

The Living Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

10 October 2021

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.)
2. 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!

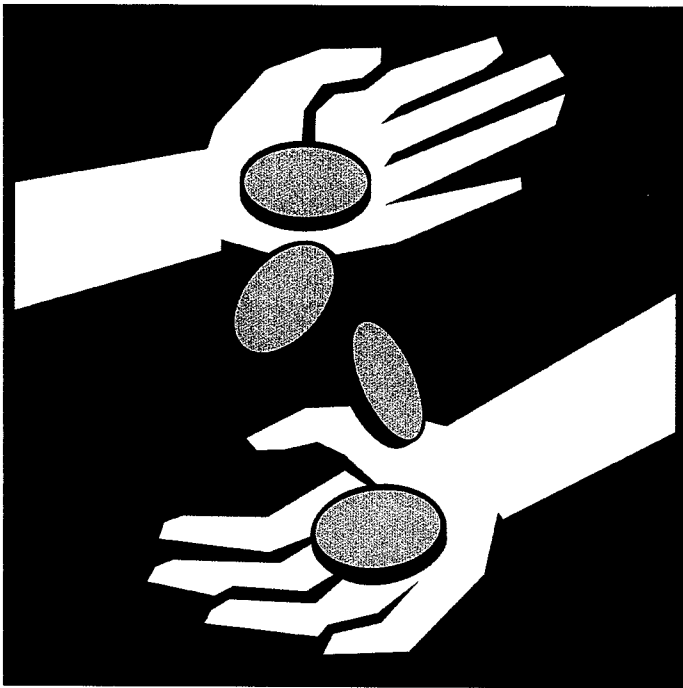
Alleluia!

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 Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES *(currently suspended)*

BARWON HEADS: Saturday Vigil 6:00pm
Sunday 9:30am, Mass for
St Mary's Syro-Malabar
Community (Malayalam
language)
OCEAN GROVE: Sunday 9:00am
QUEENSLIFF: Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
is available prior to each weekend Mass

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Recently Deceased: Patricia Clarke (26/08/2021) and Antoinetta Bencich.

Anniversaries 10- October to 16- October:

Ian James, Samuel Farrugia, Adrian Hurley, Patrick Delaney Sr, Nancy Kennedy, David Guthrie, Romeo Busuttill, Jack Brown and Rod Salter.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Peg Benham, Mary Blonk, Ellen Bourke, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam Caruana, Carmel Conte, Connie D'Amico, Wellington D'Cruz, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Jo Green, Peter Harrington, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien, Kerin Hoye, Robert Hurley, Jennifer Jones, Gary Kingsbury, John Kirkman, Hilda Koerntjes, Evelyn Leahy, Margaret Leahy, Margaret Lomas, Cas Lukauskas, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Naulty, Beverley O'Meara, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Betty Rushton, Emerson Russel (baby), Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Susan Weston, Peter Williams.

ROSTERS

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

COUNTERS: Counters are not required for Tuesday 12- October.

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Again, after consulting the Parish Pastoral Council members and a number of parishioners, we have decided that it is safest to continue to suspend public celebrations of Mass and Sacraments for the time being.

For up to date current information, please visit our website:
www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au.

As always, please be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones.

*With warm regards, may God bless you,
Fr Darien*

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For up to date current information on Mass times and restrictions, please call the parish office or visit the parish website.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you require 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.

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.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
- Foxtel Aurora channel 173: *Mass*, every Sunday at 6:00am.

ONLINE MASSES AND RESOURCES:

- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>

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Advent is coming / Advent studies: Although we are all living with a great deal of uncertainty, the Faith Development Group is trying to gauge the desire for Advent reflections, either individually or in groups. As we don't know what is possible this stage, it would be helpful if we could get an indication of interest, to enable us to go ahead and order the approximate number of books required. If possible, we will organise morning/evening groups and/or supply books. It depends on you and the world we will then be living in. Could you please either ring me or send an email to show your interest, indicating whether you would like to be in a group (day or evening), if this can occur, or you would still like a book even if we cannot meet in groups. You may just wish to order a book for individual reflection. Please let me know ASAP, by the 15th of October at the latest.

Sandra on behalf of the Faith Development Group
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Take the Way of the Gospel (1): during these next few weeks, our bulletin will contain a short statement on the hopes of the Melbourne Archdiocese for the future of our parishes.

What are we invited to do?

We are being called – lay people and clergy together – to a renewed sense of our missionary purpose. Exploring and dreaming a missionary way forward lies at the heart of our baptismal call to live out the Gospel. It is something that Pope Francis talks about in his Apostolic Letter, *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013): “I dream of a “missionary option”, that is, a missionary impulse capable of transforming everything, so that the Church’s customs, ways of doing things, times and schedules, language and structures can be suitably channelled for the evangelization of today’s world rather than for her self-preservation. Parishes should become more mission-oriented and ordinary pastoral activity on every level more inclusive and open.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

(Mass pending news about lockdown restrictions)

Monday 11th October – St John XXIII (Memorial)

Tuesday 12th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28

No Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 13th October – Weekday, Ordinary Time 28

No Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 14th October – St Callistus (Memorial)

No Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 15th October – St Teresa of Jesus (Memorial)

No Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 16th October – St Margaret Mary Alacoque (Memorial)

Sunday 17th October – 29th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:

The best and most beautiful things
in the world cannot be seen, nor
touched... but are felt in the heart.

- Helen Keller.

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