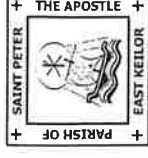


PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE
KEILOR EAST

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

In the gospel of Luke, widows represent the lowly of society. They also are a measure of how the society is travelling. In the Old Testament, God commanded the people to care for widows, orphans and strangers. Widows, in particular, were to be cared for by the whole community. From that point on, the level of compassion within the society could be measured by the care extended to the widows. A number of the prophets point to neglect of the widows as a sign that the community has turned its back on the covenant with God. The gospel of Luke picks up this prophetic tradition and on several occasions uses widows as the key figures in stories or parables.

In this parable, the widow is petitioning her local judge for justice against towards the widow, but the judge fobs her off repeatedly. The widow, knowing that her cause is just, persists and finally wears down the judge.

Another feature of the gospel of Luke is that the lowly and poor – represented here by the widow – are those who recognise their own condition and call on the mercy of God to lift them up. Jesus says that God will see justice done to those who cry out for God's help. Jesus' final comment about finding any faith on earth is a reminder that human beings have a tendency to think they can solve all their own problems and forget that they need God's action in their lives. The faithful in the gospel of Luke are those who know that they are in need of God's mercy and love and call out for it.



Gospel Lk 18:1-8

God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 19 October 2025

First Reading Ex 17:8-13

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 120. R. v.2

*(R.) Our help is from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.*

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. (R.)
2. May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. (R.)
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. (R.)

4. The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and
coming
both now and for ever. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 3:14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

*The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives
of our heart.
Alleluia!*

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the Souls of all the Recently Deceased

ANNIVERSARIES

Nick Carni, Vincenza & Giuseppe Serruto, Salvatore & Graziella Tarallo, Vincenzo & Michelangela Tomolo, Dorothy Robinson Sr, Daniel & John Galea, Josephine & Henry Mizzi

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 19th October 2025

Sofia Kelly

Cooper Teal

Ari Bell-Warren

Oscar Barden

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF

ADULTS (RCIA) Our next meeting is this Tuesday, 21st October in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm. 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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Account Name: St Peter's Church Account
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Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. ASmith T/G 500

2026 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE

Calendars are available for purchase after Mass, from this weekend - **\$10 each**. Please ask Adele, Laurie or Cathie. Calendars are also available from the Parish Office, during business hours.

PARISH NEWS

THANK YOU TO OUR VISITING PRIESTS

We thank the visiting priests to our Parish over the past month, especially Fr Edgar and Fr Gerald. Fr Anil returns from the Parish Pilgrimage and Annual Leave next week.

ALL SOULS DAY MASSES – 1st & 2ND NOVEMBER

The normal weekend Mass timetable will apply for these Holy Days, except there will be no 9.15am Morning Mass on Saturday 1st November (see below).

ALL SOULS DAY MASS will be held at Keilor Cemetery, Gallery of the Saints, Cemetery Road & Ely Court, Keilor East on Saturday, 1st November, commencing at 11.00am. Mass in English. **All welcome.**

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

From Friday, 24th October until Tuesday 11th November, the Parish Office will be open only on **Tuesday, 28th October** and **Wednesday, 5th November** - 9.00am-3.00pm. Please advise any Death Anniversaries early in the week prior to publication.

CUP DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY – TUESDAY, 4th NOVEMBER

The Parish Office will be closed this day.

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

Carols Meeting – 28th October

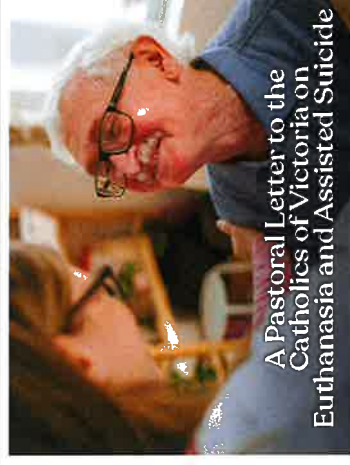
Our next Christmas Carols meeting will take place on Tuesday, 28th October at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room. Entry via Parkside Avenue. **Volunteers are needed.** Please come along and help us plan for this exciting event.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/11/25-28/2/26

The Roster has been emailed to volunteers. Hard copies for those without email address are available for collection in the narthex. Extra copies available if you wish to take one.

MISSION SUNDAY

Mission Sunday Pope Leo has issued a video message to the parishes of the world for Mission Sunday, which is today. The video can be seen at the Catholic Mission YouTube channel and www.catholicmission.org.au



A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.

The Bishops of Victoria have issued an important Pastoral Letter about the proposed changes to the laws of Euthanasia in Victoria. The Bishops state: As Catholics, we stand united in this conviction with many people of good will from other Christian communities and from other religions. Earlier this year, a group of religious leaders from Christian, Muslim, Hindu and Sikh communities united in calling on the Victorian Government to abandon its proposed changes to VAD laws. As the leaders made clear, "we do not believe euthanasia or assisted suicide can ever be made safe – since they involve acts that are unsafe in their very essence." Instead of attempting to expand euthanasia and assisted suicide, we urge Members of Parliament to continue expanding access to good palliative care to all Victorians, particularly for those in the regions. Palliative care provides holistic care to people living with terminal illness or who are close to death. It maximises comfort and support, seeking to address psychological, social, emotional, cultural and spiritual needs as well as attending to distress and relieving pain.

There are copies of the Pastoral Letter available in the narthex to take home to read and also available on the Parish Website.

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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

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.