

Gospel Mt 5:20-22. 27-28. 33-34. 37
(or longer form Mt 5:17-37)

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Jesus continues to instruct the disciples in the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven. The readings for today focus our attention on the nature of true wisdom. It is this true wisdom which prompts us to choose the right course of action. It is true wisdom that directs us in our interpretation of the law.

The longer we live, the more we realise that life experiences open up for us a series of choices. With these choices we chart the path that we will take. Circumstances might be thrust on us, but we can still make choices about how we will deal with them. Obedient people do what they are told; wise people choose what good they will do. True wisdom calls us to choose life and whatever enhances life. If we are truly wise, we will come to realise that what was acceptable and life-enhancing in one situation may not be appropriate in another. Life is fluid, and our thinking and acting must be flexible enough to adapt when necessary.

True wisdom, which comes to us through the Spirit, will enrich us with insight into life in ways we never thought possible. We will realise where and how we fit into the vast and interrelated ecosystems of the universe, and we will be overawed with the majesty and intricacy of its workings. We will understand once and for all that the value of anything is determined by its capacity to enrich life, and we will commit ourselves to and cherish every manifestation of that life.

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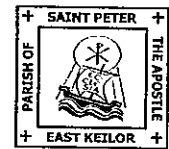
PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

12 February 2023

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First Reading Eccl 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)
2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)
3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Dina Di Gregorio.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Giovanna Desto, Angela Mathew

ANNIVERSARIES

Domenico Di Tizio, Sylvia D'Mello, Vincenzo Scolla, John Chalabi, Jack Rennie, Giuseppe Sgro, Pasquale Cuppari, Maria Puglia

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 19th February 2023

Audrey Tropea

Please pray for this child and her family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) *Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or would you like to know more about the Catholic faith?* 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

Tuesday 14 Feb Sts Cyril & Methodius

2023 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE

Final week for purchasing a Calendar - \$10.

BIBLE DIARIES FOR SALE

For sale in the narthex - \$15 each.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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 our Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

PARISH NEWS

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA: PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2023 – 11/12 FEBRUARY

This weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help the Chaplaincy programs to support the most vulnerable people in our community. Your support and generosity will ensure that Catholic Chaplains can continue to be the messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Parishioners are encouraged to offer prayers and financial support to help provide continued spiritual and emotional comfort to individuals and families in Victoria facing illness, pain, loneliness, grief and death. Please support. *A special collection will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.*

COMMISSIONING OF ST PETER'S SCHOOL STAFF, PARISH COMMITTEES AND GROUP LEADERS

At the 10.30am Mass this Sunday, we will be joined by Bishop Terry Curtin who will Commission School Staff, along with Parish Committees and Group Leaders. All welcome to stay for a free "sausage sizzle" after the Mass (near the gazebos).

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/3/23-30/6/23

Last chance for Parish volunteers who perform any Special Ministry including Readers, Greeters, Ext. Ministers of Communion, Ext. Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Sacristans, Musicians, Altar Servers, to let the Parish Office know of your availability for the next roster 1/3/23-30/6/23 - **Wednesday, 15th February** is the cut off date. This Roster includes Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday Masses on 8th & 9th April.

DATE FOR THE DIARY: ASH WEDNESDAY - 22nd FEBRUARY. Mass times for Ash Wednesday and the Lenten Calendar will be published next week.

PALMS If you have kept your palms from Palm Sunday last year, please bring them to the Church during this coming week. These palms will be burnt and the ashes used for our Ash Wednesday Masses.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA – TURKEY & SYRIA 'EARTHQUAKE APPEAL'

Give now to help families impacted by the devastating earthquake. If you would like to make a donation, please call Caritas Australia on 1800 024 413 or email <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/middle-east-crisis-appeal-turkey-syria>

ST PETER'S SOCIAL CLUB

Meets on Wednesdays in the Parish Centre (entry via Bellarine Avenue) from 10am until 1.30pm approx. Come for a cuppa, a chat, play some Bingo and meet new friends. BYO lunch. New members are welcome. Contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

ST PETER'S GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP

Recommences on Monday 13th February, 10.00am until 11.30am in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. New members are welcome. Please contact Margaret Walsh on 0401 399 577 for further details.

NEW FAMILIES TO ST PETER'S

We welcome all new families into our Parish. If you wish to be enrolled onto our Census, please take a Census form from the narthex to fill in and return, or contact the Parish Office on 9337 4141 or email keiloreast@cam.org.au

PARISH THANKSGIVING PROGRAMME

We would be grateful if you would consider joining our Parish Thanksgiving Programme. Your pledge helps meet basic operating needs of the Parish – insurance, utility bills, wages, and supports programs of faith education, pastoral care and outreach. Pledge cards are available in the narthex. Payment options are: cash, direct debit, direct online transfer or credit card. Pledge cards can be filled in and returned to the Parish Office or left in the basket during a collection.

LENTEN SESSIONS WITH SR CONNIE

Tuesdays at St Martin's Avondale Heights at 10.00am, commencing 28th February. Everyone welcome. Please inform St Martin's Parish Office on 9337 6016 of your attendance.

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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: Stephanie Wood, Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

YEAR 6 SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION – COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday 18th February at 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 19th February at 10.30am Mass

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.