



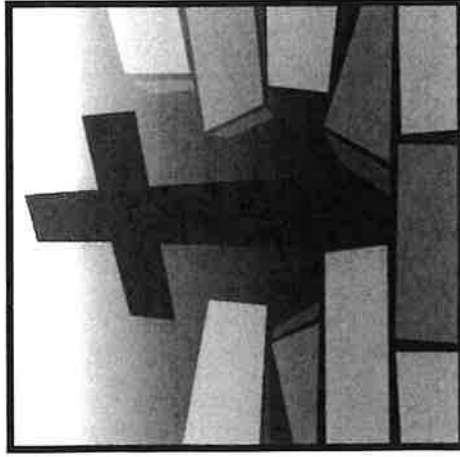
Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week marks the final week of Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical calendar and draws us almost to the end of our journey through the gospel of Luke. Next week's reading of the crucifixion concludes the Year of Luke. It is in this context that we need to read today's gospel passage. Jesus and his disciples are gathered around the Temple in Jerusalem in the final days before he is to be put to death. The end is imminent and Jesus takes the opportunity to reassure the disciples that, although they are about to experience a period of distress, betrayal and persecution that will stretch well into the future, ultimately, God's love and mercy will triumph – not only in their own lives but also in the world.

The language of passages like today's gospel can be off-putting at times and can also be seized upon by those who would interpret scripture literally. The graphic descriptions of certainly lend themselves to predictions of gloom and doom. However, we must also remember that the gospel was written some 50 or more years after the death of Jesus. At the time of writing, many of these things had already come to pass. The message for the community who were suffering through these very experiences is that they should not despair because all of this was anticipated by Jesus and that ultimately the reign of God will come about and the effort and distress that they have endured will be vindicated.

Unfortunately, the lectionary has the passage concluding at verse 19; the complete passage continues on for another 17 verses and so we don't get the full effect of Jesus' speech. In the latter portion, Jesus assures the disciples that the kingdom will surely come to pass. It is a promise that we affirm every time we say the Creed.

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'Take care not to be deceived,' he said, 'because many will come using my name and saying, "I am he" and, "The time is near at hand." Refuse to join them. And when you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened, for this is something that must happen but the end is not soon.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will fight against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes and plagues and famines here and there; there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven.'

'But before all this happens, men will seize you and persecute you; they will hand you over to the synagogues and to imprisonment, and bring you before kings and governors because of my name – and that will be your opportunity to bear witness. Keep this carefully in mind: you are not to prepare your defence, because I myself shall give you an eloquence and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to resist or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, relations and friends; and some of you will be put to death. You will be hated by all men on account of my name, but not a hair of your head will be lost. Your endurance will win you your lives.'

First Reading Mal 3:19-20

The sun of righteousness will shine on you.

The day is coming now, burning like a furnace; and all the arrogant and the evil-doers will be like stubble. The day that is coming is going to burn them up, says the Lord of hosts, leaving them neither root nor stalk. But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness will shine out with healing in its rays.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:5-9. R. see v.9

(R.) The Lord comes to rule the earth with justice.

1. Sing psalms to the Lord with the harp with the sound of music.
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
acclaim the King, the Lord. (R.)
2. Let the sea and all within it, thunder; the world, and all its peoples.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and the hills ring out their joy
at the presence of the Lord. (R.)
3. For the Lord comes,
he comes to rule the earth.
He will rule the world with justice
and the peoples with fairness. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Thes 3:7-12

Do not give anyone food who refuses to work.

You know how you are supposed to imitate us: now we were not idle when we were with you, nor did we ever have our meals

at anyone's table without paying for them; no, we worked night and day, slaving and straining, so as not to be a burden on any of you. This was not because we had no right to be, but in order to make ourselves an example for you to follow.

We gave you a rule when we were with you: not to let anyone have any food if he refused to do any work. Now we hear that there are some of you who are living in idleness, doing no work themselves but interfering with everyone else's. In the Lord Jesus Christ, we order and call on people of this kind to go on quietly working and earning the food that they eat.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 21:38

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lift up your heads and see; your redemption is near at hand.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 21:5-19

Your endurance will win you your life.

When some were talking about the Temple, remarking how it was adorned with fine stonework and votive offerings, Jesus said, 'All these things you are staring at now – the time will come when not a single stone will be left on another: everything will be destroyed.' And they put to him this question: 'Master,' they said, 'when will this happen, then, and what sign will there be that this is about to take place?'

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco

RECENTLY DECEASED

Victoria Said

ANNIVERSARIES

Venerando Scavo, Marie Thompson, Adrian Cervetto, Vincenza Pitruzzello, Rudolf Iskra, Fr Andrew Doan Thanh Dien, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Bich Hong, Anthony Doan, Joseph Pham Van Khanh, Tadeusz Gorecki, Wanda Gorecki, Andrew Gorecki, Mark Gorecki, Filippo Simone, Antonio Di Stefano

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 16th November 2025

Camilla Diaco

Phoebe Dimitrakakis

Jordan & Alix Nguyen

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Next meeting this Tuesday, 18th November, in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. Any enquiries to Parish Office.

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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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 17 Nov St Elizabeth of Hungary
Tuesday 18 Nov Dedication of the Basilicas of Sts Peter & Paul
Friday 21 Nov The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2026 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE

Calandars are available for purchase after Mass - \$10 each. Please ask Adele, Helen or Cathey.

PARISH NEWS



ST PETER'S 2025 CHRISTMAS CAROLS – THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER

When: Thursday 4th December

Where: St Peter's Parish & School Grounds
Time: Gates open 4.30pm. food sale from 5.00pm, followed by Christmas Carols performances, drawing of raffle etc from 6.30pm-8.00pm

The St Peter's Primary School children will entertain us with their beautiful voices, singing Christmas Carols. There will be food stalls, a cake stall, fairy floss, popcorn, cold drinks, tea & coffee, zooper doopers, fun and community spirit! EFTPOS facilities available and cash accepted.

Volunteers needed for the Christmas Carols! We need more volunteers! Please let us know if you can assist us.

🎄 Christmas Carols – Raffle 🎁

Raffle tickets are now available. It would be appreciated if each Parish family takes home a book to sell. Great prizes to be won. \$2 per ticket(\$20 a book). Please return all money & stubs by Sunday, 30th November. Prizes will be drawn on Carols night.

🎁 Medical Volunteer Support 🎁

As we prepare for our upcoming Christmas Carols on Thursday, 4th December, from 5:00pm to 8:00pm, we are seeking volunteers from the medical field—doctors, nurses, or first aid personnel—who would be willing to assist during the event in case of any medical emergencies.

Your presence and support will help ensure the safety and well-being of our community as we come together in joyful celebration. We would be deeply grateful for your generosity and willingness to serve in this way. If you are able to assist, please inform Fr. Anil or Anne Tadinac, or email us at keiloreast@cam.org.au.

Thank you in advance for your kind support and for sharing your gifts in service to our community

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE - Next Sunday, November 23rd at the 10:30am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction to Follow
As the Church concludes the liturgical year, she solemnly proclaims the universal kingship of Christ—He in whom all creation finds its origin, fulfillment, and final end. In His reign, time itself is ordered toward God's glory and our salvation.

All are warmly invited to remain for Eucharistic Adoration. In the silent presence of the Blessed Sacrament, we give thanks for the graces of the year, prepare our hearts for Advent, and contemplate the mystery of *Emmanuel—God-with-us*. The devotion will conclude with Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

NOVEMBER: MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY November is a special time in the Church when we remember and pray for all who have gone before us, especially the holy souls in purgatory. It is our Catholic duty and privilege to pray and intercede for our deceased family members throughout the month of November. At St. Peter's, our departed loved ones will be remembered at every Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to offer Masses, Rosaries, and other devotional prayers for the repose of their souls. These acts of love and faith bring comfort, hope, and spiritual benefit to our beloved deceased.

ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025 - RESULTS

We are delighted to share the wonderful success of the Archbishop's Campaign and extend our heartfelt thanks for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese have raised over \$1.1 million, including \$2,545.15 contributed by Parish of St Peter the Apostle, East Kellor. These funds will strengthen key mission areas across our Archdiocese, including the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College, and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives. Thank you for your commitment to this important mission and for expressing your faith through your generous response.

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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)

NOVEMBER MASSES

If you would like to offer Masses for your departed loved ones, please use the November Mass Intention envelopes, available in the narthex.

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.