



### Gospel Mt 16:21-27

*Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.*

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

### Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.

Paul exhorts us to reject the standards of the world. This is a very difficult path to follow, especially when it seems that those who conform to this age prosper. Following Christ can place barriers between ourselves and others. If we no longer share their values and their interests, we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

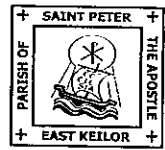
## PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

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3 September 2023

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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### First Reading Jer 20:7-9

*The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.*

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;  
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.  
I am a daily laughing-stock,  
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,

imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2**

*(R.) My soul is thirsting for you,  
O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

### Second Reading Rom 12:1-2

*May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.*

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

### Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**

**enlighten the eyes of our heart,  
that we might see how great  
is the hope**

**to which we are called.**

**Alleluia!**

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### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

Maria Pace, Vic & Bernadette Camilleri

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Millie Nardella

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Harry Rodrigues, Giuseppe De Vito, Salvatore Modica, Michelangelo & Felicia Sudano, Vincenzo Carbone, Patricia Ann Sabato, Bernardo Quattrucci, Sante Quattrucci, Fiore Augusto, John Azzopardi, John Vella, John Borg Cardona

#### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> September 2023

*Julian Micallef*

Please pray for this child and his family.

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Meets on Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in the St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room. 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:-

#### Presbytery Collection – 1<sup>st</sup> Collection

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#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 5 Sep	St Teresa of Calcutta
Friday 8 Sep	The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### 'TRUE NORTH' YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Meets every second Sunday of the month 6:30pm - 8:30pm (after 5:30pm Mass at St Monica's). The night includes food, fellowship, and faith discussion. Location: St Monica's Catholic Church (Symons Centre), 820 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds. Ages 18-35 welcome. More questions: please email [truenorth90stable@gmail.com](mailto:truenorth90stable@gmail.com) True North is for young adults from all our local region, supported by the local parishes.

### PARISH NEWS

#### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Wishing all fathers, grandfathers and special men in our lives a very 'Happy Father's Day'. May you all be richly blessed by the grace of God.

#### PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION: ANNUAL 'FATHER'S DAY APPEAL' 'Caring for those who cared' – 2/3 September

This weekend the annual Father's Day collection will be taken up for the support of the Priests' Retirement Foundation. Envelopes are available. Donations over \$2 re tax deductible.

Today, the Foundation in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Melbourne, cares for about 95 retired priests. Most have served 50 years in parish ministry before retiring at age 75. There will be an average of 6-8 retirements per year. They are grateful for your support now and in the future.

*Please support generously*

#### MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/11/23-29/2/24

The next Ministers' Roster will be prepared soon. Please contact the Parish Office with your 'away' dates from 1/11/23-29/2/24, no later than **Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> September**, if you don't wish to be rostered on a particular weekend. *We are looking for more volunteers for our Liturgical Ministry.* If you are interested in joining our wonderful team of volunteers at weekend Mass, please contact the Parish Office or speak with Fr Sebastian and fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference Form, available in the narthex. Training will be provided.

#### PACEM

All Melbourne Parishes are currently moving over to a new software program – PACEM. Parishioners on Credit Card and Direct Debits will see a change in the description on your bank statement for your Thanksgiving Donations. 'Fat Zebra' is the provider PACEM is using to process your Direct Debits and Credit Card transactions through the PACEM program. This platform ensures the safety of your Credit Card and Direct Debit account numbers. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the Parish Office. *Thank you.*



#### A Prayer for all Fathers and Priests

God our father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation, may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers, who have supported and challenged us; may they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering, may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

Most importantly, we pray for all our Priests, our spiritual fathers who guide, teach us and lead us to You and who feed and nourish us with Your Sacraments.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

**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

##### END OF TERM 3

Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> 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.*