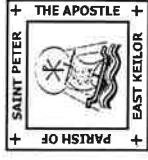


PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE
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Reflection by Greg Sunter

In the gospel of Luke, Jesus is accused of eating with sinners and tax collectors (Lk 15) and we have an image of Jesus as always eating with the marginalised. However, today's gospel account is a more common occurrence: Jesus eating with a leading Pharisee and people of social importance. Although Jesus is depicted as frequently dining in the houses of these well-to-do people, he was probably never invited a second time! As in today's account, Jesus made a habit of accepting the hospitality of such people and then giving them a lecture about how they should behave and reminding them who was not gathered around the table with them. Certainly the sort of actions that don't see too many follow-up invitations!

The message he dishes out to the Pharisees on this occasion is about not thinking you're more important than you really are. He tells them that it is far better to assume a lower status and to be lifted to greater prominence than it is to assume too much and have to be asked to step down to your proper status. In first century Jewish society, eating was as much a political act as it was a social one. Who you ate with was a reflection of your social and political position. To be invited to the head of the table would reflect very positively on a guest whilst being asked to assume a lower seat would be humiliating.

Jesus' final teaching in this account would have been outrageous to his audience. The thought of inviting to a meal people who were in no position to reciprocate was absolutely ridiculous. But Jesus encourages his audience to give to those who cannot repay – to be graciously generous just as God gives without expecting anything in return.

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Gospel Lk 14:1, 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay you courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 31 August 2025

First Reading Sir 3:17-20, 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

3. You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

You have to come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 11:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 67:4-7, 10-11. R. v.11

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

1. The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)
2. Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.
God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Margaret Walsh, Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis
RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the Souls of all the Recently Deceased

ANNIVERSARIES

Maria Lamanna, Vincenzo Carbone, George Rodrigues, Antonino Di Stefano, Felice Consolo, Martin Valastro, Sandra Valastro

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 14th September 2025

James Mancini

Please pray for this child & his family.

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 3 Sep St Gregory the Great
Fri 5 Sep S Teresa of Calcutta

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.

ST PETER'S GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday mornings in the Parish Centre Meeting Room from 10.00am until 11.30am. New members are welcome. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

PARISH NEWS

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Thank you to parishioners who supported the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign last weekend. For those who were not here, envelopes and tear off pledge cards are still available in the pews. Please return any envelopes by next weekend, directly into the offering basket or drop off at the Parish Office. To donate online, please go to the banner, found on our Parish Website. Thank you.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is? Are you a person in search of the meaning of life? Are you a Christian wishing to find out more about the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic looking for an adult appreciation of your faith?

The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the normal process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members, and we **will walk with you on your journey of discovery**. This journey of discovery begins with a time of discernment and **Enquiry**, continues through a period of **Catechumenate**, reaches its highpoint at the celebration of **Easter**, and concludes with a period of further deepening of and living the Christian faith.

There will be an **Enquiry Night** for those interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic on **Tuesday, 16th September at 7.00pm, in the Parish Centre Meeting Room**. For further info, please contact the Parish Office.

ST PETER'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS – SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

All volunteers are required to undertake Safeguarding Training. Volunteers with email addresses will soon receive details of how to complete the online training and signing of the Code of Conduct. Volunteers without computer access will be contacted separately.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2025

On this Social Justice Sunday, Australia's Bishops invite us to seriously consider our Christian responsibility to those who are in homelessness and mental ill-health. The 2025/2026 Social Justice Statement is entitled, **Signs of Hope on the Edge: Serving Homeless People with Mental Ill Health**. The Statement can be found at: socialjustice.catholic.org.au

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS – Information Evening

As part of the next stage of their membership drive, the Knights of the Southern Cross Men's group are having an Information Evening at St Martin De Porres, Avondale Heights next Wednesday 3rd September at 7.30pm in the Pastoral Centre Meeting Room. All interested are welcome to attend.

CATHOLIC VOCATIONS: Online Information Session on the Permanent Diaconate

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 24 September 2025 beginning 19:00 – 20:00 Location: via **ZOOM Attendance will be by invitation**. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au. In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

TAKE THE WAY OF THE GOSPEL-VIBRANT PARISH FORMATION SERIES Evangelisation: Bridging the Gap between Parish and School When: Wednesday 10th September Time: 6.30-9.00pm Where: Club Italia, Sunshine. Gain insights on bringing parish and school closer together in mission and explore key findings, stories of hope, and resources to help you do the same in your communities. **Please contact the Parish Office if interested in attending. See flyers in the narthex for registration details.**

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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

INVITATION: ST PETER'S 2025 STEAM SHOW

Join us on **Wednesday, 10th September, from 3:30pm–7:00pm** at **St Peter's Primary School** for our **STEAM Show**—a celebration of student creativity, innovation, and learning. The event will showcase projects from Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics, highlighting the talent and imagination of our students. All are warmly invited to come along and be inspired by their big ideas!

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.