

**Reflection** by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we are faced with the cost of discipleship, but we are also comforted by the promise of the providence of God. Baptism is for us both death and life. Through it we enter into Christ's death and we die to lives of selfishness and sin. Through it we rise with Christ to a new life freed from everything that previously held us down. As glorious as this new life might be, it requires death to our old ways of living, and this is always difficult.

The cost of discipleship cuts right to the core of our beings, it lays bare the very structures of kinship. Baptism recreates us as children of God; through it we are given a new life and born into a new family. The bonds of discipleship are now even stronger than the bonds of blood. Discipleship requires our very lives. As disciples we can no longer put ourselves first. We must be willing to spend ourselves and to be spent, to serve others in the day to day unfolding of life. We may find such commitment very demanding, but that is part of the cost of discipleship. God promises that if we lose our lives in this way, we will really gain them. If we are unselfish in the way we share ourselves with others, we will be enriched through our generosity. If we spend ourselves and are spent in our service of others we will be filled with blessings unimaginable.

**Gospel** Mt 10:37-42

*Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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**Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A****2 July 2023****First Reading** 2 Kgs 4:8-11. 14-16

*That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.'

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 88:2-3. 16-19. R. v.2**

*(R.) Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

- I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. *(R.)*
- Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. *(R.)*

- For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
it is by your favour that our might is exalted:  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. *(R.)*

**Second Reading** Rom 6:3-4. 8-11

*Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation** 1 Pt 2:9

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people.*

*Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.*

*Alleluia!*

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

Rosario Marzan

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Emilio Trovato(1 month), Guzi Falzon, John Edwards

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Lewis Bartolo, Pietro Santopoli, Gerald Quinlan, Anna Hoang Hong, Anthony Doan Dao, Dominic Hoang Vi, Maria Pham Hue, Francesca Simone, Vince Luppino, Felice Mangion

### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

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

*Isla Natasha Pignolet  
Elia Rose Vraca*

Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July 2023

*Ava Chalabi*

Please pray for these children and their families.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION

(RCIA) *Are you interested in becoming a Catholic* or do you know someone who is? 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.

**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

Monday 3 July St Thomas

### PARISH NEWS

#### READINGS THIS WEEKEND

Please note that we will be using the texts for the Feast of Sts Peter & Paul at Masses this weekend, in lieu of 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time.

#### STS PETER & PAUL FEAST DAY(29 June)

To celebrate our Parish Feast Day, this weekend(1/2 July), there will be tea & coffee in the narthex after all Masses. Please stay and share some food, a hot drink, and friendly chat. *Many thanks to those who brought along a plate to share.*

**ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER** raised \$1,103.90. Thank you for your generous donations.

#### MINISTERS' ROSTER – JULY-OCT 2023

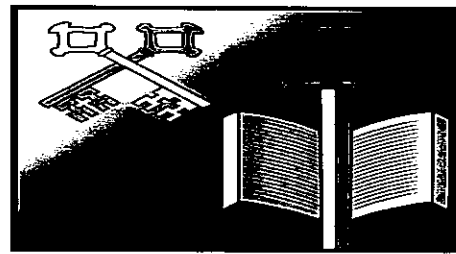
Rosters have been emailed. Hard copies available in narthex for those without email. Some extra copies available if you wish to take one.

#### MASS – 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY OF THE MONTH – 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY

A reminder that Mass will be celebrated next Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July commencing at 7.00pm followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

#### NAIDOC WEEK – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday – 2 July 2023

Today we join the Australian Bishops and the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council in celebrating Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday. On this day, we honour and acknowledge God's presence in the lives of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, who have upheld their rich and diverse cultural traditions for thousands of years. We give thanks for the deep and enduring legacy of these ancient peoples and their contributions to our Continent. Let us also take a moment to recognize and appreciate the land on which our Parish is situated and the people who have nurtured it over time. Together, let us continue to cultivate a spirit of unity and respect for all cultures and traditions within our community. May the light of Christ shine on us all



#### REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Throughout most of its history, the Church has linked the two major figures of Peter and Paul, so it is fitting that they share this feast day. However, also throughout most of the Church's history, Peter has been given greater regard and has held a more significant place in the tradition. In fact, the Church itself is often described as 'Petrine' – in the tradition of Peter. Much is made of the line of Popes being traced back to Peter. The authority and structure of the Church is linked to the Petrine model of Church. Describing Peter as the 'rock' upon which the Church was built is an excellent image of stability and constancy.

In something of a contrast, the apostle Paul is best known as the great traveller who spread the message of Jesus all around the shores of the Mediterranean, establishing communities of faith wherever he went. His letters – or epistles - to these communities were some of the first Christian writings; predating by 20 years or more the four gospels of the New Testament. Rather than stability and constancy, Paul is identified with growth and change; expansion and openness. Many would argue that without Paul the early Christian communities may not have survived beyond the end of the 1st Century. Peter and Paul represent two great traditions within the Church: the strength of tradition and oneness associated with Peter; and the valuing of new ideas and outreach to others that typified the work of Paul. Although the Petrine tradition has been dominant for most of the Church's history, the Pauline tradition was rediscovered in the latter part of the 20th Century and it is now clearly evident that the church needs both of these arms to embrace the world.

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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 school holiday 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.*