



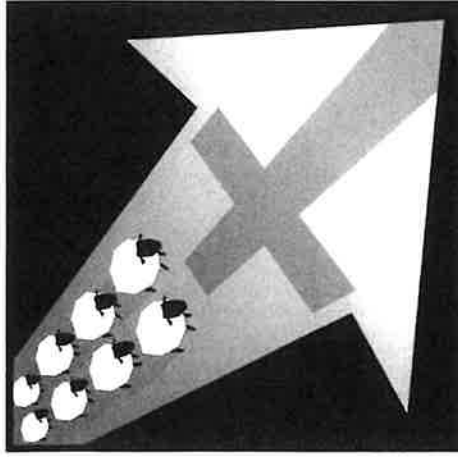
Reflection by Greg Sunter

The first thing that is striking about this gospel passage is the fact that there are 72 disciples whom Jesus sends out on mission. We can have an image of Jesus strolling around Galilee with just a small group of followers but this passage makes it clear that a significant number of people were engaged in his ministry. And the gospel writer has not just made an error in naming 72 rather than the Twelve because just one chapter earlier the Twelve were sent out. This sending out to mission is a significant element of the gospel of Luke. The first sending of the Twelve represents the mission to the Jews – the twelve tribes of Israel are frequently used symbolically to represent all of the Jewish people. The sending of the 72 then represents the mission beyond the Jewish people to all nations and all people.

Another theme that is significant in the gospel of Luke is the message of hospitality. Jesus teaches on it frequently and tries to convey a message that the hospitality of God is available to all. In the sending of both the Twelve and the 72, Jesus tells them to take nothing with them for the journey. He is telling them to rely on the hospitality of strangers. If they are welcomed and shown hospitality then they are to bless the household and carry out their ministry. The ability to show hospitality to the messengers of God is a sign that the household will welcome the message of God. However, wherever they do not receive hospitality they are to leave the town, shaking the dust from their feet, as their ministry will not be welcomed by people who are not ready to hear it. It is an excellent message about not wasting your efforts in unproductive ways – not hitting your head against a brick wall!

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He said to them, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, "Peace to this house!" And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, "The kingdom of God is very near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not make you welcome, go out into its streets and say, "We wipe off the very dust of your town that clings to our feet, and leave it with you. Yet be sure of this: the kingdom of God is very near." I tell you, that on that day it will not go as hard with Sodom as with that town.'

The seventy-two came back rejoicing. 'Lord,' they said, 'even the devils submit to us when we use your name.' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Yes, I have given you power to tread underfoot serpents and scorpions and the whole strength of the enemy; nothing shall ever hurt you. Yet do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you; rejoice rather that your names are written in heaven.'

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 6 July 2025

First Reading Is 66:10-14

I will send toward Jerusalem peace like a river.

Rejoice, Jerusalem,
be glad for her, all you who love her!
Rejoice, rejoice for her,
all you who mourned her!

That you may be suckled, filled,
from her consoling breast,
that you may savour with delight
her glorious breasts.
For thus says the Lord:

Now towards her I send flowing
peace, like a river,
and like a stream in spate
the glory of the nations.

At her breast will her nurslings be carried
and fondled in her lap.
Like a son comforted by his mother
will I comfort you.

And by Jerusalem you will be comforted.
At the sight your heart will rejoice,
and your bones flourish like the grass.
To his servants the Lord will reveal his hand.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 65:1-7. 16. 20. R. v.1

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

1. Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)
2. 'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

3. He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

4. Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Second Reading Gal 6:14-18

The marks I carry on my body are those of Jesus Christ.

The only thing I can boast about is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. It does not matter if a person is circumcised or not; what matters is for him to become an altogether new creature. Peace and mercy to all who follow this rule, who form the Israel of God.

I want no more trouble from anybody after this; the marks on my body are those of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, my brothers. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Col 3:15. 16

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,

and the fullness of his message live within you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:1-12, 17-20 (or shorter form Lk 10:1-9)

Your peace will rest upon him.

The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Clifford Athaide

ANNIVERSARIES

Joseph Pham Van Khanh, Maria Pham Thi Nguyen, Dominic Hoang Vi, Maria Pham Hue, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, Anthony Doan

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 6th July 2025

Mateo Alabella

Mavi Alabella

Ruby Rowland

Jasmine Faggion

Please pray for these children and their families.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Friday 11 July St Benedict

MINISTERS' ROSTER

Hard copies available from the narthex, for volunteers without email. Rosters were emailed Tuesday 1st July. Please check your inbox or junk emails. If you did not receive your copy, please contact the Parish Office.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY FATHER – PETER'S PENCE

Last weekend's Collection raised \$984.35. Thank you for your generous donations.

PARISH NEWS

Our Parish Starts... Alpha



What: Explore life's BIG questions

When: Tuesdays from 22nd July - 9th September 2025

Where: St Peter's Parish Centre, 2A Parkside Avenue, Keilor East

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Why: Opportunity to explore life's BIG questions in a safe and welcoming space. At alpha we share a meal, watch a short film and have a conversation. You can ask questions and share your THOUGHTS in an open, friendly environment without fear of being corrected or judged. This is also an opportunity to know more about our God and faith.

Want to meet new FRIENDS and have some FUN? Enrolments and info: Parish Office: keiloreast@cam.org.au All are welcome.

TUESDAY 8th JULY

There will be a funeral for the late Daniel Galea this coming Tuesday, 8th July, starting at 10.30am with Rosary, followed by Funeral Mass at 10.45am. There will be no 9.15am Morning Mass.

SAINTS PETER & PAUL FEAST DAY 'THANK YOU'

Thank you to all who joined in last weekend to celebrate our Parish Feast celebrations after Masses. A special thanks to those who brought along a plate of food to share and the Parish volunteers who helped in any way.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago. Run over three days, at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, the Festival provides young people from Year 9-25 years of age, from all across Australia, with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting ACYF from 30 November – 2 December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne.

Further information can be found at melbournecatholic.org or acyf.com.au



ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY – 6th JULY 2025

On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia observes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Sunday. On this day we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Catholic Church. This year's theme is **'Sent Forth in Strength and Hope'**. You can find further information about NAIDOC Week on <https://naidoc.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

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (or upon request of Parish Priest)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 7th July – Friday 18th July

Wishing all the children, their families and school staff a relaxing and safe school holiday break.

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Monday 21st July – Staff Professional Development Day

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.