



### Reflection by Greg Sunter

Like so much of the Gospel of Luke, this week's passage is, at its heart, all about hospitality. This theme has featured in the gospel readings for the last couple of weeks. It is a theme that the writer returns to over and over again throughout the gospel to reinforce not only the importance of welcoming the message of Jesus, but also the extravagantly generous hospitality and welcome that God extends to all people.

Taken at a literal level, this week's gospel passage can be a problematic one. Jesus is dining at the house of Martha and she busies herself trying to be a good host and serving her guest, while her sister, Mary, simply sits and enjoys the company of Jesus. Martha complains about her sister's apparent laziness and finds herself chastised by Jesus.

On the surface, Martha is doing the right thing: providing hospitality for her guest. Yet Mary is the one whose actions are affirmed.

Like in the parable of the Good Samaritan last week, the gospel writer reminds us that being preoccupied with one's duty – even in service of God – is not what God desires. Martha has forgotten that the guest is also a gift! Having welcomed and shown appropriate hospitality to her guest, Martha should have then accepted the gift of the guest, that is, the company and presence of the welcome guest. Instead she continues to busy herself with serving while her sister shows true welcome: accepting the gift of the guest's company.

When we welcome a guest into our house, we can be too worried about impressing the guest with lavish hospitality and our best serving ware, rather than relaxing and enjoying the company of the guest. Like Martha, we can overlook the fact that God is present when we welcome a guest.



### Gospel Acclamation See Lk 8:15

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.*

*Alleluia!*

### Gospel Lk 10:38-42

*Martha took up the duties in the house. Mary chose the better part.*

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.'

### First Reading Gn 18:1-10

*Lord, do not bypass your servant.*

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.'

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.'

### Responsorial Psalm

**Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1**

*(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.*

### Second Reading Col 1:24-28

*The mystery hidden for centuries has now been revealed to his saints.*

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

#### IN YOUR PRAYERS

##### SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

##### RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for all the recently departed

##### ANNIVERSARIES

Antonio Morena, Gus Vella, Philip Muscat, Pietro Santopoli, Peter Tran Hanh, Theresa Tran Vinh, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Hong, Anthony Doan, Massimo Burrone

##### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> July 2025

*Sophie Jennifer McMillan*

Please pray for this child and her family.

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##### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 22 July St Mary Magdalene

Friday 25 July St James

Saturday 26 July Sts Joachim & Anne

##### 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

##### Our Parish Starts THIS WEEK.... Alpha



##### What: Explore life's BIG questions

**When:** Tuesdays from 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 9<sup>th</sup> 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, 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.

Want to meet new FRIENDS and have some FUN? Enrolments and info: Parish Office: keiloreast@cam.org.au All are welcome. Please see *Sign Up Sheet in the narthex*.

##### FUNERAL INFORMATION FOR THE LATE

**REV. EMMANUEL BONELLO** (Assistant Priest at St Peter's during the 1980's)

The Vigil Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Rev. Emmanuel (Manny) Bonello will be offered on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July at 7.30pm at St Joseph the Worker Parish, 79 Wilson Blvd, North Reservoir and the Requiem Mass will be offered at the same Church on Wednesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> July at 10.00am, with the Archbishop in attendance.

##### HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

Parishioners who are themselves sick or housebound or know someone who is who would like Holy Communion brought to them at their home in Keilor East, are encouraged to leave their details with the Parish Office.

#### ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE:

**The Vibrant Parish Formation Series – 13<sup>th</sup> August, 6.30-9.00pm** at Club Italia, 128-132 Furlong Road, Sunshine.

**Topic:** Outreach/Service: Beyond the Church doors

In my own local community, do I love my neighbour? Jesus calls us to love God and love our neighbour—the Great Commandment. Matthew Chapter 25 may be considered our 'playbook' for following Jesus, who is a model of servant love. **Hear from leaders in Catholic social services** as they explore what it means to serve with love, mercy and justice at the local level, and how we can collaborate with others. You will also hear from a panel of people in our parishes working at the coalface. Finally, learn about a new practical resource to help you identify who makes up your local parish community, using data from the last census. See flyers in the Church narthex. Register at: [trybooking.com/DAKMJ](http://trybooking.com/DAKMJ). Please notify the Parish Office if you will be attending.

#### 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.au](http://melbournecatholic.org.au) or [acyf.com.au](http://acyf.com.au)

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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 CLOSURE DAY

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Staff Professional Development Day

#### TERM 3

Commences Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

*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.*