



Christ the King Church

# ST MEL'S PARISH

**"BE STILL AND KNOW I AM GOD..."**

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## Twenty-eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Sunday 10 October 2021

Readings for  
this Sunday



Wisdom 7:7-11  
Hebrews 4:12-13  
Mark 10:17-30

Readings for  
next week:



Isaiah 53:10-11  
Hebrews 4:14-16  
Mark 10:35-45



### Liturgical Jottings

#### The Senses - Taste

"Taste and see the goodness of the Lord" (Psalm 33:9) is the response in three consecutive Sundays (19, 20 & 21) in Year B that accompany the Gospel of Jesus teaching on the body of Christ (John 6). This psalm response occurs another 17 times during the three years. The verse is a metaphor for experiencing our God. We taste the elements of bread and wine in the Eucharist and received the goodness of the body and blood of Christ.

The taste of salt has been mostly dropped from our liturgies. Salt placed on the tongue was once used in our Catechumenate and Baptism rites to signify healing, preservation and the seasoning of wisdom. Salt is now an option in blessing of holy water. The salt is blessed and signifies purification of water (Elisha - 2 Kings 2:21) and to preserve the people from attack of the enemy. (2011 Roman Missal, appendix II)

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### Focus on the Readings

To understand the wisdom of God and to see the futility of riches are two activities that highlight the dichotomy we face in life about earthy and heavenly things. The three readings today are rich in imagery to bring insights in our relationship with God. God's wisdom is priceless in comparison with gold and silver that are like sand and mud. God's wisdom and love are our riches (Wis 7:11).

A camel passing through the eye of the needle is ludicrously displayed in many internet image searches. Hopefully the cartoonist may help us reflect on the meaning of Jesus words. He disassociates wealth from blessing and even proposes it as a hindrance to attain eternal life. His teaching disappoints the first man when Jesus asks him to replace earthly treasure with heavenly treasure. He also confuses the disciples who must ask him for an explanation.

Both the man seeking the way to eternal life and the disciples questioning their own futures speak up for us today because we carry in our hearts the query about the meaning of our life and our destiny. Thomas asked Jesus where he is going and how can we get there and received the answer: "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." We join the disciples on the road to Jerusalem following Christ. The journey to Jerusalem began with Christ's predication of his death and he reminds his disciples the cost of following him includes persecution.

### Prayer for Today

God of wisdom, whose word probes the motives of our hearts, with you all things are possible. Let worldly treasure not keep us from Jesus who looks on us with love. Free us to leave all things and follow him. Amen.  
*Opening Prayer 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday ICEL 1995*

### Psalm Response

Fill us with your love, O Lord and we will sing for joy. (Ps 89:14)

### Memorial of the Week

Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli (St John XXIII) was born 25 November 1881 in a village in Lombardy to a sharecropper family. Ordained a priest he was a scholar, diplomat and pope (elected 1958). He convened the Second Vatican Council on 11 October 1962 and died 3 June 1963. Pope Francis canonised him in 2014. His feast day is taken from the date of the opening of the Council.

### On the Lighter Side

When Pope John XXIII was patriarch of Venice he was talking with a wealthy resident and told him, "We have one thing in common: money. You have a lot and I have none of it. The difference is I don't care about it."

*St Mel's Parish Is...*

**"A welcoming and caring community that helps all people grow stronger in our Catholic Faith."**

## REFLECTION



### Plenary Council 2020

*'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' REV 2:7*

provider with parishioners being servant recipients'. Given the lockdowns and where regular gatherings are not allowed may be causing many to see ... 'does the Church matter?' do I see myself and ourselves making a willing return when restrictions cease?

Interesting observations to make! I feel this first assembly has 'tread water', testing itself to the eventual hope - filled outcomes many are wanting to see change and happen. Change doesn't always sit comfortably, as human beings by nature we like stability. The Plenary Council at this time is asking .... The stability we once knew is no longer! An image helping me understand this goes by way of a dancing movement. you see, the partners take steps to be in harmony, sometimes it's two steps back, one forward, some steps go side to side, the pair go back and forward. My year 10 social dance Instructor taught me this from school days...

One of my favourite scripture images holding me through this first week of the Plenary Council is that of the disciples of Jesus being called to put out into the waters that are deeper. Having tried to fish in the shallower of waters (where it is safer) Jesus says... its by getting out into the deep some surprises are in store! The Plenary Council between this past week and the second assembly in July 2022, might just be having us asking ... can we get into the deeper waters of our own personal reflection of where the Church needs to be and going into the future?

It's been a good week of discernment and I feel from my limited observations the Spirit is calling for a new looking forward and for you and I to be trusting where we are going in this time of seeking and where a new catch is waiting for us !!!

**Fr Peter Taylor.**

**PLENARY COUNCIL** ... This first assembly of delegates (Around 280) across Australia, has opened a lively and engaged conversations of where the Church is heading and being inclusive for all.

To help us here in taking up the themes, questions, thoughts, I am offering an opportunity for us to gather, probably virtually, on Wednesday October 27<sup>th</sup> at 7pm, details yet to be finalised, though my thought at this stage it will be on a zoom like meeting.

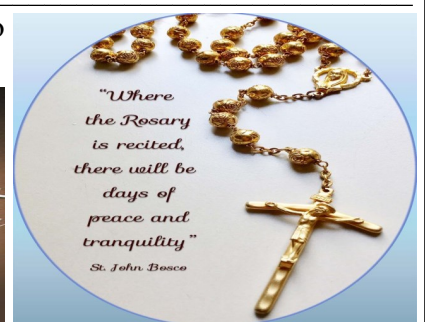
**Fr Peter**

**OUR PARISH SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** ...Has taken a hit with the lockdowns etc. Mel Shiels our generous and enthusiastic coordinator has mentioned enrolments are now open for parents wanting their children to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Eucharist in 2021-2022 that registration and enrolment are now open.

Please email Mel ... [melshiels@bigpond.com](mailto:melshiels@bigpond.com) with family name, parents names, with a contact phone number, along with Children's names with the school and grade level currently in. This program is for children in Grade 3 and above. Mel can be contacted on 0400150188

Mel, on behalf of the parish, thank you in your efforts in meeting the difficulties as we go through the remaining small groups of this year.

**MONTH OF THE ROSARY:** Please join us at 9.00am zoom on Sunday to pray the rosary before our 9.30am Mass.



**CATHOLIC MISSION MONTH...** This is a month where we give financially for the cause that is Catholic Mission. The 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday (24<sup>th</sup>) is THE Sunday for the appeal. Some ways to consider giving to Catholic Mission ... By taking an envelope from the Church or by coming by to the Parish Office or by going to the website... Catholicmission.org.au/parishes .



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**THE 2021 CATHOLIC MISSION CHURCH APPEAL** takes the theme of .... For We CANNOT KEEP FROM SPEAKING about what we have SEEN and HEARD....from Acts 4:20

**INQUIRY ABOUT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** ... Presently I have one adult person expressing a desire to formalise her entry into our Church community here at St Mel's. It's a wholesome thought when people are willing to seek out a way of belonging. If you know of some who might be seeking an interest could you direct them to me ... This way I will follow up and make contact with them.

**Fr Peter**

**MONTH OF NOVEMBER**.... Is a month to remember our loved ones, especially those who have died from our Parish over the past year. This year for all the Sunday Masses in November, the bulletin each week (on the back page ) will have names written for those you want to remember. It is important you forward the names to the Parish Office in advance.



**MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**... Hopefully we can gather as a community!!!! The Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of November at 7pm in our Church. Please let others know about this .... At this Mass we remember those who have died from our Parish over the past year.

**Fr Peter**



This current Lockdown of Shepparton has seen cancellations made, namely *Baptisms*. Disruption it seems goes far and wide...

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL**...convenes this Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm. This will be held virtually, Zoom style, we are getting used to...

**LITURGY MEETING** ... For those of you committed to this, and for others wanting to be involved a meeting is scheduled for Tuesday October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the gathering room if numbers allow!!! Some important events in the Church are coming up !!! Support is needed!!! Thankyou Maureen and team of helpers in your support .... **Fr Peter**

**WOMEN'S GROUP GATHERING** will be held next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of October 7.00PM on ZOOM.  
Reflection: 2021 Year of St Joseph  
Presentation – October Month of the Holy Rosary-Importance of praying Rosary.  
Following meeting will be on the 19<sup>th</sup> of November 2021. Please mark the dates in your calendar. Anyone new to the parishes is very welcome. For more detail please email bozena59@yahoo.com



**COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2022** - Now available to purchase from the Parish Office - \$13.00 each. The Calendars make a lovely Christmas gift.



## **READINGS FOR THIS SUNDAY**

### **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;  
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*



***RESPONSORIAL PSALM - Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!***

### **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*

### **Gospel**

[Mk 10:17-27](#)

#### ***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.'

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**Week Days Masses this coming week**  
**11th – 17th September 2021**

**NO WEEKDAYS MASSES THIS WEEK UNTIL  
RESTRICTIONS IS UPLIFTED.**

**Sunday 17th October: Livestream Presentation of  
Mass at 9.30am. Rosary will start at 9am.**

**No 5pm Mass until further notices.**



**READERS/COMMENTATOR/SPECIAL MINISTER**

**Sunday 17h October 2021**

**9.30am** - Maureen Munro (Commentator) Zoe Hamilton(L1)  
Melissa Hamilton( L2)

**9.30am-** Special Ministers: Sarah Maloney and  
Maree McKenna

**5.00pm** - Tim Kelly (Commentator) Paul Bertoli (Lector)

**5.00pm** - Special Ministers : Rosana Legalo and Lin Waite

**Recently Deceased:** Sr Alphonsus, Leslie Reardon,  
Cassie Phillips.

**Anniversaries:** Michelle (Mick) Villani, Giuseppe  
Primerano.