

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Irma Buoro, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Eileen Ellery, Bourke Gibbons, Kerry Gibbons, Marcel Götz, Rose-Tariaz Haddad, Daniel Matesic, Robert Moran, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, David Sanders, John Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Margaret Ward and those infected with COVID-19.

Recently Deceased: Robert Moran, Peter Peitsos, Ray Etteridge, Mervyn Thompson, Craig Goodchild, Dick O'Reilly, Michael Smith, Jean Graham and all who have died from Covid-19.

Anniversary: John Hishion, Joanna Sestito, Denis Buckley

Sick List - To include the name of your loved one on the sick list, please email:

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Anniversary List - Only the most recently listed in the anniversary book will be shown in the bulletin. If you would like your loved one's name in the bulletin under anniversary, please email name and date/year of passing to: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com



First Holy Communion - Unfortunately, due to lockdown and other restrictions, there will not be sufficient time to prepare our children to receive their First Holy Communion this year. All going well we hope to celebrate First Holy Communion early next year. The preparation will begin mid-November this year.



Keeping in touch

If you can drop the bulletin into other parishioners' letter boxes when going for some exercise, please pick up some bulletins from the front of the church. We will print extra ones if needed, just let us know.

Please remember not all parishioners have access to the internet.

The Catholic Weekly is free due to COVID lockdown. Check out the [online Catholic Weekly](#)

Supporting our Parish -

The parish is also incurring financial loss, yet the bills still need to be paid. Please think about how you can help. *Special donations will be greatly appreciated.*

Please click on this link to [Support Us](#) or ring the parish office for information re making a donation



Safeguarding our Parish

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police.

If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police.

Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or

Email: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **St Mary's Safeguarding Officer:** Veronica Denning - 0407 231 262

There is a folder of Safeguarding information available in the church - parishioners are welcome to view.



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Reflection

It is only possible to have good emotional health when you let go of all bitterness and unforgiveness.



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Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8 & 10am, 5pm

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday: 6pm
Preceded by Rosary/Novena - 5.30pm

Wednesday - Friday: 9am
Preceded by Rosary - 8.45am

Vietnamese Masses:
Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 3pm



Reconciliation:
Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 10 October 2021

Plenary Council

We pray for the Plenary Council members who are assembling around Australia for the First Assembly: that their hearts and minds are opened to receive the Holy Spirit in all their conversations and prayer.

Covid Restrictions

There will be no public masses until the **80% vaccination** threshold is reached. You are strongly encouraged to get vaccinated. Please think of those who are very vulnerable - elderly and very young children

Honouring Mary in the month of the Rosary

The Sydney Centre for Evangelisation is preparing a series of online prayers from 11 - 17 October where all will be able to join in praying the Rosary and other Marian devotions (eg the Angelus and the Magnificat to honour Our Lady at this time. **Dates:** Monday, 11 - Sunday 17 October

Platform: [Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney Facebook page](#)

Schedule: A full schedule of prayers will be posted on the Archdiocese of Sydney Lockdown events page closer to the launch date: <https://www.sydneycatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/sce-lockdown-activities/> For more info, contact Michael Kenny at: michael.kenny@sydneycatholic.org



Confirmation 2021

We hope to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Sat. 13 November**. Parents/carers are asked to attend a meeting on **Wed 20 or Thurs 21 Oct. 7pm** at the church.



Praying the Word

Week of the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading Wis 7:7-11

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.

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. *(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 Heb 4:12-13

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.

Gospel Acclamation Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia!

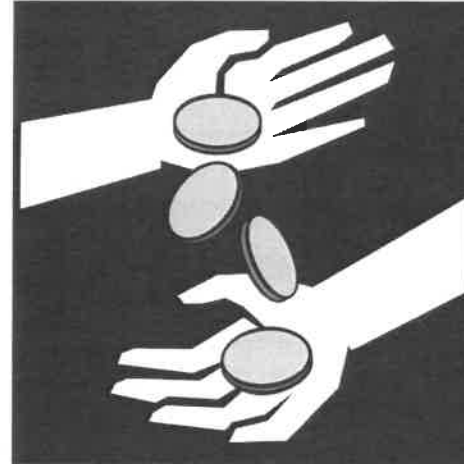
*Happy the poor in spirit;
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!*

Gospel Mk 10:17-30

or (shorter form Mk 10:17-27)

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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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 we cannot, will not, give up, 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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