



First Reading Ez 18:25-28

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Second Reading Phil 2:1-11

or shorter form Phil 2:1-5

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,

yet he did not cling

to his equality with God

but emptied himself

to assume the condition of a slave,

and became as men are;

and being as all men are,

he was humbler yet,

even to accepting death,

death on a cross.

But God raised him high

and gave him the name

which is above all other names

so that all beings

in the heavens, on earth and in the

underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of

Jesus

and that every tongue should acclaim

Jesus Christ as Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 24:4-9, R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

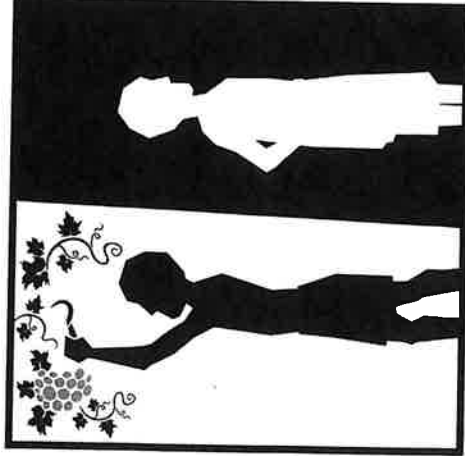
Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel passage is one of many within Matthew's gospel that show Jesus at odds with the religious authorities of his day. The picture of the religious leaders that comes through Matthew's gospel is one of hypocrisy. Jesus is frequently portrayed as criticising the leaders for holding too strongly to the letter of the law and ignoring the spirit of the law and the call to compassion. This week's passage has Jesus seeking the opinion of the chief priests and elders on a hypothetical situation (a common style of debating a point of law in the Jewish tradition). He describes two sons, each asked by their father to go and work in the family vineyard. The first says 'No' but later does his father's bidding. The second says 'Yes' but doesn't follow through on his commitment.

Jesus is criticising the religious leaders of his time who, with their words, said 'Yes' to God but by their actions said 'No'. He most certainly would have upset the leaders by telling them that tax collectors and prostitutes would enter the kingdom of God before them. Whilst these tax collectors and prostitutes were regarded by the religious authorities as 'sinners' beyond redemption, Jesus holds them up in the image of the first son of the story. Although they may have said 'No' to God through their poor choices, ultimately they are saying 'Yes' to God in their acceptance of Jesus and the message of the kingdom of God. On the other hand, the leaders have said 'Yes' to God publicly through abiding by all the religious laws and maintaining a 'religious profile' but in their hearts and actions they have not truly said 'Yes!'

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Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

**My sheep listen to my voice,
says the Lord;**

**I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick, especially those in our local community

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for all the Recently Deceased ANNIVERSARIES

Colomba Carniato, Elizabeth Rodrigues, Celeste & Rocco Albano, Maximino Salvador St, Leticia Salvador, Stella & William Cutayar, Roberta Pavlic, Salvacion Cope Villanueva

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 29th September.

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

4th October 2026 at 12noon

Angus Malcolm Toy

Please pray for this child and his family.

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

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PARISH NEWS

MONTH OF OCTOBER – ROSARY

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.

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV: ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the One Million Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part! For free Rosary resources and to register, please visit:

www.acininternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

aying "When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 31/10/26-28/2/27

The next Ministers' Roster will be prepared soon. Please contact the Parish Office with your 'away' dates from 1/11/26-28/2/27, by Tuesday, 29th September. Volunteers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be advertised for in early December.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND "VOLUNTEERS NEEDED"

We are in need of more volunteers to take Holy Communion to the Sick and Housebound in Keilor East. Please contact the Parish Office for further information.

ORDERS FOR ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS

Break Open the Word - Contains readings and psalms for each Sunday. 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 2026.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like us to order a copy of either publication for you, by 6th October - \$33.00 each.

112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES – SUNDAY, 27 SEPTEMBER 2026

Pope Leo chose this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees theme as 'Even Just One of These Children'. He reminds us that "Minors are the most vulnerable group within the global movements of migration". Their traumas include being forced to leave their homeland, losing family members to violence, being separated from family members, trafficking, exploitation and other atrocities. Their many vulnerabilities call for an urgent response. Pope Leo challenges Christian communities to become places of welcome, healing and dignity, where "every boy and every girl is respected and valued in his or her own cultural identity." Like Mary and Joseph, in protecting the most vulnerable, we are caring for Jesus who lives in them.

INVITATION: NEW LIFE IN GOD'S SPIRIT

St Monica's Catholic Church, Symons Centre, 822 Mt Alexander Rd, Moonee Ponds. Program runs Thursdays: 7.30-9.00pm. October 1-November 19. Contact: Gerald – 0415 275 446.

INVITATION: VICTORIA POLICE-MOONEE VALLEY NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING FORUM DATE: Wednesday 7th October Time: 6.00pm-8.00pm Location: Moonee Valley City Council, 9 Kellaway Avenue, Moonee Ponds. Local services and community members are invited to talk with police about what issues are important in our community. The forum will explore topics including: • Current crime trends & crime prevention • Young people • Family violence • Road policing • Drugs and drug related crime. The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel. Questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event. Registration is a must at: MOONEEPONDS-UNI-

OIC@police.vic.gov.au or scan the QR code. Please see flyers in the narthex.

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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 Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (or upon request of Parish Priest)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Term 4 commences Monday, 5th October

2026 PARISH THANKSGIVING PROGRAM

We are grateful for the school families who are supporting the Parish Thanksgiving Program (2026 family contribution), which continues to sustain the life and mission of our parish. May God bless your families with peace and joy.

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.

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