



Gospel Lk 15:1-10
or longer form **Lk 15:1-32**

There will be joy in heaven over one sinner who does penance.

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

Reflection by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

The God who spoke to Moses is pained by the depravity of the people yet moved to show them mercy. Who could ever have imagined such a God? The God depicted in the gospel actually searches for what is lost. He seems to abandon the safe ones for the sake of the one who has strayed. She goes to great lengths to find one coin. As a spurned yet loving father, God patiently waits until we come to our senses. Who could ever have conceived of such a God?

Our God seems consumed with an insatiable desire to reestablish a relationship with us after we have turned our backs on God, have chosen to commit our loyalties elsewhere, have thoughtlessly wandered off into danger that threatens our well being, not God's. What is it about us that makes us so desirable? The answer has less to do with us than with the magnanimous character of God. It is almost as if unconditional love is not simply a characteristic of God, but God's very essence and no human frailty or depravity can change this.

Paul insists that it is through Christ that all of this is accomplished. It is through the sacrifice of Christ that the depraved are forgiven, that sinners are saved, that the lost are found. It is through Christ that we are sought by God, and Christ is the very gift of mercy, the forgiveness of our sins, the celebration of our return.

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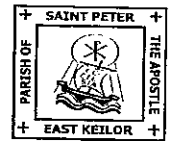
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First Reading Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

The Lord relented and did not send the evil he had threatened.

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried, "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!" I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said, 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever.' So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19. R. Lk 15:18

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

3. O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise. My sacrifice is a contrite spirit; a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 1:12-17

Christ came to save sinners.

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Maria Profeta

RECENTLY DECEASED

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 12 Sep	The Most Holy Name of Mary
Tue 13 Sep	St John Chrysostom
Wed 14 Sep	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Thu 15 Sep	Our Lady of Sorrows
Fri 16 Sep	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

COMMEMORATION MASS FOR THE LATE ANNE COMMADEUR AND PARISH FAREWELL TO ADRIAN COMMADEUR - Saturday 15 October at 11am Fr Sebastian will celebrate a commemoration Mass for the late Anne Commaeur, who passed away on 13 October 2021, during the COVID restrictions. The Mass will be held on Saturday 15 October at 11am. This will be followed by a BBQ near the church gazebo to farewell Adrian Commaeur, who after many years living in Keilor East and volunteering at St Peter's, is moving to another suburb and parish. For catering reasons, please let Adrian or the Parish Office know of your attendance at the BBQ by 11 October. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who may like to attend. All welcome.

PARISH NEWS

HER MAJESTY, QUEEN ELIZABETH II

On Friday morning, we were woken to the sad news of the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. We pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth.

May She Rest in Peace

COMMUNION SERVICE ONLY – 9.15AM WEDNESDAY, 14TH SEPTEMBER

There will be no Morning Mass on Wednesday, 14th September as Fr Sebastian will be attending a full day Clergy Meeting. Instead we will have a Communion Service, commencing at 9.15am.

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

There will be a Training Session on Monday, 12th 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. Ministers of Communion to the Sick are encouraged to attend. Various Resources will be handed out at and any questions answered. If you have been thinking of joining this Ministry, it is important you attend this Session.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

A Journey in the footsteps of Jesus

Fr. Sebastian, will lead a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 16th January to 31st January 2023 (14 nights/15 days). AUD\$5,950 all inclusive. Limited seats. If you are interested in joining the Pilgrimage, please contact Fr. Sebastian by 16th September. Pilgrimage flyers and full itinerary can be found in the narthex.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK

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

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is a parish tool for evangelisation based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation. The same Alpha content is run all over the world, by Christians of all traditions, and provides a common expression of proclamation, service, and witness. Over 29 million people have tried Alpha all around the world in 112 languages. Why not you?

For more information about Alpha in a Catholic Context visit <https://australia.alpha.org/catholic-context/home>

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

The Program will run every Thursday evening from Thursday, 6 October-Thursday, 8 December from 7.00pm to 9.15pm. 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.



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

We still need some 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 2nd and 4th 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)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

END OF TERM 3

Friday, 16th 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.