



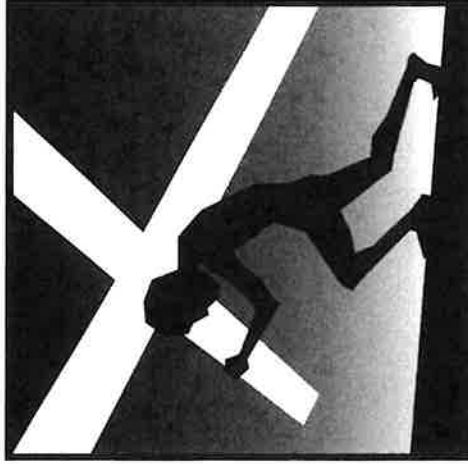
Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

There are several messianic traditions, each one characterising the anointed one of the future in a unique way. Do we expect a prophetic figure who will enter our world and reform the structures of society, or a strong leader who will overturn these structures and establish a new order? Are we waiting for a teacher who will transform our minds and hearts, or a judge who will punish us for our infidelities? Are we expecting someone who will renew the face of the earth, or someone who will come in fire and brimstone to destroy it? What kind of a messiah do we expect? For what kind of a change are we preparing ourselves?

Jesus seems to overturn our expectations. We look for one who will save us from the predicaments in which we find ourselves, and he comes to us as one who seems to be a victim of his own predicament. God's thinking seems to be the reverse of ours: Those who save their lives, lose them; those who lose their lives, save them; the seed must die before it can bear fruit; Jesus will be killed, but will then be raised from the dead.

Can we claim to understand Jesus? Or are we more like the people in James' community: people who profess faith in Jesus, but who do not live it out; people who speak pleasant words to others, who say the right things, but who do not back up their words with good works? Is our faith really living?

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Gospel Acclamation Gal 6:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,

which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 8:27-35

You are the Christ... the Son of Man was destined to suffer much.

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him, 'John the Baptist,' they said, 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked, 'who do you say I am?' 'Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 15 September 2024

First Reading Is 50:5-9

I gave my body to those who struck me.

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away.

I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me?

Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me.

The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord, in the land of the living.

or

(R.) Alleluia!

1. I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R.)

2. They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)
3. How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me! (R.)

4. He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (R.)

Second Reading Jas 2:14-18

Faith without good works is dead.

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,' without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

ANNIVERSARIES

Maryanne & Charles Spiteri, Waltraut(Val) Dryiski

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 15th September 2024

Olivia Ottelli

Benjamin & Matias Martinez

Vincent Tropea

Please pray for these children & their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

You can still join us in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm on Tuesday to make an enquiry about RCIA. Please call Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103 for further information.

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. 66541 7521 Reference as your first initial then surname, or you may remain anonymous

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 16 Sep Sts Cornelius & Cyprian
Fri 20 Sep Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon,
Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
Sat 21 Sep St Matthew

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

15 September 2024



Social Services Sunday

What does the Lord require of you?
To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God

- Micah 6:8



Watch the video

Sunday 15 September 2024 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. We acknowledge with gratitude all of Catholic Social Services Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 7,000+ staff and 15,000+ volunteers and the important work that they do to serve over 300,000 people. At this challenging time of a cost of living and housing affordability crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. We can all play a role in building a more just and compassionate society.

ATTENTION ST PETER'S PARISH VOLUNTEERS

During the week commencing 15 September, some Parish Volunteers may receive an automated email from the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne regarding compliance with the Archdiocesan Safeguarding Standards. Please call the Parish office, if you have any questions.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/11/24-28/2/25

The next Ministers' Roster will be prepared soon. Please contact the Parish Office with your 'away' dates from 1/11/24-28/2/25, by **Tuesday, 1st October**, if you don't wish to be rostered on a particular weekend during the above time period. Volunteers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be advertised separately.

ORDERS FOR ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS

Break Open the Word

Contains readings and psalms for each Sunday. Copies can be ordered through the Parish office. Suitable for Parish Groups, Readers of God's Word etc.

Daily Mass Book

This Mass book contains all the texts for Sunday and weekday mass and begins in Advent 2024.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to order a copy of either publication described above, by 1st October - \$30.00 each.

ST PETER'S PARISH 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED'

More volunteers are needed to serve as Readers, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Ext. Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound, Mass Helpers, Altar Servers & Greeters, for our Weekend Rosters. Please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference Form, found in the narthex, and return to Helena at the Parish Office. Training will be provided.

INVITATION TO PRIESTLY ORDINATIONS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL – Saturday 21 September at 10.00am

All are warmly invited you to join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli for the Ordination to the Priesthood of Reverend Jean-Sébastien Géry. Please keep him in your prayers.

'MASS FOR ALL NATIONS': MIGRANT AND REFUGEE MASS, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - Sunday 29 September 2024 2.00pm–4.00pm

'God walks with His people.' Celebrate the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with migrant communities from all over Melbourne on Sunday 29 September at St Patrick's Cathedral. 2pm: Procession and Rosary in various languages 3pm: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese.

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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(followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

END OF TERM 3 AT 12NOON

Friday 20 September

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.