

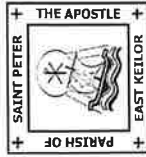
PARISH OF ST PETER THE APOSTLE

KEILOR EAST

11th October 2026

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

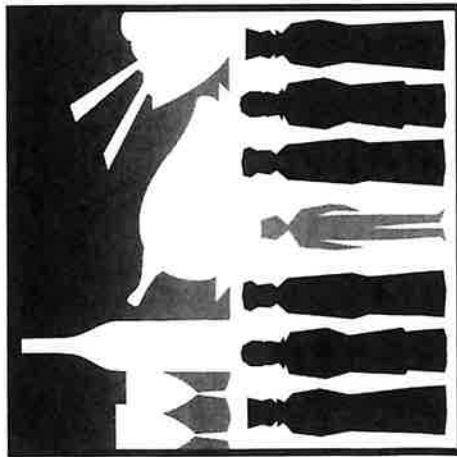
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Reflection by Greg Sunter

Who you ate with in Jesus' time was very important – it reflected your own status. To share table with people who were regarded as 'lesser' by nature of their lifestyle or illness was seen to lessen the status of other participants. Sharing table was as much a political action as it was a social one. This week's gospel is an important one for understanding Jesus' message of an inclusive kingdom. The king invites all the 'right' people to attend his son's wedding banquet but they shame him by refusing his invitation and murdering his messengers. This would have been an extraordinary action in Jesus' time. An invitation to the table of your social superior would not be rejected lightly. To try to save face and regain some honour, the king sends his servants to bring in people off the street – the poorest and least socially acceptable people. The invitation to the people off the street, 'bad and good alike', is a reflection of Jesus' own attitude to sharing table. Jesus ate with those who were regarded as unworthy: tax collectors, prostitutes and sinners. It was one of the harshest criticisms of Jesus made by the Pharisees and Scribes: 'He eats with tax collectors and sinners!' One of Jesus' strongest messages was about the inclusive nature of the kingdom and he lived it day to day. His inclusive table fellowship was a powerful statement about the fact that the kingdom is an invitation to all – rich and poor alike, regardless of status in this world. This parable highlights the invitation to join in the kingdom of God that has been rejected by the Jewish leaders but taken up by the 'lesser' people of society. The wedding banquet is a metaphor for the kingdom of God.

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Gospel Mt 22:1-14

Whosoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited," he said, "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 11 October 2026

First Reading Is 25:6-10

The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enveloping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Second Reading Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation See Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22. R. v.6

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all the sick in our Parish Community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Lina Micallef (in Malta), Tristan Lee Smith, Antonio Comito

ANNIVERSARIES

Eliza Menezes, Guglielmo Parisi, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Hong, Simon Doan Hieu, Anna Nguyen Lieu, Anthony Doan Trung, Joseph Pham Khanh, Lewis Bartolo

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Next meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Tuesday, 13th October.

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
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NFC Tags can be found on pens if you would like to give electronically.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

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 our Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 15 Oct St Teresa of Jesus
Saturday 17 Oct St Ignatius of Antioch

PARISH NEWS

2026 COMMUNION OF REPARATION VIGILS

100th Anniversary of Our Lady's Apper-
in Pontefrancia, Spain



In 1925, Our Lady appeared in Pontefrancia, Spain to St. Lucia asking for REPARATION to her Immaculate Heart and with the Child Jesus requesting His Heart be honored side by side with His Mother's...

In the light of the ongoing global unrest, join the Alliance of the Holy Family International (AHFI) in answering Our Lady's URGENT APPEAL for Prayer and Penance in this year-long weekly COMMUNION OF REPARATION VIGILS from December 10, 2025 - December 10, 2026.

For more information, please contact:
St. Rachelle - 0428 946 210

All are welcome for this coming Friday's Vigil - Communion of Reparation. Starts at 6.30pm with Rosary, followed by Holy Mass, Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Benediction. For more details, please see flyers in the narthex. All welcome.

OCTOBER – MONTH OF THE ROSARY

We pray the Rosary on weekdays from Tuesday-Friday, and on Saturday mornings. Rosary commences at 8.55am, prior to the 9.15am Morning Mass.

PROCESSION AFTER MASS: 31/10/26

On Saturday, 31st October, after the 6.00pm Vigil Mass, we will have a Marian Procession with Our Lady of Fatima, followed by a cuppa and catch up afterwards in the narthex. Please bring a plate to share. This will also mark the official opening of our new serving counter in the narthex. All welcome.

ALL SOULS DAY MASS will be held at Keilor Cemetery Mausoleum, on Saturday, 31st October, commencing at 11.00am **All welcome.**

2027 COLUMBAN CALENDARS FOR SALE
Calendars are available for purchase after Mass, from this weekend – **still \$10 each.**
Calendars are also available from the Parish Office.

GOD'S WORD 2027

Copies of St Paul Publications' "God's Word *Daily Reflections* 2027" are available in the narthex from this weekend for **\$25 per copy.** A percentage of proceeds from sales will go towards fundraising for our Parish World Youth Day 2027 Pilgrims.

This Edition is prepared for Australia and New Zealand. Contains the Bible readings set down for each day of the liturgical year with reflections by eminent spiritual writers. Copies also available from the Parish Office.

ORDINATIONS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL - Saturday 14 November 2026 - 10.00am-1.00pm

On Saturday 14 November, Deacons Dominic Lawes and Rhys Lowther will be ordained to the priesthood. Please join us at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Ordination Mass, and pray for these men as they embark on their ministries in the service of God's people. This Mass will also be broadcast live on Community Channel C31 (channel 44 on TV).

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Online Information Session for Prospective

Students: Monday 26 October 2026 7.00pm-8.00pm
Interested in exploring study in theology, philosophy, spirituality, biblical studies, pastoral and spiritual care, and ministry? Catholic Theological College would like to invite you to an online Information Session on Monday 26 October at 7pm (AEDT). Learn about our courses, units, and available study options. Meet our Course Advisors. Explore our areas of study, including philosophy, theology, biblical studies, spirituality, pastoral care, and ministry. For more information: Telephone: (03) 9412 3309 Email: ctc@ctc.edu.au www.ctc.edu.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 (followed by Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

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

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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.