



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. What is referred to as the 'Law' is generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed. When Jesus speaks about the Law and the Prophets, he is deliberately including the extensive collection of prophetic writings that interpret the Law in terms of justice and right relationships with others as being a reflection of the right relationship with God.

By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded.

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Gospel Mt 5:20-22, 27-28, 33-34, 37 (or longer form Mt 5:17-37)

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

15 February 2026

First Reading Eccl 15:15-20

He never commanded anyone to be godless.

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,

to behave faithfully is within your power.

He has set fire and water before you;

put out your hand to whichever you prefer.

Man has life and death before him;

whichever a man likes better will be given him.

For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;

he is almighty and all-seeing.

His eyes are on those who fear him,

he notes every action of man.

He never commanded anyone to be godless,

he has given no one permission to sin.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34, R. v.1
(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law!

They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. (R.)

2. You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. (R.)

3. Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. (R.)

4. Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Cor 2:6-10

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;

you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rita Refalo

ANNIVERSARIES

Hope Rodrigues, Faith Rodrigues, John Chalabi, Jack Rennie, Sebastiana Giardino, Nunzia Bonnici, Pascal & Lola Attard, Joe Sultana

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

(RCIA) Next meets on Tuesday 17th February 2026 at 7pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 15th February 2026

Xavier Cullen

*Milla & Charlie Kidd
Madison Lauder*

Please pray for these children and their families.

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. 665417521
Reference as your first initial then surname, or you may remain anonymous

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BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 535304676.
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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.

PARISH NEWS



Ash Wednesday marks the

beginning of the holy season of Lent
- a time of prayer, fasting, and
renewal of heart.

**Masses on Ash Wednesday will
be celebrated at 9:15am and
7:00pm.**

Throughout the season of Lent, the Stations of the Cross will be prayed every **Friday at 7:00pm, followed by Holy Mass**. All parishioners are warmly invited to take part in these Lenten devotions as we prepare our hearts for Easter.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Are available from the narthex. You are welcome to take one home if you wish to.

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Thanks to all who brought in their old palms, which were burned for Ashes.

PROJECT COMPASSION

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. Envelopes and money boxes will be available in the narthex from Ash Wednesday. More details next week.

PARISH GROUPS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' NEEDED

If you are interested in joining our Parish Liturgical Ministry team, please fill in a salmon-coloured **Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference Form**, which can be found in the narthex, and return to the Parish Office. A Working with Children Check, Safeguarding Training Module and Safeguarding Code of Conduct form will need to be completed. Training will be provided.

NEW FAMILIES TO ST PETER'S

We welcome all new families into our Parish. If you wish to be enrolled onto our Census, please take a Parish Census Card from the narthex, to fill in and return.

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.

ITALIAN PRAYER GROUP

Recommences on Monday, 16th February at 10.00am in the Church. For further information, please speak with Tina Scollo after the 8.30am Sunday Mass. All welcome.

ST PETER'S GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP

Has recommenced for 2026. 10.00am-11.30am in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. New members are welcome. Please contact Margaret Walsh on 0401 399 577 for further details.

ST PETER'S SOCIAL CLUB

Every Wednesday in the Parish Centre (entry via Bellarine Avenue) from 10.00am until 1.15pm. New members are welcome. Come for a cuppa, a chat, play some Bingo and meet new friends. BYO lunch.

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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

***(No 9.15am Friday Morning Mass during Lent)**

RECONCILIATION

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

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

ASH WEDNESDAY – 18TH FEBRUARY

9.15am – Whole School Mass

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.