

The Living Word

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

26 July 2020

First Reading 1 Kgs 3:5.7-12

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130. R. v.97

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more
to me
than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)

3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your
precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 8:28-30

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation See Mt 11:25

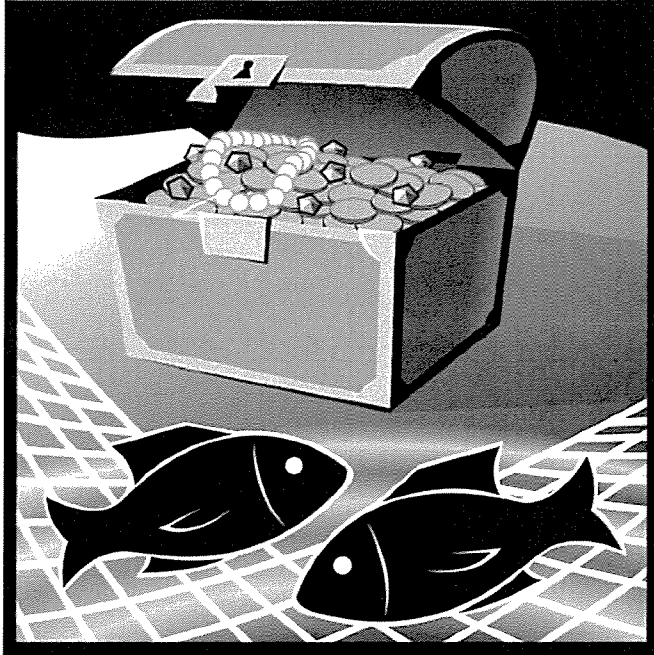
Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father,

Lord of heaven and earth;

**you have revealed to little ones the
mysteries of the kingdom.**

Alleluia!



Gospel Mt 13:44-52

(or shorter form Mt 13:44-46)

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.'

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

Reflection by *Dianne Bergant CSA*

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realize that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfillment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it.

Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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WEEKEND & WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

**** ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING ****

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please contact Parish office

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday



Anniversaries 26 July to 1 August:

Jack Warren, Nancy McGlade, Gwen Burford, Alina Zurawel, Mary Ray, Adriana Kladders, Frederick Dowell, Archie Warren, Wally Higgins, John Burns and Tasman Blizzard.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Arnie Bench, Peg Benham, Ron & Helen Carter, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isobel Fitzgerald, Nell Faigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Willow Hanan, Tracey Higgins, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoye, Stuart Jarrett, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Wilma Miller, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Nolty, Helen Pearce, Vera Pollard, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Pat Robinson, Bill & Betty Rushton, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Hugh Tighe, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter & Maris Williams.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

For updated medical advice and news, please visit:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

For Diocese and Parish advice, please visit:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

We continue to offer 11am Sunday Mass at Queenscliff (with live streaming). Attendance numbers remain capped at 20. Please remember, these arrangements could change at any time.

1. If you wish to attend, contact the Parish Office by email (queenscliff@cam.org.au) or call 5258 1673 by 1:00pm on Friday.
2. If, when you contact the office, places have already been allocated, you will be offered the first places for the following Mass.
3. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to record your name/attendance, sanitise and seating.

If you require Pastoral care & support, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

HOLY TRINITY PARISH STREAMING SUNDAY MASS ONLINE:

- <http://holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au>
- Facebook page: *Holy Trinity Queenscliff*

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD *Mass for You at Home* Every Sunday at 6:00am.
- Foxtel 173, Aurora channel: Sunday Mass at 6:00am, repeated at 8:00am, 10:00am, 1:00pm, 3:00pm, 6:00pm & 8:30pm.

SUNDAY & DAILY MASS STREAMED ONLINE:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
- www.youtube.com/archmelb
- www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

**** MAINTENANCE & IMPROVEMENT WORKS AT OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, OCEAN GROVE ****

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Committee have approved the commencement of works on the external arches of our Church. This maintenance is normally done every few years due to the elements. Scaffolding and workers will be onsite in coming weeks.

A message from CatholicCare: We know that many people are suffering emotionally, socially and financially during the COVID-19 pandemic. CatholicCare has the following services to help:

Counselling – Free counselling via telephone or video conference.

Emergency Relief – For food vouchers and other financial assistance.

If you require any assistance or support from CatholicCare:

T: 03 9287 5555, **W:** www.ccam.org.au/covid19response

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Tuesday 28th July – Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

Wednesday 29th July – St Martha (Memorial)

Thursday 30th July – Weekday, Ordinary Time 17

Friday 31st July – St Ignatius of Loyola (Memorial)

Saturday 1st August – St Alphonsus Liguori (Memorial)

Sunday 2nd August – 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

SURRENDER
to what is.

Let go of what was.

Have faith in what
WILL BE.

— Sonia Ricotti



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