

PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's gospel is one of the stories unique to the gospel of Luke. At the same time, it is a commonly known story that is often cited to demonstrate the value of saying thank you. However, as usual, there's more to this story than initially meets the eye. One of the recurrent themes of the gospel is at play here: the message of salvation that Jesus brings is available to all, not just the Jews.

The first reading is an interesting link with the gospel of Luke. In chapter 4 of the gospel, when Jesus visits Nazareth and preaches in the synagogue, he later tells a story about the prophets Elijah and Elisha responding to the needs of Gentiles rather than Jews. He tells the story to make the point that the message of salvation is not reserved exclusively for the Jews. The incident involving Elisha that Jesus refers to in chapter 4 is the one we hear in today's first reading.

Whilst both the first reading and the gospel tell stories about the healing of those with skin diseases, the common factor is actually about their expressions of gratitude and conversion of heart. In the gospel, all ten men are healed but it is only the stranger, the foreigner; the Samaritan, who comes back to give thanks and to praise God. The others – Jewish men, presumably – are only concerned about themselves and have no time to acknowledge the graciousness of God that they have experienced. The gospel writer has Jesus emphasise the point that it is the Samaritan – the outsider – who has recognised God's activity in his cure and come back to give praise and thanks. It is only he who has experienced the change of heart; the conversion of faith.



Gospel Lk 17:11-19

It seems that no one has returned to give thanks to God except this foreigner.

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 12 October 2025

First Reading 2 Kgs 5:14-17

Naaman returned to Elisha, the prophet, and acknowledged the Lord.

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 97:1-4. R. see v.2

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

1. Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation. (R.)
2. The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel. (R.)

3. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 2:8-13

If we hold firm, we shall reign with Christ.

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:

If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.

If we disown him, then he will disown us.

We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,

for he cannot disown his own self.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Thes 5:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the Souls of all the Recently Deceased

ANNIVERSARIES

Antonio Catalano, Guglielmo Parisi,
Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Hong,
Simon Doan Hieu, Anna Nguyen Lieu,
Anthony Doan, Joseph Pham Khanh, Anne
Commaudeur

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, 14th 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:-

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 15 Oct St Teresa of Jesus
Fri 17 Oct St Ignatius of Antioch
Sat 18 Oct St Luke

ARCHDIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for vacancies in the Archdiocese. Further details of positions can be found at:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

PARISH NEWS

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

This year's Christmas Carols will be held on **Thursday, 4th December**. Food will be served from 5.00pm, followed by Carols from 6.30pm.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS – RAFFLE – PRIZES NEEDED

We are looking for prizes for our raffle, with major prizes being printed on our raffle ticket books. If you can sponsor or donate a prize or know someone who would be able to assist us with prizes, please email the Parish Office at: keilorcast@cam.org.au

MONTH OF OCTOBER – ROSARY

As part of our devotions to Our Lady, during the month of October we will continue to pray the Rosary on weekdays from Tuesday-Friday, and on Saturday mornings. Rosary commences at 8.55am, prior to the 9.15am Morning Mass.

ST PETER'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS: SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

Thanks to the Volunteers who have read and signed the Code of Conduct and completed the Safeguarding Essentials Training Module. For those volunteers who have elected to attend the Group Training session to complete the Module, the date and time when this will take place will be advised in coming weeks.

Volunteers without email addresses: Please find your letter on the table in narthex, which outlines the Archdiocese's requirements.

If you are a volunteer at St Peter's and have not received any information about completion of the Safeguarding requirements, please contact the Parish Office this week.

KEILOR CEMETERY – 2025 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.

A Prayer for Peace

Lord our God,
Father of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and Father of all peoples,
Who in the cross of Your Son
and through the gift of His own life,
at great cost You wished to destroy
the wall of enmity and hostility
that separates peoples and makes us
enemies:

Send into our hearts
the gift of the Holy Spirit,
that He may purify us from every feeling
of violence, hatred and revenge,
enlighten us to understand
the irrepressible dignity
of every human person,
and inflame us to the point of
consumption
for a peaceful and reconciled world
in truth and justice,
in love and freedom.

Almighty and eternal God,
in Your hands are the hopes of men and
women

and the rights of every people:

Assist with Your wisdom those who
govern us,

so that, with Your help,
they will become sensitive to the
sufferings of the poor
and of those who suffer the
consequences of violence and war;
may they promote the common good
and lasting peace in our region
and throughout the earth.

Virgin Mary, Mother of Hope,
obtain the gift of peace
for the Holy Land that gave birth to you
and for the whole world.
Amen.

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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

Welcome back students, teachers and
Admin staff for Term 4!

*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.*