



Bridgeside Bulletin



The weekly Bulletin of the Catholic Parish of Forster Tuncurry

"Unity in Christ"

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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

Well I would not have thought last Friday morning as I sat down to write my letter for last week's edition of the "Bridgeside Bulletin" that we would go back into lockdown last Sunday. I guess that will be the state of affairs when it comes to dealing with Covid 19 and its various variants for some time yet. At this stage it would seem that we here in the 2428 post code, will exit lockdown on Monday morning. However, that may change depending on local numbers. You would have seen the Pastoral Letter from the Vicar General about the road map. Given the state of affairs there is no other option but to keep the Church shut until all are able to attend worship. If that is able to change I will let you know as soon as possible. One can only hope and pray that we can get back to normal on the 25th of October once the state has hit 80% double vaccinated. Until then I draw your attention to the 8am live stream of Mass and the 9.30am live stream from the Sacred Heart Cathedral.

This week has seen the start of the first Plenary Council in Australia for more than 8 decades. It will continue next week and will conclude in July next year. Let's hope and pray that the delegates are indeed "listening to what the Spirit is saying", and not pushing their own agenda. There is of course, a certain amount of this, there always is at these events. Hopefully though, people will get out of the way of the Holy Spirit and allow God to be at the centre of the Church which He created and allow a new flourishing of His Holy Church in the Great South Land of the Holy Spirit.

The solar panel project is almost complete as is the roof restoration/renovation. The gutters will be replaced in the next week or so and it will be done. If people would still like to contribute to this worthy project in the parish, please do so. Donations are still coming in for the plaques for the "Rosary Walk" if you are willing to donate to the beautification of the Wallis Lane side of the Church please contact the office. This area of our grounds is quite lovely now with the flowers and the path connecting the Columbarium to the inside of the Church. I was quite touched on Monday, which was the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi to see birds around the area near the statue of St Francis. With the birds and the flowers I think St Francis would have been very pleased as well.

One of the most loving things that we can do for anybody is to pray for them. We as Catholics take this particularly seriously and in a special way remember the dead during Masses and in our own personal private prayer. We focus on this in a particular way in the month of November. To that end there will be envelopes available in the Church for November Mass offerings. If you would like you loved ones remembered in our Masses in November please take an envelope home and return it with the names of your loved ones these names will be collated and published in the bulletin for the month of November and these people will be remembered at the Altar during this time. Please look for further information about how we as a community can remember our dead during November. I have spoken with Fr. Greg Barker and he is happy to come and bless the Columbarium during November. It will be good to have this done. It will be good to welcome Fr. Greg back among us.

During advent it would be good to have Advent Groups running in the parish. If you would be interested in taking part in a group please let the office know. If you would like to lead a group please also let us know.

I hope and pray that lockdown will end soon and we can all be back at Mass. Please continue to pray for those affected by the pandemic both here in Australia and around the world.

With love.

Fr. Peter.



Parish Timetable

WEEKDAY MASS
11 Oct—16 OCT
No Masses at this stage

Mon 11 OCT	12pm Community Kitchen
Tue 12 OCT	12pm Community Kitchen
Wed 13 OCT	12pm Community Kitchen
Thu 14 OCT	12pm Community Kitchen

Parish Notices

Safeguarding Training

The Safeguarding Training session that was scheduled for Friday 29th October will be postponed until a later date.

All Souls Day

If you would like your loved one's remembered as part of the All Souls' Day Masses you can submit their names either by using the envelopes supplied in the Planned Giving Envelops or by submitting your loved one's name in writing to the Parish Office. Those who have died in the last twelve months, where we celebrated a funeral liturgy in our church, will be included by the office automatically.

Message from Fr Peter:

As you will have read in the Pastoral letter from the Vicar-General, Fr Andrew Doohan, later this month after NSW achieves 80% vaccination, our Churches will be able to re-open for public Masses.

At this stage we are expecting our first weekend of Sunday Masses to be on 30th-31st October. We expect to be able to re-open for regular weekday Masses from Tuesday 26th October.

We have been advised that both vaccinated and unvaccinated people will be allowed into our churches. From this time and up until NSW achieves 90% vaccination (est. date 1st December)

the 4 sqm rule will apply, masks will need to be worn, QR codes scanned and no singing. If there is any change to this it will be communicated to you via the Website, email and our Facebook page.

Columban Art Calendars 2022
Now available in church for \$15 ea

Readers: A letter from Fr Peter with further instructions for reading at Mass was emailed out to all readers. A hard copy of the letter is available from the parish office for those in need.

What's happening locally...

HEAL for Mental Health is a mental health-focused lifestyle and activity program for adults aged 65 years and over. The program is free, government funded and runs weekly for 8 weeks. Groups involve exercise and workshop sessions to help equip individuals to make exercise and healthy lifestyle and mental health choices part of managing their wellbeing. HEAL is being delivered by Kinetic Medicine in their clinics in Taree, Wingham, Forster and across the Mid Coast. Head to www.kineticmedicine.com.au/heal-program or call 02 6557 7479 for more information.

The call to share our blessings – our time, talent and treasure – is not always an easy one to embrace. There are many demands on those aspects of our lives and we can become weary – and perhaps wary – of how charities constantly ask us to donate. As Christians, however, we know that building the Kingdom is a constant work in progress; the poor will always be with us and while ever we enjoy blessings from God, we must be mindful of them, and their needs. The Gospel is not a call to give away everything we possess – it is about having a heart for others and being willing to 'let go' and share with those in need that which God has given us. In this time of World Mission Month, let us pray for, and donate to, those who serve the poor, in places like Thailand. Please consider, at this time, your capacity to either make a major gift in this life or provide an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will. To support Catholic Mission's annual World Mission Month appeal, go to www.catholicmission.org.au and type the name Kusa into the search bar.



8am Mass at Holy Name of Jesus Church Live Stream

When: Oct 10, 2021 07:30

Topic: 8am Mass 10/10/21

Please use the link below to join the webinar:

<https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/68963310837>

Passcode: Mass

THE LATEST NEWS FROM OUR SAFEGUARDING PROMOTERS

The *Promoters of Safeguarding* continue to endorse a culture of safeguarding within the Parish by enhancing knowledge within our community. To this end, parishioners are reminded that Domestic and Family Violence (DFV) is abuse within a family or relationship and that such mistreatment exists in every community. Because it has so many forms, it is more common than most people know. The United Nations has used the phrase 'shadow pandemic' to describe the dramatic worldwide increase in DFV during the Covid-19 crisis.

DFV can range from verbal abuse to physical and sexual abuse. It can be financial abuse by controlling access to money, or social abuse by isolating someone from family and friends. DFV includes emotional manipulation through blaming and criticising - a form of emotional abuse is 'gaslighting' where the abuser trivializes someone's point of view and uses it to demean them. Stalking and threatening behaviour are other facets of DFV. Remember, it is anything that is used to control another person or isolate them from Family.

As a Catholic community, we also need to acknowledge the existence of religious abuse as a source of DFV. Religious abuse is administered under the guise of religion, including harassment or humiliation, which may result in psychological trauma. It may also include misuse of religion for selfish, secular, or ideological ends.

How can we play our part in supporting someone who is the subject of abuse:

- Don't ignore your concerns; we all have the responsibility to look after the vulnerable - young & old, even if we don't know them personally.
- Talk to experts for advice - National Domestic Violence Helpline 1800 200 526
- Once the family is safe, make a plan as to what to do if the DFV re-occurs. Give children phone numbers, including the police, and help them practice what to say.
- In planning support of children, it is NOT enough to just reassure them that they are not to blame for DFV.
- Be a good role model, listen to the family and children and talk to them about respectful relationships.
- Make it clear that abusive behaviour is never OK.

Remember, one person can make a difference to the life of a family living with DFV which damages adults but, collaterally, it also damages children.



Saints and Feasts



11th October. Pope Saint John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, in 1881; one of fourteen children born to a family of sharecroppers in the Italian region of Lombardy. He was ordained a priest in 1904 and served in many parts of the world including France, Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria. In 1953 he was made a cardinal by Pope Pius XII and named the Patriarch of Venice. On October 28 1958 he was elected Pope at the age of 76 and became the first pope in more than 500 years to take the papal name of "John". Soon after his election as pope, John XXIII called for a general council of cardinals and bishops, and after two years of preparations the historic Second Vatican Council was opened on October 11 1962. John XXIII died from stomach cancer on 3 June 1963 before the conclusion of the council. John XXIII was canonized by Pope Francis on 27 April 2014.

14th October. St Calistus I was born a slave and worked for a Christian master named Carpophorus. His master put him in charge of a bank, but Calistus lost the money to bad debts and fearing punishment he fled Rome. After his capture, Calistus worked in a treadmill and then the mines of Sardinia, before being released with a number of other Christians to become free men. Pope Zephyrinus put Calistus in charge of the Roman burial grounds (known today as the 'Cemetery of St Calistus') and he became a deacon. In 217 AD, he was elected pope in a brief and controversial reign, which saw the readmission to communion for repentant murderers and adulterers. He also preached that differences in economic class should not be a barrier to marriage - a teaching which put him in conflict with Roman civil law and sparked riots that led to his death.



15th October. St Teresa of Avila. St Teresa was born on March 28, 1515, in Avila, Spain. Her mother died when she was twelve and her father placed her in a convent of Augustinian nuns. When she returned home, she determined to enter religion. She became a nun in the Carmelite Convent of the Incarnation, near Avila, and made her profession in November, 1534. Assisted by St. John of the Cross, she succeeded in establishing the Reform of the Discalced Carmelites, for both the brethren and the sisters of her Order. Before her death in 1582, thirty two monasteries of the Reformed Rule had been established, among which seventeen were convents of nuns. She was canonized in 1622 by Pope Gregory XV.

Why We Do The Things We Do

bite-size explanations of Catholic practices

Why do we take up two collections each Sunday? The simplest answer is that, as with any organization, it costs money to run the Church: schools, hospitals, maintenance, wages, projects for the spread of the Gospel and caring for those in need, crisis appeals in the wider community... But the Church is more than an organization. It is a community with a familial character and operates as such. There are no membership fees. No one is excluded from church services because they cannot pay. Rather, Catholics are asked to 'pitch in' according to their means. In our parish the first Sunday collection is devoted to the running of the parish. The second goes to living costs of the priest and the presbytery. A third collection is sometimes included for a special appeal.

Why do we have a Church calendar? Life can be hectic. So many dates to juggle: school holidays, birthdays, grand final day, election day... As a Church family, too, we have a busy calendar. We call it the liturgical year because it is comprised of the various Christian feasts and seasons celebrated over the course of a year. The Church year begins with Advent. Easter is the pinnacle. The readings in the Sunday Mass vary according to a three year cycle (A, B & C). This calendar allows our faith community to focus on the mysteries of our faith in some kind of systematic and unified way.

Why do we have 'ordinary' Sundays? In between all the special festive occasions that occur in the life of a family there are many days which we might call 'ordinary'. Filled with daily rituals - preparing meals, fronting up for work, dropping the kids at footy practice - they are an essential dimension of family life. Our Church calendar, too, has periods called Sundays in Ordinary Time or Sundays of the Year which are numbered consecutively. In between all the 'special occasions' (the various Christian feasts and seasons) they are the sustaining celebrations of our life together as a faith family

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Recently Deceased: Fr. Karl Emerick. OP. & Robyn Milligan

Anniversary: Lydia Viavar & Wenceslao Viavar

We remember and pray for those who are ill at home and in hospital at this time, may they know the healing presence of Christ:

Bishop William Wright, Max Dunn, Ken Vote, Michael Dolahenty, Connie Cachia, Joseph Barnett

People will remain on the prayers for the sick for 4 weeks and will then be taken off automatically. You can resubmit names as needed.



UNIVERSAL PRAYER

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

- Fr:** With open hearts, let us turn to the Father to pray for those in need, for everything is possible with God.
- Reader:** For the Holy Father may he always be guided by the Holy Spirit.
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For those who have given up everything to follow the Gospel.
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For those who struggle with commitment and responsibility.
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For those who suffer with depression and sadness.
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For those affect by the pandemic and by measures to lessen its effects.
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For all of us gathered here today.
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For Bishop Bill Wright and all the sick, including those in our bulletin.
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Reader:** For those who have died, including Fr. Karl Emerick. OP. & Robyn Milligan who have died recently and Lydia Viavar & Wenceslao Viavar whose anniversaries occur at this time.
In your mercy:
- All:** **Lord, hear our prayer.**
- Fr:** Lord God, nothing escapes your knowing. Hear the prayers of those who follow you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord
- All:** **Amen.**

Sunday 10 Oct 2021
Twenty-eighth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year B

Entrance Antiphon

Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?

But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

First Reading

Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom
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

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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 an-

other, '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.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf. Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



Readings for Next Week 16/17 Oct

First Reading

Is 53:10-11 Through suffering, the Lord offers his life.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading

Heb 4:14-16 Jesus faced the same temptations as us.

Gospel Acclamation

Mk 10:45 Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 10:35-45 Whoever aspires to greatness must serve the rest.

THE ORDER OF MASS

THE INTRODUCTORY RITES

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen. either:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your spirit.** or:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **And with your spirit.** or:

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

PENITENTIAL ACT

Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries. either:

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, (striking the breast) through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.** or:

Have mercy on us, O Lord.

For we have sinned against you.

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

And grant us your salvation.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.** or:

You were sent to heal the contrite of heart:

P: Lord, have mercy or: **P:** Kyrie, eleison.

R: Lord, have mercy or: **R:** Kyrie, eleison.

You came to call sinners:

P: Christ have mercy or: **P:** Christe, eleison.

R: Christ have mercy or: **R:** Christe, eleison.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us:

P: Lord, have mercy or: **P:** Kyrie, eleison.

R: Lord, have mercy or: **R:** Kyrie, eleison.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Kyrie follows, unless it has occurred in the Penitential Act. either:

P: Lord, have mercy. **R:** Lord, have mercy.

P: Christ, have mercy. **R:** Christ, have mercy.

P: Lord, have mercy. **R:** Lord, have mercy.

or:

P: Kyrie, eleison.

R: Kyrie, eleison.

P: Christe, eleison.

R: Christe, eleison.

P: Kyrie, eleison.

R: Kyrie, eleison.

Gloria (when said)

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray. At the end of the Collect, the people acclaim: **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

At the end of the reading:

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

At the Gospel:

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to N.

Glorify to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, (all bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come

again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, (all bow) born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Pray, brethren ... the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy Church.

At the end of the prayer, the people acclaim:
Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right and just.**

After the Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith. either:

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. or:

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again. or:

**Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.**

Through him, and with him, ... for ever and ever.
Amen.

THE COMMUNION RITE

At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil...

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles...

Who live and reign for ever and ever.

Amen.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. (X2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

The Body of Christ. **Amen.**

The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

Let us pray. At the end of the prayer, the people acclaim:
Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

The Lord be with you. **And with your spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the † Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

either:

Go forth, the Mass is ended. or:

Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord. or:

Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your Life. or:

Go in peace.

Thanks be to God.

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SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

by Brendan Byrne SJ

All three readings this week come together around a very radical view of Christian life. The **First Reading**, from Wisdom 7:7-11, is clearly meant to set off the Gospel which tells of a rich man who found Jesus' call to discipleship too radical. The brief **Second Reading**, from Hebrews 4:12-13, also makes its contribution, speaking of the way in which the word of God can lay open the depths of a person.

This is certainly what happens in the case of the rich man told in the **Gospel**, Mark 10:17-30. (Note that in Mark, as in Luke, in contrast to Matthew, he is not said to be a rich young man – though that is perhaps implicit since he is clearly a person who has his life before him.) The episode provides a further example of how the following of Jesus requires detachment from what the world values highly: in this case, the security and other advantages provided by wealth.

The man does want to inherit eternal life. He comes to Jesus as to a teacher ('Good Master') whose wisdom is already well known. Jesus deflects the appellation 'Good' away from himself and on to God alone. God is the author and giver of life. Questions about 'life' must be considered strictly in relation to what God has laid down and this, in first instance at least, is to be found in the commandments of the Torah, several of which – all ones dealing with duties to one's neighbour – Jesus lists.

When the man responds that he has kept all these from his youth, the interaction moves to a new plane. Jesus, we are told, 'looked steadily at him and loved him' (v 21a). How the love was evident we are not told – possibly in the nature of Jesus' gaze upon the man, possibly in some gesture of affection such as an embrace. What the report of Jesus' reaction does establish, however, is that the discussion, from being a rather theoretical one about the requirements of the Torah, is now placed within a context of personal relationship, with the initiative from Jesus' side. The series of instructions that follow next ('You lack one thing: Go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me' [vv. 21b]) do not stand by themselves but flow entirely from the relationship now offered. The sense of being chosen ('looked upon') and 'loved' by Jesus should communicate the freedom from attachment to wealth that following him will require.

Most Jews in Jesus' day regarded wealth as a blessing and as an opportunity for doing good. In an insecure world wealth is the most obvious form of security for the future. For Jesus the only real source of security is to have 'wealth' not in an earthly bank, but in a heavenly one ('treasure in heaven'). And the only way to deposit that treasure in that heavenly bank is to give it here and now to the poor. Where earthly banks can easily fail, the heavenly one has a divine guarantee. Everything comes back then to the man's being prepared to share something of Jesus' radical trust in God.

The man declines the invitation. The prospect of love and companionship with Jesus is not strong enough to break attachment to his great wealth. The fact, though, that he goes away 'sad' shows that he knows he is declining something that would have given him the fulfilment for which, at the deepest part of his person, it seems he was longing.

Jesus respects the man's freedom and lets him go. But he does make a comment of more general application: the difficulty riches cause for entrance into the 'Kingdom of God' (not really different here from gaining 'eternal life'). To reinforce the point in an arresting, even humorous way he adds what may be a proverbial statement: the difficulty of a camel passing through the eye of a needle. (Attempts to explain the image in a moralising kind of way have never been persuasive.) When the disciples point out that this makes salvation impossible, Jesus responds that this is to look only at human capacity, not at the power of God, which stands behind the whole life and mission of Jesus. In the context of the love and companionship he creates (and to which he called the rich man) such freedom from attachment to wealth becomes possible – as Peter's following comment does in fact point out.

Jesus hardly required literal abandonment of possessions from all his followers. However, all are called to a freedom from the kind of attachment to wealth that shows distrust of the God proclaimed by Jesus: One who can be trusted absolutely to bestow (eternal) life on those who follow Jesus' way.

POPE FRANCIS
ANGELUS
Saint Peter's Square
Sunday, 3 October 2021

Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno!

In the Gospel of today's Liturgy we see Jesus react somewhat unusually: He is indignant. And what is most surprising is that his indignation is not caused by the pharisees who put him to the test with questions about the legality of divorce, but by his disciples who, to protect him from the crowd of people, rebuke some children who had been brought to Jesus. In other words, the Lord is not angry with those who argue with him, but with those who, in order to relieve him of his burden, make the children go away from him. Why? It is a good question: why does the Lord do this?

Let us remember – it was the Gospel reading two Sundays ago – that Jesus, performing the gesture of embracing a child, identified himself with the little ones: he taught that it is indeed the little ones, namely, those are dependent on others, who are in need and cannot reciprocate, who must be served first (see Mk 9:35-37). Those who seek God find him there, in the little ones, in those in need: in need not only of material goods, but of care and comfort, such as the sick, the humiliated, prisoners, immigrants, the incarcerated. He is there: in the little ones. This is why Jesus gets angry: any affront to a little one, a poor person, a child, a defenceless person, is done to Him.

Today the Lord picks up this teaching again and completes it. In fact, he adds: "Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it" (Mk 10:15). Here is what is new: the disciple must not only serve the little ones, but also acknowledge himself as a little one. And every one of us, do we recognise ourselves as small before God? Let's think about it, it will help us. Awareness of being little, awareness of the need of salvation is indispensable for receiving the Lord. It is the first step in opening ourselves up to Him. Often, however, we forget about this. In prosperity, in wellbeing, we have the illusion of being self-sufficient, that we are enough, that we do not need God. Brothers and sisters, this is a deception, because each one of us is a person in need, a little one. We must seek out our smallness and recognise it. And there, we will find Jesus.

In life, recognising one's littleness is a starting point for becoming great. If we think about it, we grow not so much on the basis of our successes and the things we have, but above all in difficult and fragile moments. There, in our need, we mature; there we open our hearts to God, to others, to the meaning of life. Let us open our eyes to others. Let us open our eyes, when we are little, to the true meaning of life. When we feel small in the face of a problem, small in front of a cross, an illness, when we experience fatigue and loneliness, let us not get discouraged. The mask of superficiality is falling and our radical weakness is re-emerging: it is our common ground, our treasure, because with God weakness is not an obstacle but an opportunity. A beautiful prayer would be this: "Lord, look at my frailties..." and to list them before Him. This is a good attitude before God.

Indeed, it is precisely in weakness that we discover how much God takes care of us. The Gospel today says that Jesus is very tender with the little ones: "He took them in His arms and

blessed them, laying His hands upon them" (v. 16). The difficulties and situations that reveal our weakness are privileged opportunities to experience His love. Those who pray with perseverance know this well: in dark or lonely moments, God's tenderness towards us makes itself, so to speak, even more present. When we are little, we feel God's tenderness more. This tenderness gives us peace; this tenderness makes us grow, because God draws close to us in His way, which is nearness, compassion and tenderness. And, when we feel we are little, small, for whatever reason, the Lord comes closer, we feel he is closer. He gives us peace; he makes us grow. In prayer the Lord draws us close to him, like a father with his child. This is how we become great: not in the illusory pretence of our self-sufficiency – this makes no-one great – but in the strength of placing all our hope in the Father, just like the little ones do, they do this.

Today let us ask the Virgin Mary for a huge grace, that of littleness: to be children who trust the Father, certain that He will not fail to take care of us.

After the Angelus, the Pope continued:

Dear brothers and sisters,

I am very saddened by what has happened in recent days in the prison of Guayaquil, Ecuador. A terrible outbreak of violence between inmates belonging to rival gangs has left more than a hundred dead and many injured. I pray for them and for their families. May God help us heal the wounds of crime, which enslaves the poorest. And may he help those who work every day to make prison life more humane.

I wish once again to implore from God the gift of peace for the beloved land of Myanmar: may the hands of those who live there no longer wipe away tears of pain and death, but instead join together to overcome difficulties and work together to bring peace.

Today, in Catanzaro, Maria Antonio Samà and Gaetana Tolomeo, two women condemned to physical immobility throughout their lives, will be beatified. Sustained by divine grace, they embraced the cross of their infirmity, transforming their pain into praise for the Lord. Their bed became a spiritual reference point and a place of prayer and Christian growth for many people who found comfort and hope there. Let us applaud the new Blessed!

On this first Sunday of October, our thoughts turn to the faithful gathered at the Shrine of Pompeii for the recitation of the Supplication to the Virgin Mary. During this month, let us renew together our commitment to praying the Holy Rosary.

I greet you, dear Romans and pilgrims! In particular, the faithful of Wépion, diocese of Namur, in Belgium; the young people of Uzzano, in the diocese of Pescia; and young people with disabilities who have come from Modena, accompanied by the Little Sisters of Jesus the Worker and by volunteers. In this regard, today in Italy is the Day for the removal of architectural barriers: everyone may lend a hand for a society where no-one feels excluded. Thank you for your work.

I wish you all a good Sunday. Also to the children of the Immacolata! And please, do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your meal, and arrivederci!

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This is a prayer for those unable to be at Mass or unable to receive Holy Communion

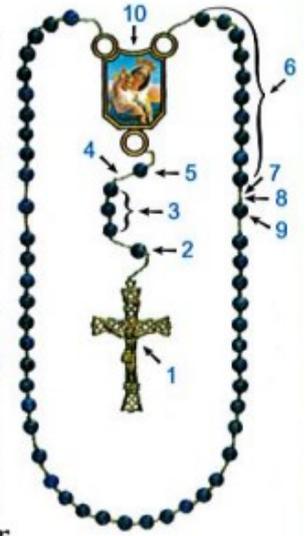
Spiritual communion

My Jesus,
I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

How to Pray the Rosary

1. Make the "Sign of the Cross" and pray the "Apostles' Creed."
2. Pray the "Our Father."
3. Pray three "Hail Marys."
4. Pray the "Glory be to the Father."
5. Announce the First Mystery, then pray the "Our Father."
6. Pray ten "Hail Marys," while meditating on the Mystery.
7. Pray the "Glory be to the Father."
8. After each decade pray the "Fatima Prayer" on the last page, requested by the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima.
9. Announce the Second Mystery, then pray the "Our Father." Repeat 6, 7 and 8 and continue with the Third, Fourth and Fifth Mysteries in the same manner.
10. Pray the "Hail, Holy Queen" after the five decades are completed and conclude with the "Sign of the Cross."



The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary:

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord:

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary...

V. And the word was made flesh:

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary...

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord.

R. Amen.



CONGRATULATIONS TO LEN & JULIE LIVINGSTONE!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE DIOCESE AND SURROUNDS...

aMeN caMiN

aMeN caMiN Expressions of Interest are now open for 2022.

Dates for 2022 are May 28 - June 1, June 18-22, July 2-6, July 9-13 & August 6-10.

For more information and to register your interest, go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/adult-faith-formation/amen-caminol> or contact formed@mn.catholic.org.au

ACU Centre for Liturgy | Ritual Bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting Liturgy in Proper Ethical Perspective

Bruce T Morrill SJ will present on Ritual Bodies as 'Reasonable Worship': Putting liturgy in proper ethical perspective. In our current Synod process we hear a longing for more formation opportunities so this lecture is an opportunity not to be missed. It will explore the challenges of theological rhetoric for 21st century Catholics, and how those challenges can illuminate the connection between liturgy and ethical living.

Time: 10:00AM-11:30AM

Date: 18 October 2021

Register: www.acu.edu.au/publiclecturecfl

2021 Abraham Conference

The Abraham Conference plays an important role in bringing Jews, Christians and Muslims together to discuss contemporary issues of concern for the members of the three religions and for the wider society. The theme of the 2021 Abraham Conference is Women Leaders in the Abrahamic Traditions: Role Models for Our Time. Our context is the continuing strong impact and significance of the Me Too and Black Lives Matter movements and the revelations of abuse in our federal parliament, all of which brought thousands of women onto the streets in protest. This year, the Abraham Conference wants to highlight the positive role of women in the Abrahamic traditions. The three speakers will help conference attendees recover some of the lost traditions of inspiring women leaders, to highlight the contribution and the difference they made in their time.

Time: 2:30PM-4:00PM

Date: 10 October 2021

Register: <https://events.humanitix.com/2021-abraham-conference>

'Earthy Women' Webinar 2021 | Engaging with Laudato Si'

In a special event hosted by the Diocesan Council for Women, you are invited to join other women of our Diocese in sharing our approach and action in caring for our land.

The webinar will explore:

How do you as a women respond to God's call to care for the Earth?

What actions will you take to protect our planet?

Are our schools places of living examples of what can be done to show that care of the Earth matters?

Guest speakers include Sue Martin from Catholic Earthcare and Maryanne Murray from St Mary's High School Gateshead.

Time: 6:00PM-8:00PM

Date: 26 October 2021

Location: Online (Zoom)

Register: www.eventbrite.com.au/e/earthy-women-webinar-2021-tickets-179659485357

Applications are now open for the 2022 Pastoral Placement Program

The Pastoral Placement Program offers participants an experience of ministry in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The purpose of this program is to enable participants the opportunity to experience different workplaces and ministries across the diocese. These 'on the ground' ministry work placements help participants explore the opportunities that are available to them to serve God and the local community of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle. The Pastoral Placement Program provides participants a year-long discernment journey, involving the see, judge, act philosophy, to make an informed choice about the possibility of their future ministry or career choices.

For more information and to learn to how to apply go to: <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/church-mission/catholic-life/pastoral-placement-program/>

Building Bridges

Globally, people who are LGBTQIA+ are at increased risk of depression, suicide, and verbal, physical and sexual harassment and abuse. James recognised a lack of Church advocacy on these issues

following the 2016 Orlando nightclub shooting in the USA, noticing that few Catholic Bishops publicly spoke out about the massacre. This prompted him to consider how the Church could better minister to LGBTQIA+ Catholics, discussed in his book, Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, and Sensitivity (2017). Join this online conversation with James to explore how the Church in Australia can do more to welcome and truly respect and enhance the dignity of all, honouring the diversity in humanity.

Time: 10:00AM

Date: 26 October 2021

Location: Online (Zoom)

Register: <https://www.trybooking.com/BTQTX>

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9.30am Mass at Sacred Heart cathedral Live Stream

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Bookings via the Parish website

MARRIAGE

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SACRAMENTAL PROCESS

Enrolment via the Parish Website

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COMMUNITY KITCHEN

Serving meals to the community from the Parish Hall **Mon Tue, Wed & Thurs 12pm-1pm**

PARISH GROUPS

Christian Meditation

Forster Tues 9.30am
Monica 02 6555 7038
Hallidays Point Wed 10am
John 0417 249 466

Social Justice Group

Tim Prescott 6555 8517

Gardening Group

3rd Monday of the month, 8am
Church grounds.
David Olliffe 0424 369 485

Family and Friends Group

Meets monthly, contact Carol and Terry Pearson on 0408768729.

Singing Practice

Ken Heffernan 02 6554 6401
(see parish timetable)

Holy Hour

Tues 3.30pm & Thurs 3.30pm in the Church

Finance Council

3rd Wednesday of the month, 5pm
Meeting Room

Pastoral Council

1st Thursday of the month, 6.00pm
Meeting Room

Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Help and Rosary

Wed 11.00am in the Church
Shiony 0411 493 086
Novena Benediction on the 1st
Wednesday of the month.

Secular Franciscan Fraternity

4th Sunday of the month 9.30am

The above groups are all subject to Covid-19 restrictions, please enquire before attending.



SUNDAY MASS TIMES

Sat 5.00pm, Sun. 8.00am, 10.00am & 12.00pm

Registration through the parish website is required

RECONCILIATION

9.00am Saturday and during Holy Hour

YOUTH MASS

3rd Sunday of the month, will resume once restrictions have eased.

AGED CARE MASSES (Subject to change)

GLAICA: **2nd Tues 10.30am**
Estia Forster: **3rd Tues 10.00am**



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