



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Who are the righteous? This is a question that holds little interest today. We are more concerned with the successful and the famous. We want people to be honest, at least in their dealings with us, but we are more apt to applaud those who are clever. We commend people for making a good deal, for knowing how to get ahead or striking it rich. We extol the beautiful, the strong, the self-assured, those who have made a name for themselves, those who entertain us. We encourage people to be ambitious. Seldom is popularity based on righteousness.

Yet righteousness is a pillar of the reign of God. Those who would enter that reign must be gentle and merciful, faithful and sincere, lovers of peace. They must be willing to take the last place, to be the servant of all. The righteous are not often held in high regard. They are often ridiculed and even persecuted. When they are considered a reproach to the standards of society, they may even be put to death.

There are times when we might be inclined to envy and resentment, not wanting to feel morally inferior, and we might relish the opportunity of putting the virtue of others to the test. We may say that we want to draw forth their strengths, when we really hope their weaknesses will be revealed and they will prove to be no better than we are. Sometimes the righteous have nowhere else to turn but to Jesus, whose life they are following and into whose death they have been plunged.

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Gospel Mk 9:30-37

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity
... All who wish to be first must make themselves the servants
of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

First Reading Wis 2:12, 17-20

Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, and reproaches us for our breaches of the law

and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

1. O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayers;
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)
2. For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God. (R.)

3. But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 3:16-4:3

Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation See 2 Thes 2:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel

to share in the glory of our

Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Allan Mold, John Forbes, Angelo Midiri, Nurhan Yondemli, Raffaele Renda

ANNIVERSARIES

Celeste & Rocco Albano, Concetta (Connie) Mosca, Stella & William Cutayar, Robert Pavlic, Giovanni & Victoria Cammarano, Michele, Salvatore, Delores & Veronica Farrugia

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 6th October 2024

Barry Somerton

Ari Polidano

Julian & Chloe Vella

Please pray for these children & their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Next meets on Tuesday, 24th September in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm. Enquiries: Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103.

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

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 23 Sep St Pius of Pietrelcina
Fri 27 Sep St Vincent de Paul

PARISH NEWS

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, 27th September due to Grand Final Public Holiday. Please advise any Death Anniversaries for the Bulletin to the Parish Office by Tuesday, 24th September.

ORDERS FOR ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS

Break Open the Word

Contains readings and psalms for each Sunday. Copies can be ordered through the Parish office. Suitable for Parish Groups, Readers of God's Word etc.

Daily Mass Book

This Mass book contains all the texts for Sunday and weekday mass and begins in Advent 2024.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to order a copy of either publication described above, by 1st October – \$30.00 each.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/11/24-28/2/25

The next Ministers' Roster will be prepared soon. Please contact the Parish Office with your 'away' dates from 1/11/24-28/2/25, by **Tuesday, 1st October**, if you don't wish to be rostered on a particular weekend during the above time period. Volunteers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be advertised separately.

ST PETER'S PARISH 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED' More volunteers are needed to serve as Readers, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ext. Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Mass Helpers, Altar Servers & Greeters, for our Weekend Rosters. Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference Form, found in the narthex, and return to Helena at the Parish Office. Training will be provided.

ORDINATION CONGRATULATIONS

On Saturday 21st September, Archbishop Peter Comensoli ordained Deacon Jean-Sébastien Géry as a priest for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Let us keep him, and our seminarians in our prayers.

PARISH CENSUS

Over three weekends, beginning on 5/6 October, we will invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Masses on each of those weekends, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you.

EUCCHARIST CONGRESS

As the 53rd International Eucharistic Congress came to an end in Quito, Ecuador in September, the Vatican named Sydney as the host of the next International Eucharistic Congress to be held in 2028. Melbourne was the last city in Australia to host an International Eucharistic Congress, in 1973. Held every four years, the event is expected to draw tens of thousands of pilgrims from all over the world to Sydney.

'MASS FOR ALL NATIONS': MIGRANT AND REFUGEE MASS, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - Sunday 29 September 2024 2.00pm-4.00pm

'God walks with His people.' Celebrate the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with migrant communities from all over Melbourne on Sunday 29 September at St Patrick's Cathedral. 2pm: Procession and Rosary in various languages 3pm: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support for the unborn Join the March for the Babies on Saturday, 12th October, 2024 at 12.30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring & Wellington Pde. Wear blue or pink. Catch the train to Parliament Station and walk down to the Treasury Gardens.

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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 (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)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 23rd September-Friday 4th October

October

Wishing all St Peter's students, families and school staff a safe and relaxing School Holidays.

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.