



Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

*My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;*

I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 12:49-53

I have come not to give peace, but discord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's short and sharp gospel brings to mind two popular sayings (sometimes regarded as blessings, and sometimes regarded as curses). The first is fictitiously ascribed as an ancient Chinese saying, 'May you live in interesting times!' The inference of the blessing/curse is that 'interesting times' equate to disturbing, tumultuous times or times of rapid change. Some people thrive on such change and upheaval, while others dread the thought of change.

The second blessing/curse is, 'May the peace of Christ disturb you!' It occasionally turns up around Christmas or Easter and is sometimes provocatively used by those who advocate for justice and peace. The saying cuts to the heart of what Jesus says in today's gospel: the message he brings is not a cosy, complacent peace, but rather a message that confronts and challenges, even turning loved ones against each other.

Jesus reminds us that if we take on his message of compassion, hospitality and table fellowship then it can set us apart from those who have not accepted the message – even family members. It's a challenging message that even love and loyalty within a family can be disrupted by seeking to authentically live the model of Jesus. If we authentically place the needs of the lowly and the outcast ahead of our own and ahead of our family, then this can be very confronting and very disrupting. What are the consequences for family gatherings? What might the gathering at Christmas dinner look like if we take this message seriously? Jesus says that the normal obligations to family have to take second place to acting on his message and bringing about the kingdom of God.

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

17 August 2025

First Reading Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

You bore me to be a man of strife for the whole world.

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39:2-4, 18. R. v.14

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 12:1-4

Let us bear patiently the struggle placed upon us.

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Margaret Walsh, Miriam Coco, Nadia Louis
RECENTLY DECEASED
George Micallef, Rosa Tabone

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Wed 20 Aug St Bernard
Thu 21 Aug St Pius X
Fri 22 Aug The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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.

SILENCE IN CHURCH

A reminder that we should make every effort to keep the Church quiet in order that people have the opportunity to spend time in quiet prayer. A useful maxim to remember is **Speak to God before Mass; speak to friends after Mass**. If you need to have a conversation with someone prior to the beginning of Mass, please use the Narthex – that is its proper role and the proper place in which conversation may take place.

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THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2025

One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which can be found in the narthex from this weekend.

Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants.

Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries.

Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes which can be found on the table in the narthex. You can also make a gift online at:

melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR code on the campaign materials. We also have a banner and "Donations" button on our Parish Website. You can take home a pledge card to consider your pledge/donation and return over the next 2 weekends. **We will also be having a special collection for this Campaign at Masses next weekend (23/24 August).**

ALPHA at St Peter's Parish: Explore life's BIG questions

Tuesdays – Weekly 22nd July – 9th September
2025 at St Peter's Parish Centre – entry via Bellarine Avenue – gate next to tennis court
From 7.00pm to 9.00pm

Opportunity to explore life's BIG questions in a safe and welcoming space. At Alpha we share a meal(provided), 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.

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.**

ST PETER'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS – SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

All volunteers are required to hold a current and valid volunteer Victorian Working with Children check or VIT Card, ensuring it is noted that St. Peter's Parish is referenced as at least, one place where you undertake voluntary work. A Police Check – depending on what volunteer work is being undertaken.

Completion of the Safeguarding Essentials online training every three years. All volunteers need to undertake Safeguarding Training. Instructions on how to complete the online training will be emailed to volunteers next week. Volunteers without computer access will be contacted separately. The Parish will also be running some in-person sessions in the near future. Reading and understanding the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Framework and signing of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct, every 3 years. Further information to come.

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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



FIRST EUCHARIST MASSES

On Saturdays 9th & 16th August at the 6.00pm Vigil Mass and Sundays 10th & 17th August at the 10.30am Mass, the Year 4 children are making their 1st Holy Communion. Congratulations to these children. Please keep the children, their teachers and families in your prayers.

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.