

## GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him. "Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honour your father and mother.'" "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me."

At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!" The disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." The disciples were even more amazed, and said to each other, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but not with God; all things are possible with God." Then Peter spoke up, "We have left everything to follow you!" "Truly I tell you," Jesus replied, "no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age: homes, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields—along with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Josephite Assoc Meeting

A meeting of the Josephite Associates will be held in the presbytery meeting room this Sunday 14th October at 2.00pm. Anyone wishing to be involved or wish to know more about the Associates are welcome to attend or contact Robyn Molloy for more information on 9707 1292.

## Rest in Peace - Dominico Van An Nguyen

Fr Van's father passed away this week. His funeral was on Saturday 13th. Please keep him and his family in your prayers

Alcohol & Drug Information Service: (Confidential) 02 9361 8000

CatholicCare: Ph:13 18 19

Healing After Abortion: 0400 092 555

Sara's Place: For pregnancy support or grieving after abortion visit [www.sarasplace.org.au](http://www.sarasplace.org.au)

Spiritual Retreats: Benedictine Abbey Jamberoo-[www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats](http://www.jamberooabbey.org.au/retreats) Ph:4236 0533

Carmelites Varroville - [www.carmeliteretreats.com.au](http://www.carmeliteretreats.com.au) Ph: 8795 3400

Vincentian Retreat Centre Somersby - [www.divineretreatcentre.org.au](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org.au) Ph: 4372 1598

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Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; Choir: Line Collet 0410 568 103;

Youth : Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; Pastoral Council: John Sarkis 0400 606 297;

St Vincent de Paul: John Ashe 9796 1055; Bankstown Josephite Associates: Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;

Children's Liturgy: Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; Cemetery Committee: Maureen Vincent 9790 4217;

Sacramental co-ordinator: Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; Safeguarding Officer: Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933;

Polish Priests: 8783 0533; De La Salle Brothers: 9708 2692;

St. Felix Primary School: 9796 7875 Frances Bonanno - Principal;

LaSalle Catholic College: 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal;

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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Saturday:** 6pm (Vigil),

**Sunday:** 8am,

10am (Children's Liturgy),

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

## THIS WEEK'S MASSES

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,**

**Friday & Saturday - 8.00am.**

## Nursing Home Masses

**Tuesday - 10.30am Bupa Yagoona**

**Thursday - 11am Bupa Greenacre**

## Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

## DEVOTIONS

**Benediction:** Saturday 7.00am.

**Rosary:** Saturday 8.25am.

**Divine Mercy Prayer:**

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

## SACRAMENTS

**Reconciliation:**

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

**Marriages:** By arrangement with at least 6 months notice.

**Care for the Sick:** Any time. Please call the Presbytery.

**Baptisms:** Preparation classes are held in the Presbytery on the 1st Sunday of each month after 10AM Mass .



*"With man this is impossible, but not with God: all things are possible with God." Mark 10:26-27*

## Responsorial Psalm

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Blessed are the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**Alleluia!**

**Comm Antiphon:** The rich suffer want and go hungry, but nothing shall be lacking to those who fear the Lord.

**This weeks readings** - Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Gospel - Mark 10:17-30.

**Next Weekend:** 29th Sun Ord Time - Year B. **Readings:** Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Gospel - Mark 10:35-45.

# 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr B - 14 October 2018

## First Reconciliation 2018

Registrations for Sacrament of First Reconciliation are now open to all baptised children in Year 3 or above. The Sacrament will be celebrated this year on 28th November and *completed registration forms must be returned by Sunday 21st October*. The first parents meeting is on Tuesday 23rd October at 7pm in St Felix Hall. Blank registration forms may be found in the Church foyer.

## Catholic Mission Appeal

In Hakha, a remote town in the mountainous north of Myanmar, St John's School is educating local children with a child-centred methodology. Three of the teachers at St John's have been trained through the Pyinya Sanyae Institute of Education (PSIE) in Yangon, and have been posted to this school to help local children learn in a modern way that maximises their potential. Your support through Catholic Mission can enable PSIE to continue training teachers and help improve education across the country. You can also help St John's School add grades to ensure continuity of education, and become economically sustainable. You will have an opportunity to become an integral part of this inspiring work by joining as a monthly giving partner. This regular contribution will directly support education in Myanmar. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Myanmar . *Please use the envelopes provided in the Church pews for donations and you may return them by the end of next week.*

**Mass Intentions: Recently Deceased:** Dominico Van An Nguyen; Concepcion Vizcarra; Susanna Francisco; Rodolfo Torres  
**Anniversary:** Phaolo Phan Van Loc; Maria Nguyen Thi Tuu; Juliet Festejo; Benjamin Tonel; Gil Tonel; Kristen Kolodziej; Maria Cao Thi Nu; Joseph Chu Van Doanh; Joseph Chu Van Nhuan  
**Deceased:** Soraya Kayem; John Kayem; John Ayoub; John Field; Joseph & Rosie Fernandes; Shiri Krishnan; Marina Tonel; Ramon Tonel; Pablo Dela Paz; Beatriz dela Paz; Andre Le Van Son  
**Sick:** Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Rukmani Krishnan; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Dinh Thi An; Teresita Martinez; Georgina Omeros; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Debbie Randall (nee Goodwin); Teresita Tenorio; Zenaida Elizondo; Maria Portia Mariano; Madelyn Nicole; Andrew Nguyen; Paul Truc Le; Jun Ibarra.  
*(Please advise the office when the names of the sick can be removed)*

## Weekly Rosters

**Altar Society: 21/10/18 Group 3:** Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (*Florist*)

**St Vincent de Paul: 21/10/18** Andrew Nguyen **28/10/18** D Rodrigues

**Church Cleaners: 19/10/18:** Vinh Nguyen **Children's Liturgy:** 21st Oct - Maricel

**Weekend Choirs: 21/10 Saturday 6pm** - St Anne's Choir  
**Sunday 8am** - Singing Servants of God. **10am** - Samoan Divine Mercy Group. **6pm** - Youth Choir

## Readers & Ministers

	Sat 6pm	14 OCTOBER	8am	10am	6pm
C	Patrick Abourizk	Philip Castillo	Jennifer Nguyen	Elias Eltarraf	
R	Gloria Booby	Ligaya Castillo	Anthony Rowe	Kenneth Gan	
A	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Emmanuel Icard	Thao Nguyen	Ala Pesamino	Paul Ngoc	
M	Cindy Hoang	Melanie Campisi	Joe Luongo	Loreto Eduardo	
<b>21 OCTOBER</b>					
C	Gabrielle Nguyen	Kiara Asuzu	Henrietta Owusu	Kathleen Mezentsef	
R	Patrick Abourizk	Maxwell Asuzu	Thu Ha Kim	Lucia Mezentsef	
A	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
M	Cindy Hoang	Mesake Mar	Gordon West	Phu Nguyen	
M	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Rosa House	Amelia Mezentsef	

Reflection

## The rich and the kingdom of God

Today's Gospel comes from a chapter of Mark that is concerned with how to live a good and truthful life in the real world. Jesus discusses marriage and children, property and possessions, power and privilege. The children are perhaps the keystone to understanding his teaching. His disciples try to send the children away, but Jesus rebukes them, takes the children into his arms and blesses them - for of such are the kingdom of God. Just as the chapter will end with the story of the blind beggar, Bartimaeus, who becomes the image of true discipleship, so the children, who are powerless and insignificant in the eyes of society, become the image of those who understand and practise the presence of God in the world.

But the man who then runs up and kneels before Jesus is the image of one who is too rich and powerful to make this move. He undoubtedly has the potential; but he cannot overcome the obstacle of his wealth. This exchange upsets the disciples, for they have been conditioned to believe that wealth is a sign of God's love and approval. If it as hard as Jesus suggests, however, for a rich person to enter the kingdom, how can anyone achieve it? Jesus reassures them in two ways. First of all, what is impossible for humans is not impossible for God. Secondly, those who, like his disciples, give up everything for him will receive overwhelming recompense both now and in eternity. The message remains clear: to become like little children in their powerlessness is the way to God's favour.

*The Living Word*

## Feasts of the Week

### 15 October – St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor. Memorial.

Born at Avila (Spain) in 1515. Died at Alba de Tormes in 1582. Left her aristocratic family for the Carmelite monastery in Avila at the age of twenty, but only after two decades of dryness in prayer felt an inner conversion to Christ. Honoured as a spiritual writer and mystic who experienced and comprehensively described the life of prayer. Remembered as a strong, practical reformer who restored the strict Carmelite observance of poverty, solitude, and austerity.

### 17 October – St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr. Memorial.

Born probably in Syria. Died a martyr in Rome about 107. At Antioch, where he was bishop, his death has been commemorated on this day since the fourth century. Remembered for seven letters written on his way to execution. They show him to be devoted to Christ and his resurrection; they urge Christians to unity in and through the Eucharist and around their local bishop. Called himself the "God-bearer."

### 18 October – St Luke, evangelist. Feast.

By early Christian tradition, Luke is named as author of the Third Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles. Almost certainly a Gentile and perhaps a companion of Saint Paul (29 June), he wrote to reassure those who had grown uncertain toward the end of the first century. In his gospel, the compassion of Christ is inclusive of all: Gentile and Jew, the poor and the rich, women and men, the outcast and the privileged.

## Plenary Council 2020

The Australian Catholic Bishops have called a Plenary Council for 2020. This is a gathering of the Church in Australia to make decisions for the future and you are all invited to participate.

The Plenary Council gives us an opportunity to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church. In the preparation process, we are called to reflect, listen and share insights with one another as we respond to the three questions:

1. What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?
2. What questions do you have about the future of the Church for the Council to consider in 2020?
3. Do you have a story of your experience of faith, or the Church you would like to share?

There will be scheduled meetings in our Parish in the near future. After we talk together, we will collect our stories and ideas and the questions we have about the future of the Church and give our submission to the Plenary Council Working Group who will consolidate and then forward them to the Council for discussion. Your voice will be greatly valued.

More information can be found at: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>