

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SEARCH FOR WISDOM

When the author of Ecclesiastes declares that all is vanity it is important to know that the Hebrew word *hebel* refers to much more than vanity since it includes ideas of what is transitory, just a breath, and without substance. We all seek wisdom and meaning in a world that is often unjust and full of inconsistencies and paradoxes. As Christians, we look for that time when God will heal the wounds and injustices of our world and renew all creation. This was not the case when Ecclesiastes was written. At that time, there was no concept of an afterlife. The people believed that what was unresolved during our lives would stay that way, and understandably that provided a powerful and painful challenge for the people of Israel.

In both the first reading and in the parable of the rich fool, we can see that the saying holds true that 'you can't take it with you'. For all his wealth and fortune the wealthy man does not have the key to eternal life and his self-focus is shown to be sadly mistaken as he learns that the riches that endure to eternal life are of another kind altogether.

Paul reminds us that we have been raised with Christ and that our lives must reflect this. True wisdom is to be found in living lives with integrity, reflecting our identity as followers of Christ by the quality of our thought and actions. We have been brought into a new creation where our old prejudices and divisions must be left behind as we put on Christ anything that will not endure into eternal life.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

31 JULY 2022

FIRST READING

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

3. 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.**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly



things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

■ The word of the Lord.

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PRAY FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED :

ANNIVERSARIES: Bertha Constable (1/8) Gladys O'Brien (2/8) William Bailey (3/8), Louis Horne, Jane Miller (4/8), George Dewson, Margaret Cherry (6/8), Mathias Hogan, Michael Wood, Michael Louis (7/8)

LITURGY SCHEDULE

St Andrew's Wee Waa

Saturday 7pm

Sunday 10.00 am

Wednesday 8.30 am

(Anointing Mass – 1st week of month)

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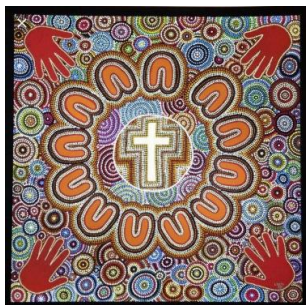
St. Joseph's Burren Junction

3rd Sunday – Mass 8:00am

St. Brigid's Pilliga

2nd Sunday– Communion Service 9.00 am

4th Sunday - Mass 8:00am



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7th August 22 19th SUN ORD TIME YEAR C

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Morning Tea Roster

We are looking for volunteers for morning tea from September to December if you are interested see Anna thank you.

Can you undertake an Overseas Mission?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these Mission opportunities abroad.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. Palms Australia, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

Reflection

Viktor Frankl

On October 19th, 1944, a prominent Jewish psychiatrist named Viktor Frankl was transported to Auschwitz.

- Over the course of the next year his wife, his brother, and his mother all died in concentration camps.
- Frankl survived, and wrote a book about his experiences, entitled in English *Man's Search for Meaning*.
- In it he describes the Nazis attempt to demoralize the prisoners. They tried to get them to focus on the hopelessness of their situation, and thereby lead them to despair.
- They would use tactics like withholding food, and then, when everyone was starving, throw bread in the middle of the prison yard and allow everyone out to get it. The Nazi expectation was that the adults would rip the bread away from starving children, and thus dehumanize themselves.
- However Frankl said that not everyone behaved as expected. Some chose to act nobly even though they knew they might die for it. From such observations, and from his own experiences, he coined his famous dictum that someone who has a WHY to live, can endure almost any HOW.

When we keep our eyes fixed on the eternal joy of heaven, we start to see the events of this world in their proper perspective.

DIOCESE OF BROOME

Kimberley Catholic Volunteer Service

NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus.

In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance.

For further details, and an application form, please contact:

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Thank You, Fr. Sabu

It is our pleasure and honour to welcome Father Sabu to celebrate the Sunday Masses while Father Joseph is on vacation from the 21st of July to the 1st of September.

Dear Jesus,

we pray for peace in our world, in our families and in our hearts.

Help us to bring peace to others.

Amen