

PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

6th September 2026

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

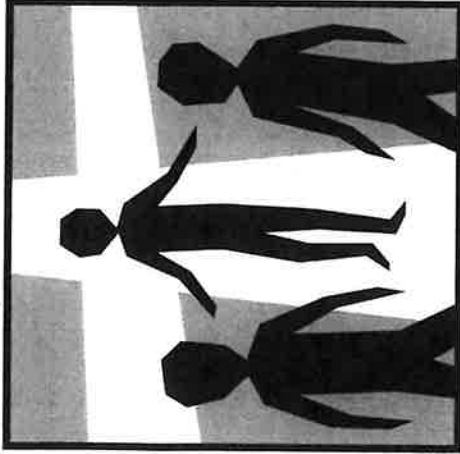
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Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' - community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships!

Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.



Gospel Mt 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between you two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.'

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

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First Reading Ez 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert; when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!



CONGRATULATIONS

Fr Anil Mascarenhas

9 Years Ordained a Priest

9th SEPTEMBER 2026

May God Bless you

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Franjo Bisticic, Rosemarie Cini

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fortunato Panzera

ANNIVERSARIES

Ivan Mance, Irato Inserra, Vincenzo Luppino, Salvatore Martello, Harry Rodrigues, Bernardo & Sante Quattrucci, Augusto & Gaetano Quattrucci, John & Danny Galea, Joe & Carmen Galea, Santo & Angela Sciacchitano, Eileen & Michael Tomlin, Emma & Charlie Vassallo, Martin & Sandra Valastro

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 8th September.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

20th September 2026 at 12noon

Audrey Josephine Heamden

Rafael Nicholas Sampieri

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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NFC Tags can be found on pew if you would like to give electronically.

PARISH NEWS

Happy Father's Day



May the blessings and love of Our Heavenly Father be yours this Father's Day and always

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Wishing all fathers, grandfathers and special men in our lives a very 'Happy Father's Day'. May you all be richly blessed by the grace of God.

CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the Year 6 children of our Parish Primary School who received the Sacrament of Confirmation by the Episcopal Vicar for the Northern Region, Fr Luciano Toldo, at our 6pm Vigil Masses over the past 2 weekends. Please continue to keep these children, their families and teachers in your prayers.

ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER – PARISH TABLE
The **Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria** are organising this year's **Archbishop's Dinner**, supporting the Priests' Support and Education Fund.

We already have 5 people who would like to attend from our Parish. **If anyone else would like to join this table, please contact the Parish Office by Sunday, 6 September 2026. Date:** Friday, 16 October 2026 **Venue:** Grand Star Reception & Convention Centre, Altona North
Time: 7.00pm – 11.00pm

For information about the **cost, program and booking details**, please see the flyer in the **narthex**. We hope to bring together a full table from our parish for this special evening of fellowship and support for our priests and seminarians.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE

Last change to purchase tickets! Drawn on Father's Day, 6th September **after the 5.00pm Mass**. Tickets: \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. Good Luck!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 – SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA – AUGUST 3-8

An invitation to our young people!

World Youth Day 2027 will bring young Catholics from around the world together in Seoul, South Korea, to celebrate our faith and encounter **Jesus Christ**. Open to young people aged **16–35**, this could be a wonderful opportunity for our parish young people to come together, make new friendships, and begin thinking and praying about travelling together as a parish group. If you are interested, **please add your name to the sheet in the narthex or email the Parish Office**. This is simply an opportunity to express your interest and begin the conversation. Let us take this opportunity to build a vibrant young faith community in our parish and journey together towards WYD 2027!

CARTAS AUSTRALIA: NEPAL FLOODS APPEAL

Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges, schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support. Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families. Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal.
To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413 or see flyers in narthex.

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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

2026 PARISH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

We are grateful for the school families who are supporting the Parish Thanksgiving Program (2026 family contribution), which continues to sustain the life and mission of our parish. May God bless your families with peace and joy.

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.