

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Twenty-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B
First Reading Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom
In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.
I prayed, and understanding was given me; 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. 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.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

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.
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.
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.

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Second Reading Heb 4:12-13
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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.

The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation
Mt 5:3

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

Gospel Mk 10:17-30
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
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.’

The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
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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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SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 11th -
St John XXIII



Tuesday 12th -
Our Lady of the Pillar

Thursday 14th - St
Callistus I, Pope and martyr

Friday 15th - St Theresa
of Avila, virgin and doctor



Saturday 16th - St
Gerado
Meyala, St Hedwig,
religious, St Margaret
Mary Alacoque, virgin



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Online:
Cenacle Prayer
Tues at 4.45pm



Adoration: Friday at
5:30pm



Bench Ministry:
Tuesday to Sunday
9:30-10:30am. Front of
the Church
All are welcome.



Wrap With Love will
resume Tuesday
12th October @ 10
am

TWENTY EIGHTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

The Power of Letting Go

Let go and let God is a common parlance, in modern times. This is used in different contexts with different meanings including the need to surrender and totally trust in God. In this weekend's Gospel, we are presented with the story of an unnamed rich person, confronted by the reality of letting go (and letting God). Mark described him as a rich man (*Matthew tells us he was also a young man*) who ran up, knelt before Jesus asking, 'Good master', what must I do to inherit eternal life? (10:17). In the Old Testament (*and in First Century Judaism*) was the popular idea that wealth and possessions were signs of divine blessing. Despite his wealth and youth, he felt there was something still lacking in his heart which made him unsatisfied. He's struggling to be a better person. He must have perceived that there was more to Jesus than meets the eye, something exceptional about him, as such he approached Jesus, hoping to find answers.



Jesus first questions the individual for calling him "good" as that applies to God alone. Jesus is neither denying that he himself was "good" nor denying his divinity but posing a question that invites the person to see beyond the appearances of just another good teacher among many. It will be a challenge to the person to see that Jesus is indeed the one God who is good and just, who has come to the world as man to give salvation to his people (CCC 2544-2546, 2728).

Jesus then tells him to keep the commandments, specifically those referring to love of neighbour. He is disappointed by Jesus' answer since he already does that, indeed, from his youth. Jesus was filled with love for him, for keeping the commandments is good and necessary, but only as part of something more, viz., detachment from worldly goods in spiritual poverty and discipleship. Jesus, then demanded of him to let go of his material possessions and to come follow him, unhappy about letting go, he went away feeling sad unable to accept the true power and freedom in letting go and letting God.

What makes us Christian is following Christ, not moral law which, although necessary, is a secondary consequence of the primacy of personal relationship with Christ initiated through baptism. It is our personal response to God who loves us first and takes us to the heart of the gospel. The individual in the gospel was not ready for that and went away sad for he had a blind spot, namely, attachment to his personal wealth and Jesus saw that. God has given us the gifts of creation, and things of this world to help us fulfill our mission and purpose of sharing in His life and love especially with the less fortunate. When these get in the way then it's time to let them go (CCC 2547).

Letting go can be a difficult human experience. Letting go of the past, memories, positions of power, plans, hurts, places, treasures, people and in the case of the rich person in the gospel, his hard-earned wealth, can be confronting, challenging and fearful, probably for the sake of life, safety, and security. However, there is enormous power and freedom in letting go. We can be weighed down, stocked in, and possessed by our attachments. Also, progress can be halted, gains forfeited, satisfaction denied, healing prevented, successes blocked, human growth and development stunted, opportunities missed, peace disturbed, a better future compromised, and salvation lost when we refuse to let go. In our lives as individuals, what do we need to let go? As a people called to discipleship, what do we need to let go? As we brace up for re-opening, what do we need to let go of, to be open to the new-normal? There is power and freedom in letting go. We are therefore, invited to let go and let God.

Fr Martins

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions OCTOBER

Missionary Disciples

We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavor of the Gospel. . .

CHURCH RE-OPENING

Church reopens on Monday 11th October. Masks are mandatory, 4sqm rule applied, no singing, NSW app check-in required, and the Parish Office reopens. Please see updated protocols on our website

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Tues 12th: 9am Mass

Wed 13th: 9am Mass

Thurs 14th: 9.00 am Mass

Fri 15th: 9.15 am Mass

Sat 16th: 9am Mass /

Rosary 9.30am

Reconciliation

6pm Mass

Sunday 17th: 9am Mass

5pm

Family & Youth Mass

ROSTERS:

Rosters will be notified to those who have volunteered to the end of October. Please let Anne Jackson know if you are available during that timeframe. An email is being sent to those on Rosters. Welcome back to our teachers and students for Term 4. We wish you every blessing for a joyful return to learning

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:
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OCTOBER IS DEDICATED TO MARY AND THE HOLY ROSARY.



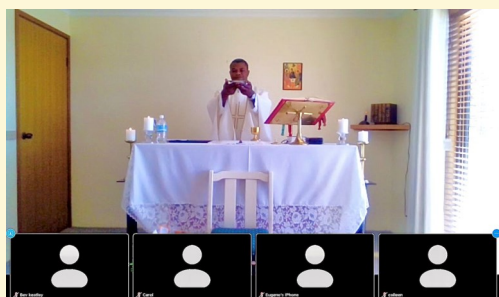
Please join with us this month of October and pray the Rosary.

The Rosary will be prayed daily before Mass.

All are welcome to join

All are welcome

PARISH DAILY LIVESTREAM MASS



9AM Tuesday to Sunday

BB Parish link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89462634718?pwd=UGhwWFhIWkZUQWZ0bmhRMUZYYUpXZz09>

2021 World Mission Sunday October 24th

Theme: Today. Tomorrow. Together
Envelopes will be available in the church foyer during the week-end of 23rd/ 24th October.



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Plenary Council General Assembly

During the first General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, key moments will be live-streamed between **October 3 and 10**, including;

- Daily Masses,
- Morning prayer for Plenary Council members, and
- Sharing the fruits of discernment.

Visit: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

PREPARATIONS OF CHURCH GROUNDS FOR RE-OPENING

Jan and Tony re-organizing the front garden.



Brian & Renzo mulching the garden beds.



Fr Martins, keeping the church lawns in tip-top condition for Church re-opening.



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Remember, O most pure spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, my great protector, Saint Joseph, that no one ever had recourse to your protection, or implored your aid without obtaining relief. Confiding therefore in your goodness, I come before you. Do not turn down my petitions, foster father of the Redeemer, but graciously receive them. *Amen*



LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



WHAT IS THE MISSION TODAY?

Throughout this week the First Session of the Plenary Council has been in process. It has been a privilege to be able to join in the daily Masses from across Australia which were followed by an Open Session where the feedback from group discussions the day before were shared and insights were presented.

Day 3 there was a focus on **Mission** – October is also the month of Mission

Rev Dr Richard Lennan (priest of the Diocese of Newcastle-Maitland & lecturer at Boston College) inspired all gathered with insights about Mission – some excerpts below:

When we talk about Mission, we need an integral ecology – understanding how mission is connected to the wider experience of all.

Church is missionary because God is missionary and God's mission is Self-Gift. God is life-giving ~ calling us all to a life beyond our own imagining – to a life in Jesus – invited into God's own life and to share that with others.

The Mission is in the Present – we need to be in the Present!

The world of which we are a part is God's world – it is a graced world!

We need to 'sniff out the presence of God in the world and celebrate it!'

We are called to be 'light for the nations' – Lumen Gentium (Vatican II) ~ to listen ~ to discern ~ to be alive!

The theologian, Elizabeth Johnson reflects:

'The Spirit represents life, movement, colour, radiance and restorative stillness in the din!'

Fr Richard's Talk can be accessed:

https://m.youtube.com/results?sp=mAEA&search_query=Fr+Richard+Lennan

'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour'. Luke 4: 18-20

Open our eyes Loving God to the world in our midst – to see your presence and to have the courage to bring your Good News to others through our own personal conversion of heart, mind and spirit. Amen

Death Anniversaries: Alice Stewart, Gregory Chatfield, Ann Smith, John Bradley, Norma Phillips, Vincenzo Biondo, Donald Walker, Maureen Kinross, Kenneth Bow.
We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Theresa Humphrey, Linda Weatherall, John Muller, Eva Maria Easton, Allan Mitchell, Margaret Harris, Wayne O'Toole, George Fitzgerald, Gloria Gamble, Jeanette Urbanik, Robyn Lynette Mundy, Shirley Barber, Patricia Sweeney, Lorna Gunn, Savannah Leane, Bill Guist, Gwen Lavin, Kevin Allen, Evelyn Young, Isobel Evans, Michaeline Hatton.

Remembering the Sick:

Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Eileen Hogg, Antony and Andrew, Lois White, Rita Condon, Catherine Mylott, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

Prayer For A Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced Remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home Remember those who must choose Between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have to cancel our trips Remember those that have no safe place to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home Remember those who have no home.

As fear grips our country. Let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours.

Amen.

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Prayer: Historic Saint Paul Catholic Church*

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