

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;*

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?" "The first" they said. Jesus said to them, "I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him."

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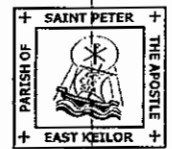
In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.

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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1 October 2023

First Reading Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: "You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die."

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading Phil 2:1-11

or shorter form Phil 2:1-5

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of
Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY

Mary Carmen Bartolo

28th September 2023

*WISHING HER GOD'S BLESSINGS
TODAY AND ALWAYS*

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Teresa Paradowski, Anthony Titone, Maria Pace, Vic & Bernadette Camilleri

RECENTLY DECEASED

Anton Iskra

ANNIVERSARIES

Italo Inserra

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Next meets on Tuesday, 10th October 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

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or you may remain anonymous

Church Collection – 2nd Collection

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 2 October	The Holy Guardian Angels
Wed 4 October	St Francis of Assisi
Sat 7 October	Our Lady of the Rosary

'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

AN ANNOUNCEMENT FROM

FR. AROCKIA SEBASTIAN

“My Dear Parishioners,
Archbishop Peter Comensoli has asked me to become the Parish Priest of St Mary's, Dandenong, with effect from Wednesday, 8th November 2023.

Fr. Anil Mascarenhas has been appointed to St Peter's as an Assistant Priest temporarily, from the 2nd week of October. He has been serving as an Assistant Priest at St Kevin's Parish, Hampton Park.

Please keep myself and Fr Anil in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Sebastian”

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.

MASS – 1ST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH

A reminder that Mass will be celebrated at St Peter's next Friday, 6th October at 7.00pm followed by Benediction for devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

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.

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.

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.

ST PETER'S PARISH 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED'

We need some new volunteers to serve as Readers of God's Word, Greeters, Ext. Ministers of Communion, Ext. Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Mass Helpers, Altar Servers, Greeters and Musicians 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 aged 18 and over require a Working with Children Check. Training will be provided.

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<http://pol.org.au/keiloreast/Home.aspx>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/St-Peters-Parish-Keilor-East-248965765799277>

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

Principal: Ms Linda Tarraran

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Email: principal@spkeiloreast.catholic.edu.au

Administration: Stephanie Wood, Belinda McPherson, Carmel Perry

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

TERM 4 – MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER

Welcome back to all students, teachers and admin staff for Term 4, 2023.

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.