



### Reflection by Greg Sunter

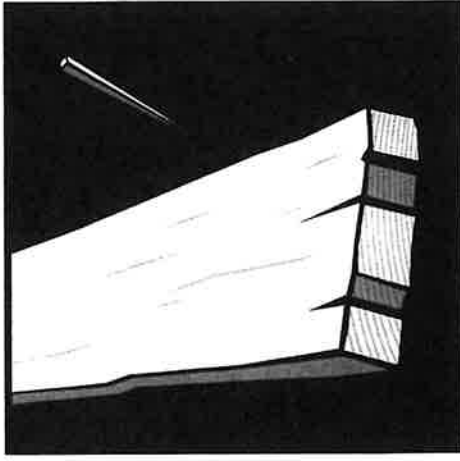
In our post-modern world, the lesson of the hypocrite seeking to remove the speck from their neighbour's eye before removing the log from their own has at times been taken too far and too literally. We are often confronted with a minimalist notion that nobody can be corrected or criticised because one person's opinion is just as good as the next person's. In this view, there is no room for universal truths; no room for authority; no room for an overarching view of the world or a meta-narrative – an underlying 'big picture' story for life.

On the surface, the idea that one person's opinion is as valid as any other's seems very democratic and sociable. However, it is fundamentally not true. Someone who has spent a lifetime studying and practising in a particular field of endeavour cannot be lightly dismissed as 'that's just your opinion'. Yet, all too often, such learned knowledge and experience is given the same weight as ill-informed and sometimes mischievous opinion – frequently in the name of 'balanced' discussion.

For some people immersed in the post-modern culture this wash of opinion dressed up as fact is not only confusing but sometimes dangerous. Social norms and even laws can be seen as just another opinion that differs from my own. The opinions of friends and complete strangers on the internet or social networks are held with the same level of legitimacy as established sources of social, moral, legal and religious authority. Whilst it is proper to question established authority and require accountability and justification, the absence of universal truths and meta-narratives lead us back to the proverb that begins today's gospel: the blind leading the blind.

splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'



### First Reading Sir 27:4-7

*Do not praise someone before they have spoken.*

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R. See v.2**

*(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.*

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

### Second Reading 1 Cor 15:54-58

*Victory has been given to us through Jesus Christ.*

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

### Gospel Acclamation Phil 2:15-16

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.**

**Alleluia!**

### Gospel Lk 6:39-45

*A person speaks from what is in his heart.*

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the

### IN YOUR PRAYERS

#### SICK

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

#### RECENTLY DECEASED

Rick Bult, Ann Allen, Vincenzo Spataro, Francesco Bonfa, Fr Peter Carrucan Pl;

#### ANNIVERSARIES

Leonarda Di Gregorio

#### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12 noon – Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2025

*Lucy Bryant*

*Charlie Minniti*

*Remy Stebbing*

Please pray for these children and their families.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)** Next meeting Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room.

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

**Presbytery Collection – 1<sup>st</sup> Collection – to**  
Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or you may remain anonymous

#### Church Collection – 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Church Account BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 53530 4676. Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. A.Smith T/G 500

**PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 1/2 MARCH 2025** - This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

**Or by calling:** 1800 024 413 Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

Please take home a *Project Compassion* box and/or a set of donation envelopes, found in the narthex.

### PARISH NEWS

**TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH – CHANGE OF MASS TIME** There will be no 9.15am Morning Mass on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, due to funeral for the late Vincenzo Spataro, commencing with Rosary at 10.00am, followed by Funeral Mass.

#### LENT 2025

Lent begins on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Ash Wednesday. Day of Fast and Abstinence.

#### ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass times for **Ash Wednesday – 5<sup>th</sup> March**  
**9.15am** Mass (with School)  
**7.00pm** Mass

- Ashes will be blessed and distributed at all Masses.
- Ash Wednesday is a day of special prayer and penance. Mass is an excellent way to begin Lent.
- We can reach out to the needy through charitable activities during Lent in special ways such as Project Compassion.

#### Obligations:

- Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.
- Fasting – means being moderate in what we eat and applies to those over 18 and not yet 60.
- The sick and those with special dietary needs are not obligated.

See full list of obligations on the noticeboard & glass in the narthex. Extra copies available to take home.



#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday during Lent from 7.00pm. All welcome.

#### THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

New Thanksgiving envelopes and receipts are available for collection in the narthex. Please take a moment after Mass to collect your new set of envelopes which commence **16<sup>th</sup> March**. For those who give by credit card, direct debit, directly online, please find your envelope with your receipt. If your envelopes or receipts are missing, please contact the Parish Office.

### PARISH OFFERTORY PROGRAM

Dear Parishioners,  
Next weekend, we will commence our Offertory Giving Program in our parish community, which will run over the next four weeks. Please pray for our community as we enter into this time of discernment. Our offering is a powerful witness and a personal prayer. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

**LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO TA' PINU MARIAN SHRINE, BACCHUS MARSH – Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

As part of our Lenten journey, we will have a Pilgrimage to Our Lady Ta' Pinu Marian Shrine, 15 Flanagan Drive, Merrimu on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2025. All invited to attend.

**9.00am** Depart St Peter's  
**10.00am** Stations of the Cross  
**11.00am** Holy Mass  
**12noon** Lunch (BYO)  
Tea/coffee provided.  
**12.30pm** Visiting Shrine area  
**1.15pm** Bus departs Ta' Pinu  
**2.00pm** Return to St Peter's (approx.)  
Bus hire - \$20pp. Please see sign-up sheet in the narthex and include your contact number, or email the Parish Office. **RSVP 18/3/25**. See sign-up sheet in the narthex.

#### MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/3/25-30/6/25

The new roster has been emailed. If not received, please check your spam mail, or contact the Parish Office. Printed rosters are available for collection in the narthex, for those without email. Extra printed copies also available.

**ALPHA MASTERCLASS – SATURDAY, MARCH 15<sup>TH</sup> FROM 10AM-4.30PM**

Flyers with information on an upcoming Alpha Masterclass are available in the narthex. The Masterclass will be held at Good Shepherd Parish Hall, Gladstone Park from 10.00am-4.30pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact the Parish Office.

### ST PETER'S PARISH, KEILOR EAST

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<https://www.melb.catholic.org/keiloreast>

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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Peters-Parish-Keilor-East-248965765799277>

#### MASS TIMES

##### Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am

5.00pm Mass

##### 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)

#### ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

**Principal:** Jemma McVeigh

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**Administration:** Christine Torrance

#### GRADE 6 STUDENTS' CONFIRMATION

##### COMMITMENT MASSES

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March at the 6pm Vigil Mass  
and 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the 10.30am Sunday Mass.

Please pray for these children as they prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation on 30<sup>th</sup> May.

*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.*