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The Living Word

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

13 October 2024

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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ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

"Reaching out to each other
- growing together in love"

St Mary's Mooroopna acknowledge the Yorta Yorta Nation and the Aboriginal people who have walked this land for thousands of years

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm
Sunday 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

10:30am to 11am Saturday

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Mon 14/10	Memorial Mass for Lori Martin (sister of Brenda Pye)	6pm
Tues 15/10	Adoration	5pm
Tues 15/10	Mass	6pm
Wed 16/10	Mass	6pm
Thurs 17/10	Mass	6pm
Fri 18/10	Mass	10am

EASY WORSHIP

Sat 12th Oct: Sarah Richards
Sun 13th Oct: AM Carroll

Sat 12th Oct: Liz Donnelly
Sun 13th Oct: Valoia Family

St Mary's Monthly Devotions

First Friday Adoration

(1st Fri of every month) following the 10am Mass. Concluding with Benediction at 6:45pm.

At 11am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm the Mysteries of the Rosary will be recited.

First Saturday Adoration

Adoration 9am to 10am
Mass 10am to 10:30am followed by Reconciliation as per normal 10:30am to 11am.

Meetings

Baptism Formation Meeting

The next Baptism Formation Meeting will be on Tuesday 15 October from 7pm at St Mary's Church in Mooroopna.

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Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and remain faithful to the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,

who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen



(Adapted for the Diocese of Sandhurst)

Exciting News!

Bishop Shane Mackinlay has been elected as the Oceania representative on the Synod's Final Document Oversight Commission. Bishop Shane, with nine other representatives, will oversee the final document project. Let's keep Bishop Shane and members of the commission in our prayers as they embark on this vital work

The Second Session of the Synod on Synodality* is underway. Let's unite in prayer for all synod participants as they gather to listen, pray and discern ways of being a more synodal Church. Together, we can foster mission, communion and participation in our Church.

Please find the Prayer for the Synod (adapted by Bishop Shane for Sandhurst) above.

A live stream of the Synod and the Synod video archive can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@VaticanNews>

Welcome to St Mary's Primary School

Welcome to St Mary's Primary School's new Principal, Ms Elaine Vertriest.

We hope you are settling in well and we wish you all the best at your new school and in your new community.



Women's Retreats

Benalla

Saturday, 26 October 2024

10am to 3pm

St Joseph's Church, 42 Arundel Street, Benalla

The Sandhurst Diocese of the Catholic Women's League of Victoria and Wagga Wagga, is hosting a Retreat.

The day includes spiritual reflections by Fr Peter Ferwerda on the theme:

Through Mary to Jesus

Commencing 10am with Holy Mass and concluding at 3pm. Lunch (BYO). Tea, coffee, drinks provided. All are welcome. We would love to see you.

Bookings: www.trybooking.com/CTOJH

A Sandhurst Renewal Day including Charismatic Mass with healing prayers will be celebrated by Father Jackson Saunders.

When: Saturday, 26 October 2024

Where: Mons Peter Jeffrey Centre, St Brendan's Parish 121 Knight Street, Shepparton

Details: 9:30 am (Cuppa) – 3:30 pm, Please bring a plate to share.

Contacts:
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SAVE THE DATE: Annual Public Rosary

All are welcome to attend this prayerful and social gathering.

Saturday October 12, 2024, 10.30am, St Brendan's Parish Church Gardens. **(if wet weather: we will move into the Church)**

Followed by a cuppa in the MPJC.

The centre will be open prior to Rosary. Please bring a plate to share while socialising.

PETITIONS: Prayers and thanksgivings to Our Lady will be forwarded by ANF (Australia Needs Fatima) in Portugal.

BYO: Chair/Rug/Cushion/Hat and Spectacles for your comfort.



Last Monday marked one year since the outbreak of the Israel-Hamas war and Pope Francis has called for today to be a day of prayer and fasting for peace.

Take a moment to pray and reflect on the prayer of St Francis (below). On this feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, let's come together in faith and solidarity.

"Lord, make me an instrument of your peace..."

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.
 Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
 where there is injury, pardon;
 where there is doubt, faith;
 where there is despair, hope;
 where there is darkness, light;
 and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
 to be consoled as to console;
 to be understood as to understand;
 to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
 and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

50TH ANNIVERSARY MARIAN FESTIVAL
Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Sacred Heart Cathedral, Bendigo. Sunday 13th October 2024

11:00 am - Mass celebrated by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson
 12:00 pm - BYO Lunch or BBQ available
 1:00 pm - Scapular enrolment
 1:30 pm - Procession and Rosary outside Cathedral
 1:50 pm - Crowning of Fatima Statue
 2:30 pm - Guest Speaker - Bishop Leslie Tomlinson
 3:00 pm - Exposition and Benediction
 3:40 pm - Bells ring and afternoon tea conclude festival

Piety stall inside cathedral. For details - www.bendigofatima.com

Finally my Immaculate Heart will Triumph
 - Our Lady of Fatima, July 15th, 1917

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR WORLD PEACE

We would like to express our sincere condolences to Brenda & Leo Pye and family. Last Friday Brenda's beautiful, fun loving and talented sister, Lori, passed away in South Africa, after complications from two knee surgeries.

We send love and strength to you at this difficult time. May the golden memories comfort you.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
 Matthew 5:4

Misa de Gallo
 9 day novena.
 Mass at 6am each day from December 16-24 at St Brendan's Church

Join us for breakfast afterwards each day in the Pastoral Centre (behind the Church)

To support the novena, please reach out on 5821 2633 or shepparton@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

CARITAS APPEAL FOR LEBANON

As you would know from the news, Lebanon is facing a dire humanitarian crisis. Caritas partners are providing emergency assistance, including medical, food and hygiene support; emotional and social support; cash for shelter for displaced and conflict-affected families; and providing partner centres to serve as shelters.

Donations can be made at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413.

Important Note for Planned Givers

For those who have direct debits set up for planned giving, the reference on your bank statement will soon be changing. The provider that will be processing the Direct Debit is called **FAT ZEBRA**. Sounds like a funny name I know, but you won't forget it. So please don't be alarmed if this appears on your bank statement. Please contact Parish Secretary, Laura, if you have any questions.



Readings
for
this week:

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

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Sick List: Graeme Weir, Cherie Mammone, Jim McIntyre, Irene Murphy, Dennis Corboy, Barry Monaghan, Pat Hicks, John Raleigh and Josie Anderson, Brian Carey, Rosemary Haig, Jill Taylor (White), Linda O'Rourke, Kellie Seymour, Robert Rocca, Pat Mills, Irene Biesiekierski, Rosanna Scarcella and Melissa Sicali.

Recently Deceased: Lori Martin, South Africa, sister of Brenda Pye, Barry McCarty

Anniversaries:

ALTAR HELPERS 12th Oct: not required 19th Oct: Marg Lee and Kevin Lee

BINGO 19th Oct: Daniel Carrafa, Rob O'Meara, Marie O'Meara, Maureen Ball

12th & 13th Oct	COMMENTOR	READER	SPECIAL MINISTER	OFFERTORY
6:30 pm	Margaret Campbell	Marie O'Meara	Margaret Campbell	Angelina Vigliaturo
10.00 am	Brenda Pye	Cecily Dumaresq	Angela Iacano	Michael & Kaye Gaffy
19th & 20th Oct				
6:30 pm	Angela Conti	Mavis Murphy	Miriam Hogarty	TBC
10.00 am	Fiona Dowling	Sheila Griffin	Angela Iacono	TBC