male cuts, blow waves etc. Maria is available to come to you in the comfort of your home, or at her home, whichever suits you best. Reasonable pricing. Please call Maria on 0409417399 to make an appointment.

### PARISH NEWS

#### THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - Mass Times on Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September

On Thursday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, we will have our usual Morning Mass at 9.15am and in the evening commencing at 7.00pm, a short Procession in the Church yard, followed by Mass. Please come along and pray with us to 'Our Lady of Good Health' (Velankanni).

#### WHAT IS ALPHA?

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An Alpha Program is being run here at St Peter's Parish, Keilor East and for for the neighbouring parishes with the blessing and support of Fr. Sebastian (Keilor East), Fr Nhan (Avondale Heights) and Fr. Thomas (Niddrie).

The Program will run every Thursday evening from 06-OCT-22 through to the 01-DEC-22 from 7:00PM to 09:15PM. All are welcome and there is no cost although donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information or to register call Sam Montalto (0425-800-085) or Paul Whiting (0488-455-008). To register, please scan the QR code.



## Happy Father's Day!

#### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Wishing all fathers, grandfather and special men in our lives a very 'Happy Father's Day'. May you all be richly blessed by the grace of God.

#### FATHER'S DAY APPEAL- COLLECTION FOR RETIRED AND SICK PRIESTS 'Caring for those who cared'- 3/4 September

This weekend the annual Father's Day collection will be taken up for the support of the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Envelopes are available. Donations over \$2 re tax deductible. Please support generously.

#### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF COMMUNION TO THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND - 'TRAINING SESSION'

There will be a Training Session on Monday, 12<sup>th</sup> September, commencing at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. Please park and enter via Bellarine Avenue - gate next to Tennis Courts. All current and new Ext. Mins. of Communion to the Sick are encouraged to attend. Various Resources will be handed out and any questions answered. If you have been thinking of joining this Ministry, it is important you attend this Training Session.

#### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED FOR ST PETER'S 'Children's Liturgy of the Word'

We need some dedicated volunteers to join this important Ministry. CLOW offers young children the opportunity to listen and respond to the Sunday Gospel that is more appropriate to their level of understanding. This will take place in the narthex 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 leading children in Ministry, please speak with Fr Sebastian or contact the Parish Office.

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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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#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

##### Year 4 EH Class Mass

Saturday 3 September at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass.

##### END OF TERM 3

Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> September at 1.30pm

*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.*