



Reflection by Greg Sunter

One of the themes running through the gospels is that wealth can be an obstacle to entering fully into relationship with God. It is not wealth in itself that is problematic but rather valuing material riches above everything else and the constant desire to accumulate more and more. We have the story of the rich young man who asks Jesus what he must do to inherit the kingdom and Jesus tells him to sell everything he has and give away the proceeds. The young man goes away sad because he thought that with his great accumulation of wealth he'd be able to buy anything that he needed to gain the kingdom. We also have the saying of Jesus that it is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.

The parable in today's gospel depicts a man who has so much grain that he decides to build bigger barns to store it all. The parable follows Jesus' teaching that 'a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' The point is about having more than we need. What good is served by one person having more than they need while others do not have enough to meet their needs? The rich man who had the abundant harvest could have stored up all that he needed and still been able to share the abundance with others.

Liberation theology introduced the catch phrase, 'live simply so that others may simply live'. The call was for those in wealthier countries to simplify their wasteful and indulgent lifestyles so that others may be able to meet their most basic of needs.

Gospel Lk 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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First Reading Ecd 1:2; 2:21-23

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Andrew Gorecki, Antonio Palumbo, Maria
Ninh Thi Dao(in Vietnam)

ANNIVERSARIES

Giuseppina Usai, Caterina Medici, Ranece
Murtiah, Lily & Tarcis Mizzi, Emmanuel Said,
Paul Collins, Greg Rough

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 3rd August 2025

Drew Elizabeth Lafontaine

Sofia Seru

Please pray for these children and their families.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 4 Aug St John Mary Vianney
Wed 6 Aug The Transfiguration of the Lord
Fri 8 Aug St Mary of the Cross

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

ALPHA at St Peter's Parish



What: Explore life's BIG questions

When: Tuesdays – Weekly 22nd July - 9th September 2025

Where: St Peter's Parish Centre – entry via Bellarine Avenue – gate next to tennis court
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(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.

It is not too late if anyone would still like to join. Please come along this Tuesday at 7.00pm in the Parish Centre. Friends and relatives are welcome too.

SOLEMNITY OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS Mary MacKillop Feast Day - 8 August

On Friday 8th August at 9.15am, Mass on the Feast Day of St Mary of the Cross will be celebrated with the school community present. All welcome.

1st HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

9th & 16th August - Saturdays at 6.00pm
10th & 17th August - Sundays at 10.30am

The Year 4 children will be making their 1st Holy Communion during Masses over the next 2 weekends. Each Communion candidate's family will be allocated a pew. We are planning to put extra seating in the Church for these Masses. If attending any of the above Mass times and you need to park in the car park for mobility reasons, we suggest you please arrive at the Church early. If you would prefer to go to the 8.30am or 5.00pm Masses, feel free to do so.

ST PETER'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS – SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

Victorian Parishes are soon to be audited and we need to ensure that our Parish is fully compliant with the Archdiocese of Melbourne Safeguarding rules. All volunteers are required to hold a current and valid volunteer Victorian Working with Children check or VIT Card; Police Check - depending on what volunteer work is being undertaken; completion of the Safeguarding Essentials online training every three years; reading and understanding the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Framework and signing of the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct. Further information to come next weekend.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – 3-10 AUGUST

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

THANK YOU MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM CATHOLIC MISSION

“Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish community of St Peter the Apostle for your generous and compassionate support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your contribution of \$1,606.50 has been gratefully received and will help provide vital care for mothers in Zambia, and empower local Church workers across more than 1,000 mission dioceses around the world. Through your partnership, countless families will find not only practical help, but also spiritual accompaniment, hope, and dignity. Your gift is more than charity – it is a concrete act of solidarity, and a sign of God's love reaching out to those on the margins. Thank you for being a living witness of Christ's mission to the world.”

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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

1st Eucharist Masses

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass – 9 & 16 August

10.30am Sunday Mass – 10 & 17 August

Please keep these children, along with their families and teachers, 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.