

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**  
**Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary**  
**Time Year B**

**First Reading** *Wisdom 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; 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.

*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.

**(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!**

**Second Reading** *Hebrews 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**

*Matthew 5:3*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

**Gospel** *Mark 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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**The Loving Gaze**

The man in this story is described (at the end) as a man of great wealth, so that when Jesus says 'There is one thing you lack', it would have got his attention. But he learnt to his shock that what he lacked was the big-heartedness which would enable him to give up the security and status and power which came with his possessions. Jesus was not satisfied with the wealthy man's minimalist agenda of keeping the commandments. He is just as dissatisfied with us. We each know what is holding us back from being a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ. At some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know, what it is we are hanging onto: the one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get rid of it. There is only one thing that can give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed. In this Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' This is not the glare of the critical eye but similar to the gaze of a parent on a newborn child, envisaging and encouraging a beautiful future for that child. We could take a moment to pray, 'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable me to follow you more nearly. Give me the courage which can only come from knowing that you gaze steadily at me and love me.'

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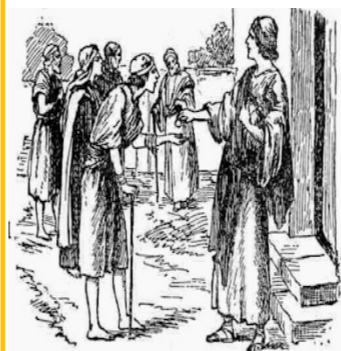
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**Twenty-Eighth Week in**  
**ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year B**



**CHURCH EVENTS**

**Choir Practice**  
**1PM Every second**  
**and fourth Monday**

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30**  
**am Fridays after**  
**Mass**

**Wrap With Love**  
**Wednesday 30th**  
**October 1pm CMR**

**Enjoy the Good News**  
**Wednesdays after**  
**9am Mass**

**Craft Group 10am**  
**Thursdays Church**  
**Meeting Room**

**ADORATION**  
**TUESDAYS @ 4pm**

**COFFEE CLUB**  
**Thursdays after Mass**  
**Venue: Corrigans**  
**Cove**

**A Purposeful Heart**

Helen Keller in speaking about a purposeful heart stated: 'True happiness is not attained through self – gratification but through fidelity to a worthy purpose.' Her own call, to living a life of purpose, was born out of her own suffering of blindness and deafness from 19 months of age. She, with the help of others, committed herself to transforming her own life and those of others suffering the same impediments. We could say Helen had a call, a vocation, in her particular life, to offer hope, purpose and encouragement to others.



There is a difference between having a purpose in life and having a job in life. If what we love to do and do well happens to be our job, lucky us! Finding where we belong and fit, what we are meant to do, what it is our heart seeks is both the task and the measure of a happy life. Joan Chittister OSB in her book: 'Aspects of the Heart' states: 'Life without a purpose greater than myself is an empty shell. The purpose of life is to do something with others, for others and because of others that makes the world a better place to be because each of us has been there.' [pg 81, 2012]

**We learn in the Letter of Hebrews to gather up courage, stamina and hope and to 'run the race that is set before us.'** The text reassures us we are not alone but are part of a great crowd of others who help us advance towards the goal of holiness, and these may include our parents, grand-parents, friends, teachers or neighbours even when their lives were not perfect. We are the people of God, blessed by God, called by God, and strengthened by God. God draws us to himself as a people in a particular moment in history and place in life.

**'Come Follow Me!'**

In Mark's Gospel, this Sunday, a rich but very good man who faithfully kept all the commandments seeks out Jesus. He desires to follow Jesus and inherit eternal life. We hear: '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 the rich man went away sad ...it was a step too far for him at that moment to sell everything he owned and follow Jesus. Yet this is a hopeful story, later on, this young man may manage to let go of his attachment to wealth and unconditionally follow Jesus. Firstly he was clearly a good man who faithfully kept all the commandments. He was also a **seeker** and he did not say 'No' to Jesus' request, he simply went away sad, perhaps to ponder Jesus' words and his loving gaze which surely touched him deeply. For the rich young man this was a huge request. [Reference: 'God's Word', 2021].

In the Constitution of the Church [n.11] the Lord calls all the faithful, regardless of their state in life to holiness. **God calls each of us to our own mission and we must follow the specific path the Lord has in mind for us.** Let us discern how the Lord is calling each of us. Be open to God in whatever situation you find yourself in.

*Marie Weatherall*





### MASSES THIS WEEK

**Monday 14th—Sun 20th Oct**  
**Monday 14th:** No Mass  
**Tuesday 15th:** Adoration 4pm  
 Mass 5pm  
**Wednesday 16th:** Mass 9am  
**Thursday 17th:** Mass 9am  
**Friday 18th:** Mass 9am  
**Saturday 19th:** Mass 5pm  
 Reconciliation 3.30-4.30  
**Sunday 20th:** Mass 9am

### Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

### ROSTERS

**12/13 OCTOBER**  
**Cleaning**  
 14-18 B Coffey/M Paine

**5.00PM MASS**  
 Welcomer: B Oerder  
 Commentator: P O'Kelly  
 Reader: P Nolan  
 Eucharistic Minister  
 N Buick  
 Computer Screen  
 J O'Sullivan

**9.00 AM MASS:**  
 Welcomer M deSmet  
 Commentator .B Basevi  
 Reader: L Page  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 V & C Burns  
 Computer Screen T  
 Priest

**MORNING TEA:**  
 M Vidovic & Zdenka

**COUNTERS**  
 D & L May

**19/20 OCTOBER**  
**Cleaning**  
 21-25 R & K Ison

**5.00PM MASS**  
 Welcomer Volunteer  
 Commentator B Maynard  
 Reader S Ebejer  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 J Wain  
 Computer Screen ,  
 K Conway

**9.00 AM MASS:**  
 Welcomer L May  
 Commentator J  
 Whiteford  
 Reader: A Skinner  
 Eucharistic Ministers  
 K Corbin, L Stevens  
 Computer Screen D  
 May..

**MORNING TEA:**  
 M & C Lowe

**COUNTERS**  
 T Priest/J Whiteford

### CATHOLIC MISSION

Next Sunday (20 October 2024) is Mission Sunday when the Church commemorates the work of missionaries around the world.



Catholic Mission will be holding its Annual Parish Appeal to help support its work.

This year there is a particular focus on the work of the Church in Mongolia in providing health and education services. **Envelopes will be available for cash or credit card donations.**

**YOU ARE INVITED** to the ORDINATION of MARK HA to be held at ST CHRISTOPHER'S CATHEDRAL, FORREST ACT @ 5PM ON THURSDAY 17TH OCTOBER . Followed by refreshments at HAYDON HALL behind the Cathedral.



*A list has been placed in the church foyer for parishioners who would like to attend and either need a lift or those who can offer a spare seat in their car.*

This week-end we welcome three children into our faith community through the waters of baptism.



Welcome to Grace Norman, Ashton Facchini and Alessa Rootsey. May God's love and blessings be upon each of you, this baptism day and always.

**BBECET TRIVIA AFTERNOON** Will be held on Saturday 19th October 2pm @ the Olive Tree Church/ Southlands 2 Bayridge Drive, North Batemans Bay—\$15 per person—Afternoon tea included For further information call John Hoggan on 0417 801 566



The 2024 Archdiocesan Assembly 18-20 October 2024, is a key gathering for the Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn. The Assembly will focus on celebrating the **Year of the Holy Spirit** and explore new opportunities for evangelisation and synodality in the life and mission of our local Church going forward.

In many ways, the Archdiocese is walking on the same path as the first Apostles. It took time for the early Church to discern and declare: **"It seemed good to us and the Holy Spirit"** (Acts 15:28)

**All are invited to join us on our pilgrim journey of discernment.**

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

### PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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### PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest, help men and women to hear the call and to serve in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn.

Our needs are great and our people thirst for your presence.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers and deacons who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord.

Amen

Our Lady, Help of Christians *Pray for us*

St Joseph *Pray for us*

St John Vianney *Pray for us*

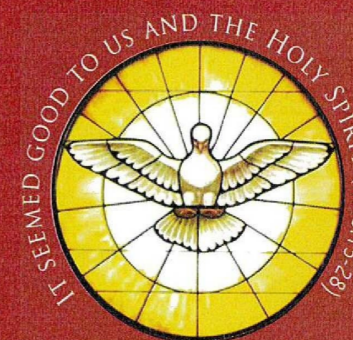
**Marian Procession** Sunday, October 27th Starts at 11am Anglican Cathedral of St Saviours, Goulburn **Reconciliation:** Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral & Our Lady of Mercy Chapel, 12:30 – 1:30 PM **Mass:** 2:00 PM at Sts Peter and Paul's Old Cathedral, celebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse. Includes installation of a reliquary with relics of Sts Peter and Paul, St Brigid, St Charbel, and St Therese of Lisieux.

### Remembering the Sick:

Letitia Baz, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin & Pat Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

**Death Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel, Patricia McKeough, Ivan Trojkovic, Brian O'Connor, Annie Scicluna, Francis Bezzina, Paul O'Callaghan, Pam Wilson, Drago Bandur, Vin Taylor, Fr Don Gunn, Krsto Jarnjevic, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Del Bateman, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Filomena Dela Torre



### YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, Grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolations. Through the same Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

### Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions October

For a shared mission We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

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