



**Gospel** Mt 10:26-33

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew*

*Do not fear those who can kill the body.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows:

'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

The demands of discipleship can be very difficult. The strength that is needed to continue on the chosen path despite its hardships can come only from God. We live in a world that desperately needs to hear the call to conversion, but it is a world that is subject to the death that entered it through the sin of Adam. Those who answer the call of God may have to face the hostility of this world, because their values and their commitment to righteousness threaten its moorings. To commit oneself to the reign of God is to challenge the reign of the world, and this can make one very unpopular. In the midst of this suffering we can find strength in the promises of God, and we believe that God is faithful to these promises.

Only half of today's picture is bleak. The other half is radiant with hope. Paul assures us that the gracious gift that God offers us is far greater than the transgressions brought on by sin. This gracious gift is Jesus Christ himself. The gift exceeds anything for which we might have hoped. He is the comfort that will carry us through our disappointments. He is the strength that will enable us to endure the misunderstanding and hardship that come with discipleship. We are called to acknowledge him before the world, and we are promised that if we do, he will acknowledge us before God. There is light even in the midst of darkness. There is hope even in the midst of suffering.

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**First Reading** Jer 20:10-13

*A reading from the prophet Jeremiah*

*He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.*

Jeremiah said:

'I hear so many disparaging me,  
"Terror from every side!  
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!"  
All those who used to be my friends  
watched for my downfall,  
"Perhaps he will be seduced into error.  
Then we will master him  
and take our revenge!"

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;  
my opponents will stumble, mastered,  
confounded by their failure;  
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace  
will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe  
with justice,  
who scrutinise the loins and heart,  
let me see the vengeance you  
will take on them,  
for I have committed my cause to you.  
Sing to the Lord,  
praise the Lord,  
for he has delivered the soul of the needy  
from the hands of evil men.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35. R. v.14

*(R.) Lord, in your great love,  
answer me.*

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts,  
that shame covers my face,  
that I have become a stranger to my  
brothers,  
an alien to my own mother's sons.  
I burn with zeal for your house  
and taunts against you fall on me. (R.)
2. This is my prayer to you,  
my prayer for your favour.

In your great love, answer me, O God,  
with your help that never fails:  
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;  
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

3. The poor when they see it will be glad  
and God-seeking hearts will revive;  
for the Lord listens to the needy  
and does not spurn his servants  
in their chains.  
Let the heavens and the earth  
give him praise,  
the sea and all its living creatures. (R.)

**Second Reading** Rom 5:12-15

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

*God's gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.*

Sin entered the world through one man,  
and through sin death, and thus death  
has spread through the whole human race  
because everyone has sinned. Sin existed  
in the world long before the Law was given.  
There was no law and so no one could be  
accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet  
death reigned over all from Adam to Moses,  
even though their sin, unlike that of Adam,  
was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the  
gift itself considerably outweighed the fall.  
If it is certain that through one man's fall so  
many died, it is even more certain that divine  
grace, coming through the one man, Jesus  
Christ, came to so many as an abundant free  
gift.

**Gospel Acclamation** Jn 15:26. 27

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

*The Spirit of Truth will bear witness  
to me, says the Lord,  
and you also will be my witnesses.  
Alleluia!*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

Rosario Marzan

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

John Edwards, Domenica Cesile(1 month), Americo Faramella(1 month), Cornelius Lubanj, Maria Costa, Marie Stanley, Felice Mielak, Francesco Renda

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Carmen Attard, Elisabetta Sgro, Francesco Cuppari, Maria Luigia Fratangelo, Pietro Fratangelo, Giovanni & Giuseppina Caserta, John Scicluna

### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

*Isla Natasha Pignolet  
Elia Rose Vraca*

Please pray for these children and their families.

**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 you may remain anonymous

#### Church Collection – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

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

Wednesday 28 June St Irenaeus

Thursday 29 June Sts Peter & Paul

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – *Good Works*

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

### PARISH NEWS

#### PETER'S PENCE – ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER – 24/25 JUNE

This collection provides the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable Pope Francis to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters. Thank you for your generosity in supporting this special collection which takes place this weekend at all Masses.

#### FEAST DAY MASS OF SAINTS PETER & PAUL, APOSTLES – 29/6/23

Our Parish Feast Day Mass takes place on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June at 9.15am. All welcome.

#### WEEKEND 1<sup>ST</sup> & 2<sup>ND</sup> JULY

To celebrate our Feast Day, at weekend Masses on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> July, everyone is welcome to stay for a chat, cuppa and something to eat after Mass, in the narthex. *If you can, please bring a plate to share.* Thanks.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) *Are you interested in becoming a Catholic* or do you know someone who is? Are you a person in search of the meaning of life? Are you a Christian wishing to find out more about the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic looking for an adult appreciation of your faith? The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)* is the normal process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members, and we will walk with you on your journey of discovery. This journey of discovery begins with a time of discernment and *Enquiry*, continues through a period of *Catechumenate*, reaches its highpoint at the celebration of *Easter*, and concludes with a period of further deepening of and living the Christian faith. There will be a series of *Enquiry Nights* for those interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic. They will take place on **Tuesdays 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.** For further info, please contact Mrs Teresa Paradowski, on 9337 3103.

### MINISTERS' ROSTER – JULY-OCTOBER 2023

The next Ministers' Roster will be emailed out during the week. Anyone rostered for next weekend will be notified as soon as possible. Printed copies will be kept in the narthex, for volunteers without email and extra copies will be available if you would like to take one home. A reminder to please add your rostered dates to your mobile phone or notebook calendars. The Roster is also displayed in the Sacristy, if you are not sure, when you arrive for Mass.

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Members of the local St Vincent de Paul Group assist families in need in the community. Our local SVDP Conference (St Peter's and St Martin's) and Schools continue to be wonderful partners making this possible. Most of their funding comes from Vinnies Stores - volunteers (sorting of donations or sales) are urgently required as are all donations of high quality clothing, homewares and electrical goods. Donations may be made directly at the Ascot Vale and Niddrie stores. New members to assist with Home Visits are always welcome.

You can continue to assist those in need within the community by donating to the Vinnies Winter Appeal on-line at <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>, or by making your cash donation at any time into our SVDP donation box which is located permanently at the back of the Church (near Mary Mackillop picture). All donations received are sent to the local SVDP Conference. Please go to the Parish Website or Facebook page for their most recent Report.

**If you know of someone who needs their assistance please call: 1800 305 330.**

### CATHOLIC REGIONAL; COLLEGE, SYDENHAM – Class of 1993 Reunion

Students and teachers of the Class of 1993, are invited to attend a 30 Year School Reunion on 28<sup>th</sup> October. Email: [crcsydenhamclassof93@gmail.com](mailto:crcsydenhamclassof93@gmail.com) for more information RSVP 28/8/23.

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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

#### SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July

*Wishing all students, along with their families, teachers and admin staff, a safe and relaxing 2 week break.*

*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.*