



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
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31 July 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

*God our Father,
gifts without measure flow from your goodness to bring us your peace.
Guide our life's journey for only your love makes us whole.
Amen.*

FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!
For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)

2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)

3. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)

4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'



REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL OF LUKE 13:13-21 by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived!

The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For the church in every land, that it will manifest Christ among us, our present treasure and our hope of glory. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the indigenous people of Canada, that Pope Francis' meeting with them will help heal the past and open the way to a new future. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For nations with nuclear arms, that the remembrance of Hiroshima on the feast of the Transfiguration (6 August) will urge them to renounce their use forever. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the whole human family, that the world community will unite to reverse the growing inequality within and between nations fuelled by global warming, famine and war. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For schools and communities observing National Tree Day (31 July), that their efforts to care for the earth will make the world a safer and healthier place. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For health workers still being overwhelmed by the spread of Covid, that the whole community will support them by observing COVID-safe practices. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Bruce Feehan, Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers; that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community and all who need our prayers; that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that Christ's glory will be revealed to them in full. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord,

You give us the strength of new life.

Protect us with your love and prepare us for eternal redemption.

Amen.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9.30am – 3.30pm; Fridays: 9.30am – 12.30pm

Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10.00am in the Church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Krawarree Mass: Sunday 31st July at 11.00am.

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 2 August 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Dear Parishioners,

There will be a Baptism at 4pm on 6 August where we will welcome into our faith family Capri Piera Jade Tilocca, second daughter for Pietro and Jade Tilocca.

Our Vinnies shop: Thank you to all who have donated winter items to our local Vinnies shop, they were much appreciated. If anyone else has items in good condition that they no longer need, please donate them to Vinnies Braidwood, so that we can continue to aid those in need this winter.

Acolytes needed: would any of our Special Ministers like to take on the role of Acolyte? We do not know when we will be permitted to offer the chalice again and this could be an opportunity for you to exercise your ministry in another way. Please speak to Mick or Brian if you would be interested. Training will be given.

“Help Ukrainians Raffle”, sponsored by the Goldsmith Street Surgery in Goulburn. Tickets available from Wendy Hart either at Mass times or wherever you see her around town. Many prizes are on offer. See poster for details. Tickets \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

The Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation will be celebrated in the coming months. Reconciliation 13 August; First Eucharist 18 September and Confirmation 20 November. Preparation for Reconciliation has commenced.

Mass will be celebrated at St Brigid’s Krawarree on Sunday 31st July 2022 at 11am. Lunch will be served over at the Hall after Mass. All welcome.

Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage: join with Archbishop Christopher Prowse and other pilgrims, as he leads a pilgrimage to Eden on Saturday 13th August.. Mass will be concelebrated with Archbishop Christopher and visiting priests at 12.00noon in Our Lady Star of the Sea church. Following Mass lunch will be provided by the Parish of Pambula.

Save the date for Reopening and Blessing of Sts Peter and Paul’s Old Cathedral, Goulburn. Wednesday 30th November 2022 11am Mass and celebration.

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Readings for Mass: 1st: Eccl. 1:2,2:21-23. 2nd: Col.3:1-5,9-11. Gospel: Luke 12:13-21.

Readings for next week: 1st: Wisdom 18:6-9. 2nd: Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19. Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

<u>Date</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Welcomer</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Music/PP</u>
29 July	Felix	Geraldine	Wendy M-B/Ann T	Helen H
6 Aug	James	Helen P	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
13 Aug	Felix	Cathy F	Bobbie/Tommy G	Helen H
22 July	James	Geraldine	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H

Ministries of Service:

	<u>29 July</u>	<u>5 August</u>	<u>12August</u>	<u>19 August</u>
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Helen P	Cathy F	Margaret
Cleaners:		Bunny & Ella		Pauline & Wendy
Counters:	1 st Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie.		2 nd Sunday: Wendy H	
	3 rd Sunday: Gabrielle K		4 th Sunday:	

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Keep warm and take care of each other, Helen Hart