

**Gospel Mt 13:44-52**

**(or shorter form Mt 13:44-46)**

*He sells everything he owns and buys the field.*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realize that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfillment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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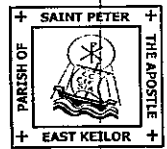
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**First Reading 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12**

*You have asked for wisdom.*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97**

*(R.) Lord, I love your commands.*

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R.)

3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.  
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:  
I hate false ways. (R.)

4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R.)

**Second Reading Rom 8:28-30**

*He predestined us to become true images of his Son.*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

**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

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Michele Nesci

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Antonio Chillemi, Sebastian Manickam, Valerie Butcher, Rosina & Mark Pisano, Nina Cutayar, John Minh Ven Le, Elizabeth Ngai Thi Bui, Andrew Minh Quang Le, Rocco Cesile

#### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> August 2023

*Chloe Caruso*

*Luca Trimboli*

Please pray for these children and their families.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) - ENQUIRY PERIOD

There will be a further opportunity for those interested in finding out more about becoming a Catholic on **Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August at 7.30pm** in the **St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room**. Please pass this information on to those you think may be interested. Enquiries: 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

Tue 1 Aug	St Alphonsus Liguori
Wed 2 Aug	St Peter Faber
Thu 3 Aug	St Dominic
Fri 4 Aug	St John Mary Vianney

### PARISH NEWS

#### WELCOME FR MATHEW

We welcome Fr Mathew, who will celebrate our Masses for us this weekend. Please make him feel welcome and assist where you can.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR: FUNDRAISING VISIT TO ST PETER'S - 29/30 JULY** The Little Sisters of the Poor are an International congregation of Roman Catholic women religious founded in 1839 by Saint Jeanne Jugan. Together with a diverse network of collaborators, they serve the elderly poor in over 30 countries around the world. Their MISSION is to offer the neediest elderly of every race and religion a home where they will be welcomed as Christ, cared for as family and accompanied with dignity until God calls them to himself. At the St. Joseph's Home in Northcote, they have embarked on a 'Raise the Roof Fundraising Appeal to replace their leaking roof. This weekend at all Masses, there will be a guest speaker and a 'Leaving Collection' will take place after Mass. An EFTPOS machine will be available for those who wish to donate by card. Alternatively, please go to their Fundraising Website: [fundraising.nel@lsp.org.au](mailto:fundraising.nel@lsp.org.au) Click the 'Donate' tab and 'Melbourne'. Thank you for your support.

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

A reminder that Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's next Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 7.00pm, followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

**VISIT OF THE RELIC OF DON BOSCO TO ST JOHN BOSCO'S PARISH, 29 MURIEL STREET, NIDDRIE** An Invitation has been extended to St Peter's parishioners to spend some time in personal prayer and a celebration of the Eucharist in honour of the relic of Don Bosco, which will be coming to St John Bosco's Parish, Niddrie on Tuesday, 1<sup>st</sup> August at 10.30am and will leave on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August afternoon after their 11.30am school Mass. The relic returns there on Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August evening between 4.00pm – 5.00pm. There will be an additional Mass on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> August at 9.00am to honour the relic. The relic will then leave the Parish on Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of August after the 8.30am Mass. All welcome.

#### WORLD YOUTH DAY: LISBON, PORTUGAL 2-6 AUGUST 2023

Almost 600 pilgrims will join more than a million young people from around the world for World Youth Day from 2 to 6 August to share their faith in Jesus Christ through prayer and celebration. Melbourne pilgrims will represent some 134 parishes, schools and movements from across the Archdiocese, including almost 100 students and 60 teachers from 57 Catholic secondary schools at this World Youth Day gathering. Please keep the pilgrims in your prayers.

#### Pilgrim Prayer

Our Lady of the Visitation, you who left in haste towards the mountain to meet Elizabeth, lead us also to meet all those who await us

to deliver them the living Gospel:

Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord!

We will go in a hurry, with no distraction or delay, but with readiness and joy.

We will go peacefully, because those who take Christ take peace,

and well-doing is the best wellbeing.

Our Lady of the Visitation, with your inspiration, this World Youth Day will be the mutual celebration of the Christ we take, as You once did.

Make it a time of testimony and sharing, fraternization, and giving thanks, each of us looking for the others who always wait.

With you, we will continue on this path of gathering, so that our world will gather as well, in fraternity, justice and peace.

Help us,

Our Lady of the Visitation, to bring Christ to everyone, obeying the Father in the love of the Spirit!

**Amen.**

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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 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

**Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> August**

Please keep these children in your prayers.

*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.*