The Living Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

13 October 2024

First Reading Wis 7:7-11

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones:

compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,

and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

- (R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!
- 1. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)
- In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune. (R.)
- 3. Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading Heb 4:12-13

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

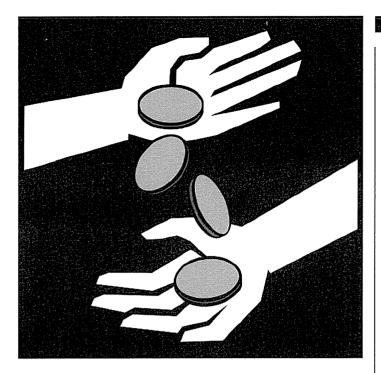
Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

Gospel Mk 10:17-30 or (shorter form Mk 10:17-27)

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money



to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another, 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said, 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Reflection by Greg Sunter

Jesus reminds us in this gospel that to join him in bringing about the reign of God requires absolute commitment and a willingness to give up that which is most precious to us. The rich man who approached Jesus was genuine in his desire to fulfil all the requirements of the Law to attain eternal life. Jesus quoted to him all the commandments that deal with right relationships with others. The man is able to tick these off and assure Jesus that he has been doing this since childhood - a pretty big claim in the first place! Then Jesus 'looked steadily at him and loved him' - he looked on him with the eyes of love; the eyes that see to the heart of a person, and in that look knew what was most important to the man. Jesus could tell by his dress no doubt that the man was wealthy and so it is this aspect of the man's life that Jesus chooses to challenge him about. This gospel shouldn't necessarily be read as a condemnation of wealth - rather, it is the man's inability to surrender his wealth that Jesus challenges. Jesus sees to the heart of the man and asks if he is willing to give up that which is most important in his life. The man is unable to do what Jesus asks of him and goes away sad. Why sad? He's sad because he knows that he has been tested and failed. He knows that what he genuinely desired was within his reach but he needed to let go of his position, his status, his wealth, to be able to grasp what he desired in both hands.

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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10:00am to 1:00pm (closed public holidays)

PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm **OCEAN GROVE:** Sunday 9:00am Sunday 11:00am **OUEENSCLIFF:**

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass, and before or after weekday Masses if needed.

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Please send in bulletin notices by 1:00pm on Thursdays

If you would like a deceased loved one(s) prayed for on their anniversary, please contact the parish office on 5258 1673 or queenscliff@cam.org.au by 1:00pm on Thursdays.

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Please pray for those who are Sick: Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Margaret Borg, Peter Bourke, Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Sue Casey, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, John Drury, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Margaret Gladstone, Mary Gladwin, Martin & Mary Grundy, Justin Hanan, Stephen Hanan, Susan Hardy, Peter Harrington, Gregory Holien, Robert & Lyne Horner, Robert Hurley, Melissa Keogh, Hilda Koerntjes, Margaret Lomas, Toni Lukauskas, Michelle Mahoney, Brendan Merriman, Belinda Monterosso, Christine Naulty, Helen Pearce, Cecilia Piec, Mavourneen Ray, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Kevin Teasdale, Deanne Warren, Cathy Williams and Peter Williams

ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day, please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPECIAL MINISTER (SM), WELCOMERS (W), PROJECTIONIST (P)

OCEAN GROVE: 20th October at 9:00am:

(C) Liz Frazer (L) Brenda Bissinella (SM) Luci Quinn, Jo Ballard (W) Marg Lucas, Judy Considine.

QUEENSCLIFF: 20th October at 11:00am:

(C) Tony Frizza (L) Roger Furphy (SM) Adrian Scott (W) Maureen Baglieri.

COUNTERS: Tuesday 15th October at 10:00am:

Remo & Naomi Bianco.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you need Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

For all Safeguarding updates, please visit the parish website: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-child-safe/ We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

Hospitality following 9:00am Sunday Mass at Ocean Grove All welcome!

Trinity Singers: an invitation is extended to all parishioners interested in joining our group - more details to follow.

Catholic Mission - World Mission Sunday Annual Appeal will be held next weekend (19-20 October). Envelopes available at each Mass centre.

Finance News:

- Thanksgiving receipts
 - Year to Date (YTD) 2024 \$65,231
 - Year to Date (YTD) 2023 \$71,345

Knights of the Southern Cross: 'God and Beer' - building positive relationships with John Hendry OAM. Thursday 14th November at Hoppers Club at 6:30pm. To register: www.godandbeer.com.au.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 14th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28 Tuesday 15th October – St Teresa of Jesus (Memorial) 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 16th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28 9:15am Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 17th October – St Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial) 9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 18th October – St Luke (Feast) 9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 19th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28 Sunday 20th October – 29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME World Mission Sunday 12:30pm Baptism Service at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Thought for the Week:

Any situation that you find yourself in, is an outward reflection of your inner state of beingness.

- El Morya.

FAITH DEVELOPMENT GROUP – ADVENT NEWS!

This Advent, the Faith Development Group (FDG) is sourcing the book, 'Hope Reigns' from the Diocese of Brisbane. Here are some details about this Advent's resource:

This year's Advent resource, "Hope Reigns" invites us to explore more deeply what it means to have eyes to see and ears to hear Emmanuel, God with us. It will clarify our vision, so that we can welcome anew the wonder of the Christ child who brings heaven to earth and opens the door to the extraordinary gift of life everlasting.

Approximate cost \$6.00 each (to be confirmed).

The FDG is expecting to offer at least <u>two weekly small reflection</u> <u>group meeting</u>. At this stage, one morning session in Barwon Heads and one evening group in Ocean Grove – both on a Tuesday commencing <u>Tuesday 26/11/2024</u>. If you are interested in obtaining a booklet for personal reflection and/or would like to join a discussion group (let us know which one!), <u>please contact either:</u>

- Sandra Gould via <u>sandra@salmandra.com</u> or 0418 537 941, or,
- Kerin Fox via foxeskb@gmail.com or via 0407 519 585.

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- 2. If it is necessary to evacuate the building, the Chief Emergency Warden or other nominated Safety Wardens will take control. The Chief Emergency Warden will be identified by the wearing of a yellow Hi Vis vest. Please remain calm and in your seats etc until you are directed by the Chief Emergency Warden as to what to do next. You will be advised as to which exit/s to use and the location of the Assembly Point. Please remain at the Assembly Point until you receive further advice.
- 3. In an emergency, our first priority is your safety, so please remain calm & follow all directions of the Emergency Wardens.

Thank you, OH&S Committee.

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