**Gospel Mt 18:15-20**

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offenses tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighborhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfills the entire law only: when we honor our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity, and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**10 September 2023****First Reading Ez 33:7-9**

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2,6-9. R. v.8

*(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!

'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Maria Pace, Vic & Bernadette Camilleri

RECENTLY DECEASED

Frank Cammaroto, Helen Sully

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppe D'Agostino, Vincenzo Pierorazio

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 10th September 2023

Julian Micallef

Please pray for this child and his family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Next meets on Tuesday, 12th 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 – 1st Collection

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 13 Sep	St John Chrysostom
Thu 14 Sep	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
Fri 15 Sep	Our Lady of Sorrows
Sat 16 Sep	Sts Cornelius & Cyprian

'TRUE NORTH' YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

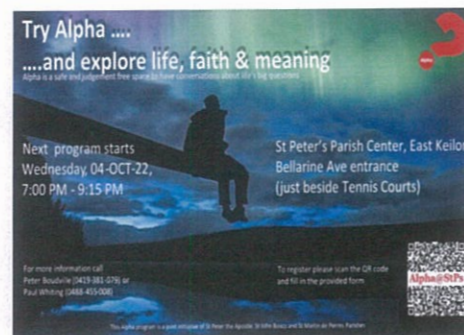
Meets every second Sunday of the month 6:30pm - 8:30pm (after 5:30pm Mass at St Monica's). The night includes food, fellowship, and faith discussion. Location: St Monica's Catholic Church (Symons Centre), 820 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds. Ages 18-35 welcome. More questions: please email truenorth90stable@gmail.com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

PARISH NEWS

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all people. Find out more about the Church's work at: www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023

TRY ALPHA...AND EXPLORE LIFE, FAITH & MEANING



Alpha is a safe and judgement free space to have conversations about life's big questions. The Alpha program is a joint initiative of St Peter the Apostle, Keilor East, St John Bosco's, Niddrie and St Martin de Porres, Avondale Heights Parishes.

The next program starts Wednesday 4th October 2023 through to the 6th December 2023, from 7:00pm to 9:15pm at St Peter's Parish Centre, Keilor East – Bellarine Avenue entrance (gate beside Tennis Courts). All are welcome and there is no cost although donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information or to register, please call Paul Whiting (0488 455 008); or Peter Boudville (0419 381 079). Please see posters in the narthex.

'THANK YOU' - Priests Retirement Foundation: 'Father's Day Appeal' for Retired and Sick Priests

Last weekend's annual Father's Day collection raised \$1,549.15. Thank you for your kind donations. Please return any envelopes by next weekend. If you were away last weekend, you can donate online at www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation

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, 19th September**, if you don't wish to be rostered on a particular weekend. Thank you to all who have responded.

ST PETER'S PARISH 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED'

We need volunteers to serve as Readers, Greeters, Ext. Ministers of Communion, Ext. Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Mass Helpers & Altar Servers, for our Weekend Rosters.

Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference Form, which can be found in the narthex, and email it to Helena at the Parish Office: keiloreast@cam.org.au or leave in the Sacristy. All volunteers require a Working with Children Check. Training will be provided.

NACF AUSTRALIA – NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CATHOLIC FAMILIES 'Family Day'

We invite you and your families to join us for the first Melbourne NACF Family Day for 2023. Date: Sunday 22nd October 2023. Location: St Peter's Parish Centre, Keilor East (entry via Bellarine Ave, gate, next to the tennis courts). 12pm-1.30pm – Lunch (please bring a plate to share), 1.30pm Rosary, 2.15pm – Talk, 3.00pm-4.00pm Afternoon tea & Socialising. Please see posters in the narthex. Enquiries: Marc Florio: 0412 252 077 or Arlene Smith: 0422 794 182.

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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

END OF TERM 3

Friday, 15th 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.