



therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi.

'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Since Vatican II the responsibilities of leadership have been spread throughout the community. This has not happened simply because there are fewer priests and religious. It has occurred primarily because the Council itself insisted that by virtue of their baptism all Christians are called to discipleship, which includes active participation in the mission of the church. While those who are ordained continue in specialised forms of leadership, other people have stepped forward to assume their newly recognised responsibilities. Sometimes they have more influence in the church than do the ordained.

We derive the connection between pharisaical and hypocritical from Jesus' description of the Pharisees found in today's reading. His condemnation, along with the condemnation of the priests in the first reading, should be a warning to all who in any way exercise leadership. We must always be on our guard lest the trappings of leadership ensnare us and we fail in our responsibilities toward God and the community we serve.

There is a mode of leadership that reflects the very meaning of authority. This way of leadership authors life. It is characterised by the striking image of a nursing mother who both gives and sustains life. Those who exercise leadership in this way create a community where life is fostered, not stifled, where talents serve all of the members, and the talents of all of the members are invited to serve. Such a community not only nurtures its members, it is itself the author of life in the world.

PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

5 November 2023

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

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First Reading Mal 1:14 – 2:2.8-10

You have strayed from the way, you have caused many to stumble by your teaching.

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of Levi, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration.

Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

Responsorial Psalm Ps 130

(R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud
nor haughty my eyes.
I have not gone after things too great
nor marvels beyond me. (R.)
2. Truly I have set my soul
in silence and peace.
A weaned child on its mother's breast,
even so is my soul. (R.)
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Thes 2:7-9.13

We were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our lives as well.

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you.

Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 23:9. 10

Alleluia, alleluia!

*You have one Father, your Father
in heaven;*

*you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus
Christ.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 23:1-12

They do not practise what they preach.

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Antonio Giuliano, Dominic Tran Dat, Maria Nguyen Mai, Peter Tran Hanh, Theresa Tran Vinh, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Hong

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S PARISH

Sunday, 19th November 2023

Cassius Jr D'Rozario

Please pray for this child and his family.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) *Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or would you like to know more about the Catholic faith?*

For further information, please contact Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thu 9 Nov	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Fri 10 Nov	St Elizabeth of Hungary

2024 COLUMBAN CALENDARS

Now available for purchase in the narthex or Parish Office - \$10 each. Please see Ken, Cathey, Adele or after Mass.

NOVEMBER MASSES

Envelopes for November Masses are available in the narthex.

PARISH NEWS

'GOODBYE' AND 'THANK YOU' Fr Sebastian

*With Sincere Thanks
for Your Priestly Ministry*



Thank you for your priestly service to St Peter's Parish, Keilor East over the past 8 years.

We have appreciated your devotion and service to the Lord and our community. We feel blessed by knowing you. You have made a difference in the lives of so many at St Peter's.

We are sad to see you go. You will be greatly missed.

May God bless you and provide you with wisdom, grace and strength as you continue your Vocation at St Mary's Dandenong.

*With love and thanks for
Fr Arockia Sebastian*

FR SEBASTIAN'S FAREWELL MASS & BBQ SUNDAY 5TH NOVEMBER AT 10.30AM - ALL WELCOME

Everyone is warmly invited to come along to Fr Sebastian's Thanksgiving Mass and farewell celebration on Sunday this weekend. The BBQ will commence being served at 11.45am, after Grace has been said. Many thanks to all who have brought along a salad or sweet to share.

If you wish to contribute to a gift for Fr Sebastian, we will have a *Leaving Collection* on the weekend of 11/12 November. *There are also specially marked envelopes available, if you wish to use one. Just leave on the plate as it comes around.*

PARISH OFFICE will be closed on Tuesday, 7th November, due to Cup Day Public Holiday.

ST PETER'S 2023 CHRISTMAS CAROLS – WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER

We are excited to announce that the annual Christmas Carols will be held on Wednesday 6th December from 5.00pm-9.00pm.

Details are in the planning stage but expect food, music, a raffle, stalls, fun and laughter. More information to come soon!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THIS YEAR'S CHRISTMAS CAROLS!

For the Christmas Carols to be a success, we need volunteers to assist including various food and cake stalls, selling raffle tickets, organising activities, traffic management, sponsors, stage & MC Support, general volunteers etc. If you can help, it would be very much appreciated. We will have a meeting next **Thursday, 9th November** commencing at **7.30pm**, in the **Parish Centre Meeting Room**. Church gates will be open. Please come along!

CHRISTMAS CAROLS RAFFLE – PRIZES NEEDED

We are looking for raffle prizes which can be printed on our raffle ticket books. This needs to be finalised very soon. If you can sponsor or donate a prize or know someone who would be able to assist us with prizes, please let Fr Anil know, or contact the Parish Office by **Monday, 6th November**.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE:
Visit of His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher - *Secretary for the Relations with States and International Organisations, Secretariat of State, Holy See*

On the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Diplomatic Relations between the Commonwealth of Australia and the Vatican, Archbishop Comensoli is pleased to welcome His Excellency Most Rev Paul Gallagher and the Apostolic Nuncio to Australia – His Excellency Most Rev Charles Balvo to Melbourne. Archbishops Comensoli, Gallagher and Balvo, together with clergy of the Archdiocese, will celebrate Mass at **St Patrick's Cathedral** on the Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica – **Thursday 9 November, 5.30pm**. All welcome to attend.

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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

No School on the following days:-

Monday, 6th Nov – Report Writing Day

Tuesday, 7th Nov – Melbourne Cup Public Holiday

Wednesday, 8th Nov – Staff Spirituality Day

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.