



Reflection by Greg Sunter

Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a 'Good Samaritan Law' that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid.

The parable is told in response to the question, 'And who is my neighbour?' Anyone hearing Jesus tell the story would have recognised the familiar story structure – things happening in three with the most important element occurring on the third repetition. As three people came upon the injured man on the road, the audience would have known that the hero of the story would be the third one along. But, as Jesus often did with his parables, the pattern is suddenly disrupted. Rather than the hero being an upright, faithful Jewish person, it is none other than a Samaritan who is the one who shows mercy. Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated mistrust and suspicion towards one another that went back generations. So strong was the ill-feeling between the two peoples that when Jesus finishes his story and asks the lawyer which man proved himself a neighbour, the lawyer cannot even say 'the Samaritan' – he says 'the one who took pity'.

The story concludes with the instruction, 'Go and do the same yourself'. The commandment is to act with compassion towards others – even those you may not like. The priority of compassion over the Law is a major theme of the gospel of Luke. It is often described as the gospel of compassion. The Samaritan acts with compassion, rather than out of 'patterned' behaviours and attitudes. Jesus challenges the lawyer – and us – to 'Go and do the same'.

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I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell there. (R.)

or Ps 18:8-11. R. v.9

Second Reading Col 1:15-20

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,

he was first to be born from the dead,

so that he should be first in every way;

because God wanted all perfection

to be found in him

and all things to be reconciled through him

and for him,

everything in heaven and everything on earth,

when he made peace

by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation See Jn 6:63. 68

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;

you have the words of everlasting life.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 10:25-37

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Daniel Galea, Violet Scicluna, Filomena Maisano, Fr Emmanuel Bonello(Assistant Priest at St Peter's 1984-1986 - *May he Rest in Eternal Peace*)

ANNIVERSARIES

Francesca Lauricella(1 month), Joaquim D'Cruz(1 month), Antonio Catalano, Paul Sparks, Paschal & Lola Attard, John, Joe & Carmen Galea, Angela & Santo Sciacchitano, Eileen & Michael Tomlin, Emma & Charlie Vassallo

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon - Sunday, 20th July 2025

Sophie Jennifer McMillan

Please pray for this child and her family.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 15 July St Bonaventure

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY - Good

Works

Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone their Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

PARISH NEWS

Our Parish Starts... Alpha



What: Explore life's BIG questions

When: Tuesdays from 22nd July - 9th September 2025

Where: St Peter's Parish Centre, 2A Parkside Avenue, Keilor East
Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Why: Opportunity to explore life's BIG questions in a safe and welcoming space. At alpha we share a meal, watch a short film and have a conversation. You can ask questions and share your THOUGHTS in an open, friendly environment without fear of being corrected or judged. This is also an opportunity to know more about our God and faith.

Want to meet new FRIENDS and have some FUN? Enrolments and info: Parish Office: keiloreast@cam.org.au All are welcome. *Please see Sign Up Sheet in the narthex.*

THURSDAY 17TH JULY

There will be a funeral for the late Filomena Maisano this coming Thursday, 17th July at 10.30am. There will be no 9.15am Morning Mass that day.

CONGRATULATIONS to Alisha & Jonathan Cu who will make their 1st Holy Communion at our Saturday 6pm Vigil Mass on 12th July. May God bless them, their family and Catechist.

ST PETER'S SOCIAL CLUB

Meets Wednesdays in the Parish Centre from 10.00am until approximately 1.15pm.

New members are always welcome. Come for a friendly cuppa and chat, bingo and occasional outings. BYO lunch. Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions.

DIVINE RENOVATION EVENT

Invitation Changes Everything: Build a Parish that Reaches Out

When: Saturday 19th July

Where: St Francis of Assisi Parish, 290 Childs Road, Mill Park.

Time: 9.15am until 2.00pm

Do you wish you were more comfortable with inviting people to church or to become more involved in the parish? Well, you're invited to our "Invitation changes everything" event where you will be presented with a practical technique to overcome your fear of inviting people. With decades of experience in 18 countries, international speaker Michael Harvey will equip you with the ACORN method of inviting. See flyers in the narthex. Registration:

<https://divinerenovation.org/events/>



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago. Run over three days, at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre, the Festival provides young people from Year 9-25 years of age, from all across Australia, with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia.

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting ACYF from 30 November - 2 December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne. Further information can be found at melbourne.catholic.org or acyf.com.au

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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

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

Monday 21st July - Staff Professional Development Day

TERM 3

Commences Tuesday 22nd July

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.