



**28TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME YEAR B**

**10 October 2021**

**LITURGY AND BULLETIN**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

*Lord,  
our help and our guide,  
make your love the foundation of our lives.  
May our love for you express  
itself in our eagerness to do good for others.  
Amen.*

### **FIRST READING: A reading from the book of Wisdom**

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:**

**Response: 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: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews**

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**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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 on Mark 10:17-30 Travel Light, Travel Right from GPBS 5/10/2021**

Have you ever felt like a camel? I did several years ago. With a good friend, we embarked on a long-awaited holiday to Italy where we had both studied a number of years earlier. Back in university I travelled all over the United States and Europe with just a small backpack and not even a credit card to my name.

But this time we were loaded down like pack animals. You never realise just how much stuff you've packed until you drag it with you up and down the canals of Venice like a mini caravan. As I lugged my oversized rolling suitcase up the stairs of the Grand Canal I realised all too well just how encumbered my life had become. And so I worry whenever this reading of the "camel through the eye of a needle" gospel comes around. Sometimes I look around my house at all the accoutrements I've gathered, and I feel very much like a dromedary loaded down with wares.

A while back an environmental group suggested that people carry around with them all the trash they produce in a week. All of it. Chicken bones and empty shampoo bottles, old Kleenexes and ice-cream sticks, tin cans and used coffee cups. Then we'd know just how many trappings we rely on to sustain the life we lead. And it might also give us a glimpse of how our life can get too caught up acquiring and maintaining "things" rather than enjoying the freedom that comes from knowing God's love is sufficient.

### **The Commissioning**

Let us go from here as those who know true wealth: **the sound of a waterfall, the beauty of a sunset, the joy of children's laughter, the embrace of a loved one, the trust of a friend, a good bed at the end of the day, a favourite song in our own church, the companionship of serving the needy, the life, death, and rising of Jesus Christ.** You are wealthy indeed! Amen.



## **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

We pray for a new global ethic, that the wealthy nations of the world will share their resources freely with those burdened by poverty and adversity. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all people suffering from famine, malnutrition and food insecurity, that World Food Day (16 October) will give them hope of lasting relief. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for a deeper spirit of solidarity within Australia and with countries under-resourced for the pandemic, that this common threat will unite and not divide us. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for school students and all young people concerned for the future of the planet, that their pleas for effective climate action will be heard and met. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the Catholic community in Australia, that the deliberations of the Plenary Council will bear a rich harvest of renewal and revitalisation. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for girl children around the world, that their rights to education, health, safety and fair treatment will be fully respected. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, including Norma Flack, Karen Suitor, Bob Haigh, Teonie McMahon, Jeremy Nelson, Helen Campbell-Davys, Ian Vardanega, John Shiels, Tony Riley, Rupert Ermet, Val Biggers and Celia Roach; that they will unite their suffering with that of Christ. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who have died, including Geoff Hassell . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that they will enjoy to the full the blessings of eternal life. (Pause) Lord, hear us.

## **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Almighty Father,  
may we share in Christ's life for he is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

All being well we should be able to gather for Mass from the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> October. As the work on the roof at St Bede's has caused issues with dust and debris internally in the church, we will have to move to the school hall until the work is finished. The same rules apply as were in place before the lockdown, masks and four square metres. It will be wonderful to see you all again after such a lengthy period in lockdown. At this stage we are planning for First Holy Communion in Braidwood on the 21<sup>st</sup> November at 10.30am.

As you can imagine there is a backlog of weddings and baptisms, the first baptism in Braidwood on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October and the first wedding in Bungendore on the 20<sup>th</sup> November. Please remember these parishioners in your prayers as it has been extremely difficult for them, especially those to be married. It has been truly amazing that we have had only one death but please don't start falling over just because we are out of lockdown.

When I first arrived I had been planning to give the men of the region the opportunity to experience a MenAlive weekend before the end of the year, now I'm looking at late February or early March

next year. These weekends, led by the MenAlive team, give men a great opportunity to be renewed and support each other in their faith.

Sunday will be the last Mass on YouTube and I express my gratitude to Rebecca Webster for the time she spent offering this service for interested parishioners.

Stay safe and continue to pray for each other.

Yours in Christ,

Mick Burke

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**Dear Parishioners,**

**The church will be closed to the public for the duration of the roof repairs now. Mass will now be held in the school hall.**

Father Mick is expecting that our first Mass, after the lifting of the Stay at Home rules, will be held on Saturday 16 October. With 4sqm rule we are able to accommodate 40 people in the hall, which is very close to the number we had attending Mass earlier in the year. We look forward to meeting you all again after so long apart.

**Here is the link to the YouTube channel for our last Sunday 10.30am "Mass with Mick" –**

**[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-d0\\_CGVn2p4-BsNiAwSLdA/](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-d0_CGVn2p4-BsNiAwSLdA/)**

Our thanks to Rebecca Webster of Bungendore for enabling this.



As we prepare to enter the month of October – a time when the Church celebrates World Mission Month - let us turn our hearts, minds and even our financial affairs, to the missionary work that the Catholic Church does with, and for, children around the world including Thailand. Consider your capacity to either make a major gift in this life or an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will.

For more information about ways you can contribute to the vital, life-giving work supported by Catholic Mission, click [here](#). For information about leaving a bequest to Catholic Mission, click [here](#)

To follow up with Catholic Mission and about any aspect of its work, please call our Diocesan Director in Canberra & Goulburn, Karen McKerrow on 0411 924 288 or email her at [kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:kmckerrow@catholicmission.org.au)

**Pray the rosary with Archbishop Christopher - Every Wednesday and Friday at 4 pm sharp!**

Zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85022458332?pwd=MDZ4ODFhNjlvdnFkd21aVDQzWnAydz09>

Or enter in the details below after opening the Zoom app. **Meeting ID:** 850 2245 8332

**Passcode:** 543675

**Don't forget you can watch the Cathedral Masses 11am on Sundays and weekdays at 12.15pm**

**Online Link:** <https://catholicvoice.org.au/mass-online>

**COVID-19 Links** for information: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

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**Readings for next week: 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time Year B:**

1<sup>st</sup>: Isaiah: 53:10-11. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Hebrews 4:14-16. Gospel: Mark 10:35-45.

Take care, keep safe and look out for each other,  
Helen Hart