



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**26 January 2025**

**Reflection by Greg Sunter**

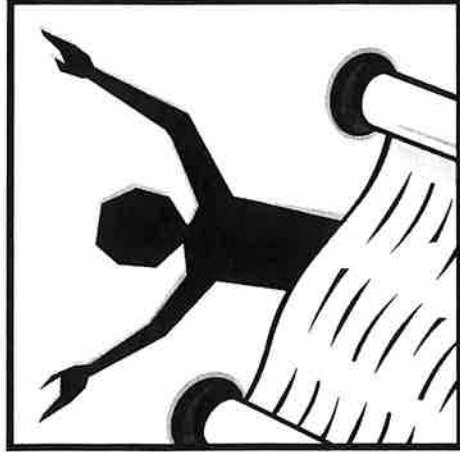
This week marks the beginning of the liturgical use of the gospel of Luke that will feature throughout this year. The choice of passage to begin our journey with Luke is most appropriate. We have the first four verses of the gospel in which the writer makes his purpose clear. We then skip over all the infancy narrative and pick up again in chapter 4 of the gospel where Jesus makes his first public appearance.

Jesus returns to the synagogue in which he has worshipped all his life. He is given the scroll of Isaiah to read and reads the first two verses of Isaiah, chapter 61. But in the middle of this passage he flips back to chapter 58 of Isaiah and reads an additional line, 'to set the downtrodden (oppressed) free'. This event in Nazareth is sometimes referred to as Jesus' inauguration or declaration of mission. The inclusion of the additional verse from Isaiah signals very clearly the way in which Jesus will be portrayed throughout this particular gospel. The gospel of Luke is characterised by the focus of Jesus' mission on the outcast; the oppressed; the downtrodden.

The gospel of Luke is often described as a gospel of compassion. Throughout the gospel we see Jesus enact the verses from Isaiah – bringing good news to the lowliest of society; inviting the least to share in the reign of God. In fact, having read from the scripture, Jesus' very simple homily on the text is 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen'. Jesus declares himself to be acting out and fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah. This short extract from Isaiah that Jesus adopted as his own 'mission statement' is indeed a mission statement for all Christian people. This is what we too are called to do.

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**Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18**

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners.*  
*Alleluia!*

**Gospel Lk 1:1-4, 4:14-21**

*The scriptures were fulfilled on this day.*

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received. Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me.  
He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord's year of favour.

He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.'

4. May the spoken words of my mouth, the thoughts of my heart, win favour in your sight, O Lord, my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

**Second Reading 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27 (shorter form)**

*Together you are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it.*

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. If the foot were to say, 'I am not a hand and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it stopped being part of the body? If the ear were to say, 'I am not an eye, and so I do not belong to the body,' would that mean that it is not a part of the body? If your whole body was just one eye, how would you hear anything? If it was just one ear, how would you smell anything?

Instead of that, God put all the separate parts into the body on purpose. If all the parts were the same, how could it be a body? As it is, the parts are many but the body is one. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I do not need you,' nor can the head say to the feet, 'I do not need you.'

What is more, it is precisely the parts of the body that seem to be the weakest which are the indispensable ones; and it is the least honourable parts of the body that we clothe with the greatest care. So our more improper parts get decorated in a way that our more proper parts do not need. God has arranged the body so that more dignity is given to the parts which are without it, and so that there may not be disagreements inside the body, but that each part may be equally concerned for all the others. If one part is hurt, all parts are hurt with it. If one part is given special honour, all parts enjoy it.

Now you together are Christ's body; but each of you is a different part of it. In the Church, God has given the first place to apostles, the second to prophets, the third to teachers; after them, miracles, and after them the gift of healing; helpers, good leaders, those with many languages. Are all of them apostles, or all of them prophets, or all of them teachers? Do they all have the gift of miracles, or all have the gift of healing? Do all speak strange languages, and all interpret them?

**Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 18:8-10. 15. R. See Jn 6:63**

*(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.*

1. The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.  
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.  
The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.  
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)



### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Joe Walsh, Emmanuel Bajada, Pauline D'Souza, Andrew Hancox, Fr Tom Cleary SSC, George McGregor, Gualtiero Valtolina

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Cesile(1 month), Sr. Pasqualina Attard(1 month), Charlie Muscat, Mary Purcell

#### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Resumes Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2025 at 7pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.

**PARISH SUPPORT** Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

**Presbytery Collection – 1<sup>st</sup> 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

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#### BIBLE DIARIES FOR SALE

For sale - \$15 each. Only 4 left.

#### PARISH OFFICE

Parish Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 8.30am-4.00pm. Call 9337 4141 or email: keiloreast@cam.org.au

#### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 28 Jan St Thomas Aquinas  
Friday 31 Jan St John Bosco

### PARISH NEWS

#### WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

No 9.15am Morning Mass but at 10.00am with Funeral Mass.

#### 5.00PM SUNDAY MASS

Resumes on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

#### JOE WALSH (DEC'D)

We mourn the passing of a loved and devoted parishioner, Joe Walsh.  
Joe was a pioneer of the Parish of St Peter the Apostle, having been on the original planning committee.

Joe's funeral will be held at St Peter's Church on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, with Rosary commencing at 10.00am, followed by Funeral Mass. **May he Rest in Peace**  
*Please keep his wife Margaret and the Walsh family, in your prayers.*

#### PARISH GROUPS

##### ST PETER'S GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP

Recommences Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February in the Parish Centre Meeting Room from 10.00am until 11.30am. New members are welcome. Please contact the Parish Office or speak with Margaret Walsh, for further information.

##### ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP

Recommences for 2025 on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> February at 10.00am in the Church. For further information, please speak with Tina Scollo. Everyone welcome.

##### ST PETER'S SOCIAL CLUB

Recommences on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> February in the Parish Centre (entry via Bellarine Avenue) from 10.00am until approx. 1.30pm. New members are welcome. Come for a cuppa, a chat, play some Bingo and meet new friends. BYO lunch. New members are welcome. Contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

##### NOTICES FOR PARISH BULLETIN

If you have a death anniversary you would like included in the Parish Bulletin, please contact the Parish Office by Wednesday afternoon prior to the weekend you would like it published. Mass offering envelopes are available in the narthex.

### MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/3/25-30/6/25

Requesting all Parish volunteers who perform Special Ministry, to please update your availability to the Parish Office, for the period 1/3/25-30/6/25, no later than **Tuesday, 11<sup>th</sup> February**. This Roster includes Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday Masses on **19/20 April**. *We need more volunteers for Reading, Ext. Ministers of Communion, Ext. Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Greeters, Altar Servers. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.*

### CONSECRATION OF NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS

On **Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> February at 10.00am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, Most Rev Rene Ramirez and Most Rev Thinh Xuan Nguyen will be consecrated as auxiliary bishops in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. All are welcome to attend the Mass at the Cathedral. **There will be no 9.15am Mass at St Peter's that day.** Those unable to be at the Cathedral in person can watch online at the Archdiocesan YouTube channel and or on free-to-air TV via C31 (channel 44 on digital TV). Let's pray for our two bishops-elect as they prepare to take up their new ministry in our Archdiocese.



### PRAY FOR AUSTRALIA

God, powerful and gentle, You love this southern land and all its peoples, old and new. As the cross shines in our heavens, so may Christ bring light to our nation, as the waves encircle our shores, so may your mercy enfold us all. May You who formed our southern land be for us a rock of strength. May You who rules our southern seas keep us safe in every storm. May You who made our southern skies turn our darkness into light and make our southern land Australia into a beacon of faith. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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 Mass resumes on 9<sup>th</sup> February.

##### 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: Christine Torrance

#### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone our Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

*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.*