

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

GOSPEL

Mark 10:17-27

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Loyola Press

A man with many possessions asks Jesus what he must do to gain eternal life.

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers.

Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow me." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.



Parish Bulletin

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

12/13 Oct 2024

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Wisdom 7:7-11

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

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

'WHO CAN BE SAVED?'

In Jesus' time people saw wealth and prosperity as signs of God's blessing. Today we can still covet these things. We can embrace the message of our consumerist society that happiness lies in having more. The wise person knows that the greatest richness of all is the saving love of God in Christ Jesus, and it is ours for free. If our primary attachment is to Jesus, we will not covet material goods but use them as necessary.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY MASS

Heavenly father, we are about to offer this wonderful memorial of the passion and death of your Son. Bless our Priest as he stands in the person of Christ and makes present for us the great sacrifice of Calvary.

Bless our Ministers here present today-our ministers of the Eucharist, our readers, our Altar Servers, our musicians and ushers. When we reflect on the magnificence of these Sacred Ministries, we are somewhat overawed at our calling. But also we are overjoyed that You have asked us to stand at Your altar and serve You.

Help us to be reverent and to be faithful to our responsibilities. May this Eucharist that we are about to offer be a bond of unity and a sacrament of love for our people. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
Psalm 89:12-17

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 for ever?
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
Hebrews 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.

The word of the Lord

VINNIES—ANTI-POVERTY WEEK
13TH-19TH OCTOBER

Vinnies is acutely aware of how much we need to address this. Your help will assist in meeting a serious need. If you can, consider an extra donation to the Poor Boxes at each entrance, especially as we approach Christmas. Thank you for your support.

Vinnies Hectorville Tranmere Conference

Morning Tea

Sunday
13th Oct 2024
after 9:30am
Holy Mass

All are welcome!



SAUSAGE SIZZLE

By The Knights of the Southern Cross
after 9:30am Mass on
Sunday 20 Oct 2024

Thank you for your support!



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Mass Times
Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions
Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary
Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist
Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph
Wednesday after Mass

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Vinnies Assistance Hotline
1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—19/20 Oct 2024
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Josh Page Michelle Page Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Sandy Mazzarolo Sheila Hoogland
Children's Liturgy	Antonetta Bartley Jessie Yesudas P
Count team	Paul Halliwell Denise Rutt Paul Roocke Danielle Roocke
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	5/6OCT 2024
Open Plate	\$416.15
Planned Giving	\$433.00
PARISH TOTAL	\$849.15

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$638.00

October is Catholic Mission Month and Catholic Mission Appeal for 2024 will be held on October 20. The focus this year is Mongolia. We continue to support our current projects in 41 countries and 14 parishes here in Australia. and leaflets are available at each door. We thank you for your support.

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

GO AND INVITE EVERYONE to the banquet

catholic mission Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

Let's pray together

Please remember in your prayers
We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

For the Repose of the Soul:
Death Anniversary:
Crescenzo & Angela Laudato
Vincenzo Laudato
Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.

Sick:
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex
Let us pray the Rosary daily, entrusting ourselves confidently into the hands of Mary! We entrust to her the sufferings and desire for peace of people suffering because of war, especially martyred Ukraine, Palestine, Israel, Lebanon, Myanmar, and Sudan.

PARISH NOTICES

Counter Team Meeting 20 Oct 2024

A gentle reminder for Counter Team to meet in Parish Hall after 9:30am mass on Sunday 20th October 2024. Thank you for your attention.

ARCHDIOCESE EVENTS

Second Assembly of the Synod on Synodality

Archbishop Patrick O'Regan and John Lochowiak are headed to the Synod in Rome at the end of this month. The Synod will take place over the month of October. We ask that our communities pray for both of them and the process of the Synod. We pray that as a Church we will all better understand that we are invited to walk together and to listen to each other prayerfully. Information around the synod can be found here: www.synod.va/en.html

Car Boot Sale at the Monastery

The Monastery will be hosting another car boot sale on November 10. The event will be held on the oval 9:30am - 1:30pm. There will be a stall for our gift shop, a book stall for our parish library and a coffee van on the day. We welcome everyone to join us on the day! **If you would like to book a car space for \$25.00, please contact the office on 8338 8700.**

Feast day retreat at The Monastery

Join us for a 'Morning with St Paul of the Cross'. On Saturday October 19, feast day of St Paul of the Cross (founder of the Passionists, and Patron of our parish) we will gather at The Monastery from 9am - 12:30pm to explore who he was, and more importantly, the charisma that he left us to follow. Fr Luke Bulley CP (Passionist Youth coordinator) will guide us through the morning with opportunities for input, discussion and personal reflection, finishing with an optional lunch (own expense) at Caffè Buongiorno's. All are welcome to join us in the Foley Room. Please bring a plate to share for morning tea. On the same weekend, any and all young adults (18-35) are welcome to join Fr Luke for a similar discussion on St Paul's charisma, in particular how this might relate to young people today. This will be held on Friday October 18 from 7pm in the Sebastian Centre, with pizza provided. Please RSVP to parish@themonastery.net.au or phone 8338 8700

God and the Stars

'God and the Stars' will be held at Christ the King, Lockleys, parish hall on Friday November 8 at 7pm. The night will involve an interactive session where Fr Michael Trainor and Dr Andrew Guidi will offer an exploration of the relationship between theology and science linking back to the story of creation in the Book of Genesis. Michael will explore the ancient, pre-scientific world of the Bible and how this is reflected in the biblical cosmology, Psalms and other parts of the Bible. Andrew will draw on his professional leadership in space technology and his involvement in satellite surveillance. Cost to attend will be \$15 to cover a selection of wines and cheeses for the night which will have an international focus to reflect the many cultures of parishioners which make up the parish. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to the office E: info@lockleysparish.com; or P: 8356 8887, with numbers by November 1 along with payment. If you would like to bring along a bottle of wine or some cheese on the night with an international focus to share that would be very much appreciated.

Adult and Youth Retreat

The Risen Lord Community Adelaide along with Charis SA invite you to a life transforming retreat.
Adult Retreat - 4 Step Retreat
Friday October 25, 6pm-9pm
Saturday October 26, 9am-5pm
St Anthony of Padua Church, Edwardstown
Youth Retreat - Lit Up!
Saturday October 26, 9am-5pm
St Anthony of Padua Church Hall, Edwardstown
Lunch and refreshments provided. Please register using the QR Code.



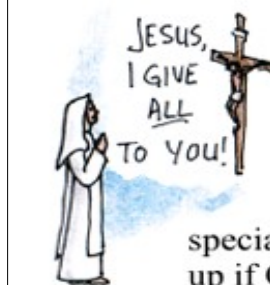
The Kids' Bulletin
Jesus and the Rich Young Man



The rich man in today's Gospel reading wanted to follow Jesus. But he was sad when Jesus told him that he should sell his things and give his money to the poor.

Do you think Jesus wants everyone to give away everything they have?

God calls some people to give up all their things so they can live a special life for Him, like religious brothers and sisters.



But God also wants people who are rich to use their money and things for Him- to help the poor and the Church.

What do you have that is really special? Would you be ready to give it up if God wanted you to?

Cross-word Puzzle answers: Across: 3 light 5 silver 7 good 10 her 12 chose 13 was 14 gold 15 me 16 splendour Down: 1 things 2 wisdom 3 loved 4 the 6 riches 8 prayed 9 throne 11 hands

Saint Teresa of Avila
October 15

TERESA OF AVILA WAS BORN IN 1515 IN SPAIN TO A CATHOLIC FAMILY. WHEN SHE WAS 7 SHE AND HER BROTHER RAN AWAY, HOPING TO BECOME MARTYRS.

What are you two doing way out here?

HER MOTHER DIED WHEN SHE WAS 14. WHEN SHE BECAME DISTRACTED BY WORLDLY THINGS HER FATHER SENT HER TO A CONVENT.

SHE WAS SENT HOME WHEN SHE BECAME ILL, BUT WENT BACK WHEN SHE WAS BETTER.

Sister Anne's cousins are coming today!

FOR A LONG TIME TERESA STRUGGLED WITH PRAYER. SHE LIKED TO BE WITH HER FRIENDS.

Oh! They're fun!

THE NUNS AT THIS CONVENT DID NOT PRACTICE POVERTY OR SILENCE.

It's so hard to leave my father... but I must go!

I don't have time to pray!

Did you hear about Elizabeth?

BUT GOD ASKED HER TO TALK ONLY TO HIM. TERESA BEGAN TO HAVE VISIONS AND HEAR THINGS FROM GOD.

Speak no more with men.

SOON SHE STARTED NEW CONVENTS THAT FOLLOWED THE OLD RULES. MANY PEOPLE TRIED TO STOP HER, BUT SHE OBEYED GOD. SHE WAS SICKLY ALL HER LIFE AND DIED AT AGE 67.

WHEN SHE WAS YOUNG SAINT TERESA HAD A HARD TIME KEEPING GOD FIRST IN HER LIFE. SHE WAS DISTRACTED BY FRIENDS AND NICE THINGS. BUT SHE KNEW THAT GOD WAS THE MOST IMPORTANT, SO SHE GAVE HER LIFE TO HIM. WHAT ARE YOU DISTRACTED BY? WILL YOU LET IT KEEP YOU AWAY FROM GOD?