



men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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First Reading Is 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take
pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who
speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) *The Lord is near to all who call him.*

1. I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
the Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)
2. The Lord is kind and full of
compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading Phil 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by
my life or by my death. Life to me, of course,
is Christ, but then death would bring me
something more; but then again, if living in
this body means doing work which is having
good results – I do not know what I should
choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want
to be gone and be with Christ, which would
be very much the better, but for me to stay
alive in this body is a more urgent need for
your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that
would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mt 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom
of heaven is like a landowner going out at
daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.
He made an agreement with the workers
for one denarius a day, and sent them to
his vineyard. Going out at about the third
hour he saw others standing idle in the
market place and said to them, "You go
to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair
wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour
and again at about the ninth hour, he went
out and did the same. Then at about the
eleventh hour he went out and found more

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Anthony Titone, Maria Pace, Vic & Bernadette Camilleri

RECENTLY DECEASED

Pietro Zantomio

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick Mahony, Celeste & Rocco Albano, Valerian Pinto, Antonio Maurici, Giuseppe Maurici, Angela Sidari, Giovanni Luca, Colomba Carniato

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Next meets on Tuesday, 3rd October at 7.30pm in the St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room. Enquiries: Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 27 Sep	St Vincent de Paul
Fri 29 Sep	Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael
Sat 30 Sep	St Jerome

'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.

REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVINGS STARTS SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER Change your clocks 1 hour ahead before going to bed on Saturday 30th September.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office be closed Friday, 29th September due to Public Holiday. Please advise any Death Anniversaries for the Bulletin to the Parish Office by Tuesday, 26th September. Thank you.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY FEAST DAY – SATURDAY 7TH OCTOBER

On Saturday, 7th October, we will have a Procession with Our Lady's statue, commencing at 5.30pm (please arrive by 5.15pm), from St Peter's Church and returning by 6.00pm for the Vigil Mass. **All Welcome.**

MONTH OF OCTOBER – ROSARY

For the month of October, on weekdays (Tuesday-Friday) and on Saturday mornings commencing at 9.00am, we will pray the Rosary, prior to the 9.15am Morning Mass. Commences Tuesday, 3rd October. **Reminder:** Access to car park not available until after 9.00am school days. Please park in street if coming for Rosary.

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 narthex.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2023

Come join thousands to stand for babies and their mums in a peaceful walk through Melbourne's CBD on Sat, October 7th at 1pm. Meet at Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St & Wellington Parade.

109TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES – SUNDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023

The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Freedom to choose whether to migrate or stay."

All parishioners are invited to attend the Migrants & Refugees Sunday Mass on **Sunday, 24th September** at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne: **2pm Rosary** (in various languages). **3pm Mass** (celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and Migrant Chaplains of the Archdiocese).

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, Greeters, musicians, etc 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.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S EMERGENCY APPEALS – MOROCCO/LIBYA

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au

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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)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 18th September – Friday 29th September

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