



Reflection by Greg Sunter

How much faith does one have to have? How much faith is enough? How is it possible to measure one person's faith against another?

When the disciples asked Jesus to increase their faith, what exactly were they asking of him? These fishermen and nobodies chosen as disciples by Jesus must surely have had moments of realisation that they were not the sorts of young men normally chosen by Rabbis to be disciples. They must have looked around at the disciples of other teachers and seen that, by comparison, they weren't really in the same league. So they ask Jesus to increase their faith. What they're saying is: make us more like the sorts of people we think we should be. Jesus counters their request by telling them that if they had faith the size of a tiny mustard seed they could accomplish great things. It's not a matter of how much faith one has but what they do with it. How much faith does it take to do great things? Jesus says that it only takes the tiniest scrap of faith.

Jesus follows up this statement by pointing out to the disciples that no matter how small the amount of faith, it carries with it a responsibility and duty to act upon it. One shouldn't be looking for acclaim and special treatment when one acts out of faith as that is simply what is expected. The gift of faith carries with it a duty to live that faith and act upon it.

Gospel Lk 17:5-10

If you had faith!

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you.'

'Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

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First Reading Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

The just will live by faithfulness.

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen;

to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save?

Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said,

'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

Second Reading 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Never be ashamed of witnessing the Lord.

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and of love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or be ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

Gospel Acclamation 1 Pt 1:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News. Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Cocco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Marie Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES

Michelle Moizes

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 5th October 2025

Alessia Cosner

Ethan Damian

Lenna Gusman

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Our next meeting is this Tuesday, 7th October in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm. Any enquiries to Parish Office.

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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CONTRIBUTORS If you notice anything unusual on your bank statement related to your pledge to our parish, please contact the parish office promptly. We'll investigate the matter for you. It should show as *Fat Zebra*.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tue 7 Oct Our Lady of the Rosary

ARCHDIOCESE JOB VACANCIES

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced people for vacancies in the Archdiocese. Further details of positions can be found at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

PARISH NEWS

ST PETER'S 2025 CHRISTMAS CAROLS – THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025

This year's Christmas Carols will be held on Thursday, 4th December. Food will be served from 5.00pm, followed by Carols from 6.30pm.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS – RAFFLE – PRIZES NEEDED

We are looking for prizes for our raffle, with major prizes being printed on our raffle ticket books. If you can sponsor or donate a prize or know someone who would be able to assist us with prizes, please email the Parish Office at: keiloreast@cam.org.au

MONTH OF OCTOBER – ROSARY

What is the Rosary?

The rosary is a Christ-centered prayer, rooted in Sacred Scripture, that helps us meditate on the lives of Jesus and Mary. The rosary is a Catholic devotion in which we ask for the intercession of Mary, the Mother of God, in drawing closer to her divine Son, Jesus. When praying the rosary, you use a string of beads to keep track of your progress through the prayers.

Why Pray the Rosary?

We pray the Rosary to grow closer to God and praying the Rosary is not just for challenges or difficulties. Praying the Rosary helps us to fortify our Catholic beliefs and strengthen our bond with Jesus Christ.

As part of our devotions to Our Lady, during the month of October we will continue to pray the Rosary on weekdays from Tuesday-Friday, and on Saturday mornings. Rosary commences at 8.55am, prior to the 9.15am Morning Mass.

ANNUAL PUBLICATION ORDERS: 'BREAK OPEN THE WORD' OR 'DAILY MASS BOOK'

These 2 resources can be ordered through the Parish Office - \$33 each. 'Break Open the Word' is particularly helpful for Readers of God's Word. *Please call the Parish Office or email your order by 7th October.*

ST PETER'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS: SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

Volunteers of St Peter's Parish with email addresses should have received instructions on how to complete the Safeguarding Essentials Online Training Module. This was emailed on 12th September. **If you have not received this email, please contact the Parish Office.** Thank you to volunteers who have read and signed the Code of Conduct and completed the Online Training Module. Could volunteers yet to complete the Training Module, please do so by **Friday, 10th October** and forward your Certificate of Completion to the Parish Office. If experiencing any problems at all, please let us know. Other options for completing the module:-

- Make an appointment to come to the Parish Office and we will assist; or
- Attend a Group Training session. The date and time for this will be advised in coming weeks.

Please let us know your preference by 12/10/25.

Volunteers without email addresses: Please find your letter on the table in narthex, which outlines the above information and how you can complete the requirements.

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 melbournecatholic.org or acyf.com.au **If any young person from the Parish is interested in registering to attend this Festival, please contact the Parish Office.**

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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 HOLIDAYS

Term 4 commences Monday 6th October

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.