



Reflection by Greg Sunter

'Hate' is an emotive and extremely harsh word in our society. In its gospel context, the word is not used as an opposite of 'love' but as an indication of deserving of less significance than another thing. So the teaching about hating father, mother, etc can be read as saying that being a disciple of Jesus must take precedence over everything else, even family. In 1st Century culture, family was foremost above everything else; it was the very fibre that held society together. Jesus is saying that discipleship must be put above even that which is most important and most intrinsic to life in this world. That is why he goes on to tell the two stories about the need to count the cost before undertaking an important venture. He makes clear to his listeners that discipleship is more important than anything else and that there are huge costs associated with taking it on. A believer has to literally 'count the cost' of what it will mean to place discipleship above family, friendships, career, politics and even life itself. Jesus makes no apologies for the fact that what he is asking is incredibly demanding.

Our 'possessions' are all those things – material, emotional, and psychological – that we cling to and that we think give us our identity and status. Jesus called for a radical reinterpretation of status and position. He tells his listeners that they cannot truly be disciples if they continue to cling to those things that are considered important in this world. They have to surrender the things that bind them to this world's ideas of status and position before they can fully embrace the kingdom view of the world. As Jesus said, you have to really count the cost!

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Gospel Lk 14:25-33

All who do not renounce their possessions cannot be my disciples.

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.'

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 7 September 2025

First Reading Wis 9:13-18

Who can comprehend the will of God?

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul,

and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind.

It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach;

who, then, can discover what is in the heavens?

As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened

and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

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 Phlm 9-10, 12-17

Receive him, not as a slave anymore, but as a very dear brother.

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave; a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Margaret Walsh, Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis
RECENTLY DECEASED
Anton Bogve

ANNIVERSARIES

Harry Rodrigues, Antonio Catalano,
Giuseppe Devito, Bernardo Quattrucci,
Sante Quattrucci, Augusto Fiore, Patricia
Ann Sabato, Salvatore Mordica

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 14th September 2025

James Mancini

Please pray for this child & his family.

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ST PETER'S GOSPEL DISCUSSION GROUP

Monday mornings in the Parish Centre Meeting Room from 10.00am until 11.30am. New members are welcome. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Mon 8 Sep The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 13 Sep St John Chrysostom

PARISH NEWS

FUNERAL AT ST PETER'S – 12/9/25

There will be a funeral for the late Anton Bogve on Friday, 12th September at 10.00am. Please note: those coming for the daily mass will be at 10.00am.

MEETING: 2025 CHRISTMAS CAROLS

As a preparation for Christmas Carols 2025, we are having a Meeting on **Thursday, 11th September**, in the **Parish Centre Meeting Room**, from **7.00pm**. Entry from Parkside Avenue – gates open from 6.45pm. Please come along and share your ideas to make this year's Carols a great success. All welcome.

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? Are you a Christian wishing to find out more about the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic looking for an adult appreciation of your faith?

The ***Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*** is the normal process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members, and we **will walk with you on your journey of discovery**. This journey of discovery begins with a time of discernment and ***Enquiry***, continues through a period of ***Catechumenate***, reaches its highpoint at the celebration of ***Easter***, and concludes with a period of further deepening of and living the Christian faith.

There will be an ***Enquiry Night*** for those interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic on **Tuesday, 16th September at 7.00pm, in the Parish Centre Meeting Room**. For further info, please contact the Parish Office.



CONGRATULATIONS

Fr Anil Mascarenhas
8 Years Ordained a Priest
9th SEPTEMBER 2025
May God Bless you



HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Wishing all fathers, grandfathers and special men in our lives a very 'Happy Father's Day'. May you all be richly blessed by the grace of God.

A Prayer for all Fathers and Priests

God our father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation, may they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own fathers, who have supported and challenged us; may they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.

We pray for fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering, may they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice.

Most importantly, we pray for all our Priests, our spiritual fathers who guide, teach us and lead us to You and who feed and nourish us with Your Sacraments.

We remember fathers, grandfathers, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.
Amen

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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

INVITATION: ST PETER'S 2025 STEAM

SHOW

Join us on **Wednesday, 10th September, from 3:30pm-7:00pm** at **St Peter's Primary School** for our **STEAM Show**—a celebration of student creativity, innovation, and learning. The event will showcase projects from Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics, highlighting the talent and imagination of our students. All are warmly invited to come along and be inspired by their big ideas!

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.