

PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

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Reflection by Greg Sunter

I don't know that we've ever properly understood the significance of the disciples in the gospels; our attention is always focused on Jesus. The disciples certainly got the inside running on all of Jesus' teachings; they witnessed the miracles; and were themselves empowered to carry on the work of Jesus. They can be seen as the prototypes for all the followers of Jesus that have come since. When we read the gospel stories we can perhaps place ourselves in the position of James or John or Peter or Andrew.

To be a disciple to a rabbi was not just to be a supporter or an interested bystander. To be a disciple was to hungrily learn from your rabbi. The fact that all of Jesus' disciples were called from other walks of life means that no other rabbi had already chosen them. They had been passed over as not good enough to study with a rabbi. When they were called by Jesus it was an opportunity they would never have dreamed possible; of course they left everything and followed him.

To be a disciple was effectively an apprenticeship to becoming a rabbi. To be disciplined to a rabbi was to believe that you could do what your rabbi did. It is this belief that makes Peter get out of the boat. His rabbi is walking on the water and Peter believes that he can do what his rabbi does. And extraordinarily, Peter begins to walk on the water just like Jesus. It is only when he starts to think about what he's doing that he sinks. When Jesus asks Peter, 'Why did you doubt?' he is asking Peter why he doubted himself. It wasn't that Peter doubted Jesus; he doubted his own ability to be the equal of his rabbi!



out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

First Reading 1 Kgs 19:9.11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 84:9-14. R. v.8

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Lk 19:38

Alleluia, alleluia!
I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word.
Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far

IN YOUR PRAYERS



SICK

Rosemarie Cini

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for the souls of all the Recently Deceased

ANNIVERSARIES

Sebastiano Pitruzzello, Francesca Muscara, Michele Iannaccone, Joseph & Antonia Micallef, Paul Collins, Joseph Farrugia, Francesca Bonfa, Emmanuel Said

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? You can still join us in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 11th August, to make an enquiry about RCIA. For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

16 August 2026 at 12noon

Giuseppe De Fazio
Hazel Kalabrezos

Please pray for these children and their families.

PARISH SUPPORT

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

Presbytery Collection – 1st Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Presbytery A/C BSB: 083 347 Account No. 665417521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or you may remain anonymous

Church Collection – 2nd Collection

Account Name: St Peter's Church Account BSB: 083 347 A/C No. 535304676. Reference as your first initial then surname and if known, your giving number e.g. ASmith T/G 500 Please also see information re Tap to Give in this Bulletin.

FOUND IN CHURCH - RING

A ring was found in the Church following the 10.30am Mass on Sunday 2nd August. Please contact the Parish Office on 93374141 if it belongs to you, or someone you know.

PARISH NEWS

Your generous gift supports ministries across the Archdiocese – bringing the Good News to life not only in word, but in action. Thank you.



ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026

One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Priests Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, John Pierce Centre, University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College 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 in the church. You can also make a gift online at: melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR code on the campaign materials. **We will be having a special collection for this Campaign at Masses next weekend.**

MELBOURNE CLERGY CONFERENCE – 10-14 AUGUST

This week is the annual Melbourne Clergy Conference, which Fr Anil is attending. Fr Mathew will celebrate Morning Mass at 9.15am on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. There will be no Morning Mass on Thursday, 13th August.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Saturday 15th August is a Holy Day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am. There will also be a whole school Mass on Friday, 14th August at 9.15am to celebrate this Feast Day. All welcome.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE: NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

– 9 AUGUST Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

NFC TAGS: THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

We want to sincerely thank every parishioner who has contributed to our parish over these past weeks, whether through our new digital giving NFC tags, your usual electronic giving, or envelopes and cash. Your generosity makes a real difference to the life and mission of our parish. We are pleased to share that the response to our new giving options has been very encouraging, and the wooden NFC tags and QR codes will remain permanently available in the parish for anyone who wishes to use them. Regular giving continues to provide our parish with the stability and consistency needed to plan for the future, and we are deeply grateful for your support.

FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE – PRIZES NEEDED

We are planning to have a Father's Day raffle. Donations of suitable prizes to make up hampers e.g. wine, chocolates, handyman items, men's pamper products, gift vouchers, etc would be very welcome. Raffle will be drawn after the 10.30am Mass on September 6.

SHAPE THE FUTURE: BE COUNTED AS CATHOLIC THIS CENSUS

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

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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

*No Morning Mass on Thursday 13th August

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (or upon request of Parish Priest)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

2026 PARISH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

We are grateful for the school families ongoing support of the Parish Thanksgiving Program (2026 family contribution), which continues to sustain the life and mission of our parish. May God bless your families with peace and joy.

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.