



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

It is not easy to recognise a true prophet. Frequently those with prophetic insight are treated without honour. The people to whom Ezekiel was sent were hard of face, obstinate of heart, a rebellious house. The Galileans who heard Jesus' words were no better. They questioned his authenticity because they thought he was no better than they were and, therefore, he had no right to act superior. We so often resent people who can do what we cannot. This resentment can be magnified when the person is someone with whom we have grown up, a member of the family or of the community.

True believers recognise and admit their human frailty. They also know that genuine weakness does not impede the saving action of God. In fact, God seems to prefer to act where pride and self-satisfaction do not prevail, for such attitudes are obstacles to personal transformation. However, when we open ourselves in humility and honest piety, the power of God can flood our minds and our hearts and shine forth from us to all around. When this happens, there will be no doubt in any mind as to the origin of this wondrous reality. It will be very clear that though it comes through us, it comes from God. The receptivity of Paul in this matter is in sharp contrast to the rebellion of the people at the time of Ezekiel and the resistance of those who thought that they knew Jesus so well.

Gospel Mk 6:1-6

A prophet is despised only in his own country.

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

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First Reading Ez 2:2-5

The people are rebellious; they shall know there will be a prophet in their midst.

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you up to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 122. R. v.2

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

1. To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords. (R.)
2. Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy. (R.)
3. Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Second Reading 2 Cor 12:7-10

I will glory in my infirmities so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

Gospel Acclamation See Lk 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Max Symington

RECENTLY DECEASED

Sister Judith Ann Peart RSC (former Principal of St Peter's Primary School 1979-1985)

ANNIVERSARIES

Dominic Hoang Vy, Maria Pham Hue, Anthony Doan Dao, Anna Hoang Hong, Joseph Pham Khanh, Father Andrew Doan Thanh Dien, Angelo Puglia, Gerald Quinlan, John, Joe & Carmen Galea, Santo & Angela Sciacchitano, Eileen & Michael Tomlin, Emma & Charlie Vassallo

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 21st July 2024

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Please pray for these children & their families.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Thursday 11 July St Benedict

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



SAINTS PETER & PAUL FEAST DAY 'THANK YOU' Thank you to all who joined in last weekend, to celebrate our Parish Feast celebrations after Masses. A special thanks to those who brought along a plate of food to share and the wonderful Parish volunteers who helped in any way. May God bless you.

ANNUAL COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY

FATHER – PETER'S PENCE

Last weekend's Collection raised \$849.05. Thank you for your kind donations.

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 a series of **Enquiry Nights** for those interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic. They will take place on **Tuesdays 16th, 23rd & 30th July at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Meeting Room**. For further info, please contact Mrs Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103, or contact the Parish Office.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/7/24-31/10/24 Ministers' rosters were emailed on 28 June. Please check your inbox, or junk e-mail if you have not received it. Hard copies for those without email can be found in the narthex.

ST PETER'S PARISH 'VOLUNTEERS NEEDED' We need more volunteers to serve as Readers, Greeters, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion to the Sick & Housebound and Mass Helpers for our Weekend Rosters. If interested in joining our wonderful volunteers, please fill in a Liturgical Ministers Contact & Preference form (salmon coloured) forms can be found on the display stand in the narthex. Please complete the form and either scan and email or bring in to the Parish Office.

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY – 7TH JULY 2024



On the first Sunday of July each year, the Catholic Church in Australia observes Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island Sunday. On this day we gather as one to honour and celebrate the rich cultural heritage and contributions of our First Nations Peoples to our Catholic Church. This year's theme **'Keep the fire burning - Strong in Faith'** points us to the important opportunity to reflect on the strength of First Nations leadership, and ways we can all be involved in keeping the fire burning for justice, truth and hope. You can find further information about NAIDOC Week on <https://naidoc.org.au>.

PALMS AUSTRALIA - Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

Come to Palms' **Discovery information session** at Altona on 11 July. Meet Soraya and returned Palms participants to discover more about **Assignments Aboard**. Venue: Mary Help of Christians Church Hall Address: 97 Railway St N, Altona VIC 3018 Date: Thursday 11th July 2024 Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm Phone: 0422 472 567 palms@palms.org.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 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

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Commences Monday 15th 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.