

~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~

Our tradition tells us that “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God” (Psalm 24). That does not stop people from arguing over possessions and even killing for them. It never has. The Iraq war should have been a lesson to the world. There were no weapons of mass destruction. There was much coveted oil and that seems to have been the covert justification for an unconscionable invasion that cost countless lives. There seems to be something deep within the human psyche that continually seeks for more. Those who seek to be “rich toward God” or “rich in God” find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions will simply be left, at life’s end, with a question: “To whom will this hoard belong?” The question is rhetorical and expects the answer of Psalm 24: “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God”. Jesus is addressed as “teacher”, and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is “teacher” rather than “divider”. He tells a hard hitting story. He knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the law. His story is about a landowner who is blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the land-owner inwards rather than out towards others and so “toward God”. First person singular pronouns predominate: “What am I to do? I have no place...I will do this...I will I will I will” The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second person singular, “You fool...”, and by the divine judgment on the landowner’s self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today’s reading from the letter to the community at Colossae. For the author of that letter, greed is simply idolatry, worship of a false God. In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint and to acknowledge that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God’s people, not just to the privileged few. In refusing to “store up treasure” for our own selfish ends, we become forever “rich toward God”. This applies to nation-states as well as to individuals. We have some responsibility for what is done in our name, for the size and deployment of our foreign aid budget for instance. The command to “be on your guard, be ever vigilant” in this respect is a demand for gospel justice.

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‘WEEKEND MASS TIMES’

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 10am

Talbingo: in recess during Winter

‘THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES’

Tuesday: 6pm Mass in Chapel

Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)

Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel

‘ROSARY’

Saturday: 8.30am Mass & exposition (1st Sat of month)

Sunday: 9.40am

‘RECONCILIATION’

Saturday: 5.15pm

‘LITURGY MEETING’

Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel

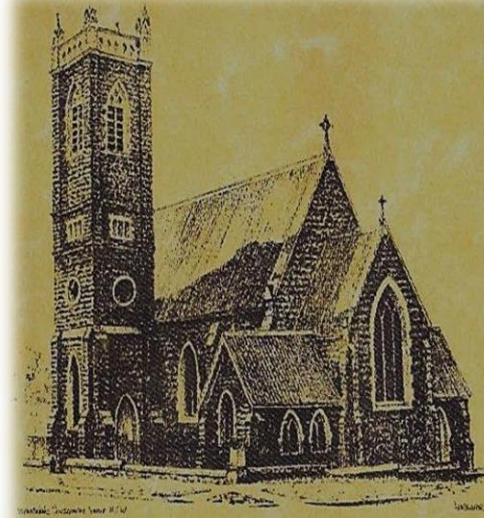
‘PRAYER GROUP’

(Rosary & Divine Mercy)

Still in recess

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18th Sunday Ordinary Time
Year C
August 4th 2019

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance, O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm

In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

Gospel Acclamation

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

ROSTERS

THIS WEEK *Saturday & Sunday 3rd & 4th August*

Ministry	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Sunday 10am
Acolyte	Anita Mason	Dave Shedden
Reader	TBA	Mary Kelly
Commentator	Lana Turner	Howard Young
Children's Liturgy	-----	Herrin Henderson
Musicians	Patricia & Monica	Anna Quinn
Altar Servers	Georgie Austin & Alana McInerney	Jessica & Emily Kelly
Church Care	Group 5: Sandra, Maria, Margaret Dean & Jess Smith	
LINEN	Jo Little	MORNING TEA Kath Shanahan

NEXT WEEK *Saturday & Sunday 10th & 11th August*

Ministry	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Sunday 10am
Acolyte	Tony Butler	Anne Huebner
Reader	Claire Cole	Sue Bulger
Commentator	Cathy Purcell	Pat Spannagle
Children's Liturgy	-----	Caitlin Larter
Musicians	Anna Quinn	Guest Choir
Altar Servers	Lachlan Hotham & Aidan Turnbull	Thomas Bond & Ian Kelly
Church Care	-----	

FEAST DAYS 6th Aug: Transfiguration of the Lord 8th Aug: Saint Mary of the Cross 10th Aug: Saint Lawrence

Collection Amounts for July 2019

1st: \$1762.25 2nd: \$7729.45 D/D: \$1560.00 Church

Restoration to date: \$24355.75 TAP: \$30.00__ We are closer to God when we are asking questions than when we think we have the answer. *Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel*

~PARISH NEWS~

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community.

A BILL TO MAKE ABORTION LEGAL in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on this week. Archbishop Anthony Francis has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their State Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this bill. Contact details for our local MP are: Joe McGirr 69211622.

PARISH STREET STALL Friday 16th August in front of House to Home. Many thanks to Bernie Quilty for donating the load of wood to raffle – it is very much appreciated. We still need roster volunteers on the day, if you are able to donate an hour of your time please do so on the sheet in the church foyer. There will also be a basket in the church foyer for anyone wanting to contribute to the hamper. Cooking and saleable items will be needed, please take home some plastic containers to fill with goodies. **ST.VINCENT DE PAUL** Winter Appeal envelopes are available from the church foyer for your kind donation. Conference meetings for August are the Regional Meeting at Young

We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:

MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:

Leo Aarts, Gavin Foley, Geoffrey Carney, Tom Sturt, Noel Cook, Hassel McGrath, Rudi Comai, Hugh Oliver, Leo & Elvie Holt, Tereasa & Lionel Holt, Eddie & Betty Mangelsdorf, Mary Tetris, Noel Patrick, Sr. Geneiva McRae, Neil Masters, Maree Fillery, Matt & Edith Downing, Andrew Sturt, Kitty Black, Paul Kelly, Harvey Evans, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Len McInerney, Pat Malone, Richard Green, James Brennan, Ken & Brian Gee, Brian Rosetta, Gus & Kath Clout, Ina Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Fr. Peter Quirk, Marie & Jim McInerney, Ted & Kath O'Sullivan, John Hourigan, Joan Malone, Max Butler, Eileen Flood, Filomena Comai, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, Steph Scott, John Marzol, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, Stan Kenny, Imelda, Bede and Francis McInerney, Fr. Geoff Lloyd, Kathleen & Roy Wilson, Joy McGrath, Joan & Bob Liddell, Teresa & Bert Butler, Anne Lawrance, Harry & Muriel Nancarrow, Harry & Pat Nancarrow, Thelma & Jack Cobden, Denise & Julie Cobden, Christine Welsh, Paul & Nick Young, Nicole Barby, Allison Brady, Ben Roddy, Chris Ballard, Frank Stanfield, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

on the 17th and 31st in Tumut at 9.30am.

SPECIAL THANKS to *Howard Young* for his music contribution at last Sundays

Mass.