

Twenty eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B 9 - 10 October 2021

How to leave the rocking chair

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Years ago, a young door to door book salesman was assigned to a rural area. He came across a farmer seated in a rocking chair on his front porch. The young man went up to the farmer enthusiastically and said, "Sir I have a book here that will tell you how to farm ten times better than you are doing now."

Not bothering to look up the farmer kept rocking, and after a while glanced at the salesman saying, "Young man, I don't need your book. I already know how to farm ten times better than I am doing now."

This is a good illustration of what Jesus is talking about in this weekend's Gospel. The farmer was capable of farming better, but clearly, he lacked the commitment to do so. The rich man in the Gospel was also capable of doing more than just keeping the commandments, but he also lacked the commitment to do so.

This weekend's Gospel story makes it painfully clear that there is more to Christianity than just keeping the commandments. Jesus reviewed for the rich young man the commandments which are the starting point of Christian life. The man said he had kept them all. He hadn't done one thing in his whole life to hurt anyone. He was well admired by Jesus for this, but, Jesus also made it clear to the rich young man that Christianity is more than just a set of negative commands – like not stealing or not cheating. Christianity is far more positive. You'll note, Jesus said to the rich young man in effect...." Granted, you have never hurt anyone, but what have you done to help anyone? Have you used your wealth ever to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless."? It was at this point the rich young man saw how sadly he was still lacking in perfection. So like always with Jesus there is that challenge as he said in effect....

"If you want to follow me transform your vison. Stop viewing goodness negatively – as helping people. Do this and you will find happiness in this life and in the next one."

The challenge Jesus held out to the rich man is this: "How badly do you want eternal life? How badly do you want to follow me? Do you want these badly enough to sacrifice your possessions for them?" The rich man answered, "Master I want them – but not that badly." And so the rich man rejected Jesus invitation. The thought of using his wealth for anything other than himself and his family was too great a sacrifice.

This weekend's Gospel is an invitation for us to reach out not just to our neighbour but also to Jesus. It's an invitation to trust Jesus when he says: "I tell you that anyone who leaves home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and for the Gospel, will receive much more in this present age. He will receive a hundred times more, - houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and fields.... and in the age to come he will receive eternal life." (Mark 10:29-30). This week-ends Gospel is not an invitation to make a great journey all at once. It's merely an invitation to take the first step of that journey. If we take that first step by reaching out to someone in need, God will come running to that someone in need, God will come running toward us, take us by the hand, and walk at our side for the entire journey.

#### Let us pray

"Lord teach us to be generous. Teach us to serve as you serve; to give without counting the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labour and not to ask for any reward, except to know that we are doing your will." Have a happy and blessed weekend. +

Remember Covid 19 continues to create hardship for us all – the best question to ask - is  $R \cup O K$  – and please to wait for an answer.

Then - to give without counting the cost. Have a good day – in the joy of the Lord Love and prayers to all Dean Peter

#### PARISH CALENDAR

Events may change due to Covid Restrictions Every Wed & Fri in October 4.00pm: Rosary via Zoom

23 - 24 October: World Mission Sunday

21 - 22 Nov: First Communion Masses

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Patrick's Briagolong, we welcome for Baptism Bonnie Paterson daughter of Tori & Jacob and Remy Higgins son of Mitchell & Ashlea. Congratulations to the families from us all

#### **CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS:**

Currently there are places for 20 people plus those needed to conduct the Mass at all Masses. Bookings will be required for all PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD Please deliver a Masses at the weekend Cathedral. Livestreamed Masses will continue from the Cathedral at 9.30am every Sunday (subject to personnel availability) until we can have greater numbers.

LIVESTREAM MASS from the Cathedral this Sunday 10 October at 9.30am. The YouTube link is https:/www.youtube.com/channel/ UCiD2hf8AlxPXAJVG3nEYTZQ

FIRST COMMUNION PREPARATION The First Communion Program continues in the Parish. Children will attend a Commitment Mass with their families over the next few weekends. The next meeting will be a parent/ child workshop in term four with the date and time to be advised.

31 CLUB REMINDER for 11 to 17 October 2021. Please pray for vocations.

PRAYING THE ROSARY during the month of October: Via Zoom each Weds and Fri - Starting Friday 1st October. Let us pray for the deliberations of the Plenary Council 3 - 11 October. You are invited to join, Dean Peter and Fr Jithin, and many others each Wednesday &/ or Friday at 4.00pm. The Zoom details are: https://us02web.zoom.us/ j/81120502849pwd=REdiV2svY3dPc1cwUFIM bHAyUUJZUT09. Click on the link or enter in the details below after opening the Zoom app Meeting ID: 811 2050 2849 Passcode: 032436

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bulletin to anyone you know who might like one. It would be lovely if we could reach as many of our parishioners as possible, so they too may be aware of the changes happening in our Parish life. Copies are available from the Parish Office on Monday or Friday.

DAILY PRAYER Short daily Gospel reflections with access to readings and prayers of the faithful can be found at https://www.pray.com.au

MASS AT HOME a reminder that Mass for You at Home is an option for those looking for Mass on television (6am on Channel 10, 10am on Foxtel Aurora Channel 173) or online at www.massforvou.com.au or https:/ www.youtube.com massforyouathome any time from 7am AEST.

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from 10.30am each Wednesday (Covid regulations permitting). New members are very welcome.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE free online Open Day Information Session "Minor Thesis and Higher Degrees by Research". Wednesday 13 October at 7pm. This session will outline how to get started. Book via our website: https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/ open-days/

LEAVING COLLECTION FOR MISSION SUNDAY there will be a leaving collection for this worthwhile cause in two weeks (23-24 Oct).

#### PARISH PRAYER.

God our loving Father. we give you thanks and praise for our Cathedral Parish of Sale, for your people and your Creation. Nourish us by your daily Word and Eucharist. Enrich us in our faith, hope and love. Strengthen us with the spirit of your mercy and grace. Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey through our lives together. May we be a welcoming and servina community. always discerning and doing your will for one another. We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

#### HEART OF LIFE:

'Keeping a Journal - A Key Part of Discernment' via Zoom, Tuesday 12 October 2021, 9.15am-Keeping a journal is deeply 11am. transformational. This session provides the opportunity to allow the subtle movement of our hearts and souls to overflow onto the pages of our journal, whose sections accord with the natural contours of human experience. It is just like coming home. The morning is led by Paul Beirne, lecturer in Discernment, spiritual director, and director of Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$30. Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne. email info@heartoflife.melbourne or 03 9890 1101.

'Mindfulness & Meditation' via Zoom, Saturday 23 October 2021, 10am-2pm. When we are present to the 'now', centredness and relaxation become a natural part of life, and we know how to act from a heart of love. This is a day of reflection in the practice of Mindfulness & Meditation, and we invite you to come prepared to be still and journey within. This event is led by Paola Cheng, a gualified meditation teacher, spiritual director and social worker, who brings an inclusive and gentle approach to her sessions. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$40. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne. website email info@heartoflife.melbourne or 03 9890 1101.

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100. ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am-12.00noon First Friday of the Month 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima. Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am-10.30am RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 11.30am after Mass . Saturday After the 9.30am Mass-10.30am Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.



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Mass Timetable this week
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Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 9 October	9.30am	Cathedral
-	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 10 October	9.30am	Briagolong
Livestream Mass	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 11 October	NO	MASS
Tuesday 12 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 13 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 14 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 15 October	11.00am	Cathedral
<b>Reconciliation &amp; Exposition</b>	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 16 October	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	7.00pm	Rosedale
Sunday 17 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Only 20 people are able to attend	9.30am	Stratford
so BOOKINGS ARE required for	11.00am	Cathedral
<u>all WEEKEND CATHEDRAL</u> <u>Masses.</u>	5.30pm	Cathedral
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attendance please.	Sanitiser	distance

# WATCH THE PLENARY COUNCIL ONLINE

With the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia being an event for the whole Church, parts of the first general assembly will be livestreamed each day. The home page of the Plenary Council website will be the place to go to find the livestream each day. https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/

Here are some highlights from the livestream schedule:

- October 8-9: Plenary session livestream starts at 11.00 am AEDT until approx. 12.15pm
- October 10: Closing Mass of the First General Assembly, 11.00 am AEDT from St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane.

Download daily Plenary Council Mass booklets and Morning Prayer from http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/



## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO ST JOSEPH

O dearest St. Joseph, I consecrate myself to thy honour and give myself to thee, that thou mayest always be my father, my protector. and my guide in the way of salvation. Obtain for me a great purity of heart and a fervent love of the interior life. After thine example, may I do all my actions for the greater glory of God, in union with the Divine Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary! And do thou, O Blessed St. Joseph, pray for me that I may share in the peace and joy of thy holy death. Amen



## Plenary Council Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost. Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.

O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia and guide us on the pilgrim way of the Plenary Council.

Give us the grace to see your face in one another and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.

Give us the courage to tell our stories and to speak boldly of your truth.

Give us ears to listen humbly to each other and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.

Lead your Church into a hope-filled future, that we may live the joy of the Gospel.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.

Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us. St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.

# PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died Teresa (Hanratty) Raven, Fr Noel Oliver, Cathy Mesaric, Sr Margaret Daly, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time Peter Houben, Roma and Eddie Jansen, Emilia Turra, Joseph Turra, Fr John Gavin, Fr John Davis, Fr Thomas Egan. Please pray for those who are sick Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Connie Tantaro, Dawn Carroll, Helen Cantwell, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Peter Kerr, Troy Barney, Diliana Toonen, Miguel Stehr, Bernard Clancy, Kim Yacoub, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin, Cynthia Freshwater and Maureen O'Kane. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNNED   GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?   Please let us know we'd like to meet you!   NAME:   ADDRESS:   PHONE:   EMAIL:   Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program   If you would like to join a Family Group   Please place on the plate at Mass or drop into the Parish Office	Barry & Annette Lett FUNERAL DIRECTORS We offer care, compassion and service with dignity, for the people of Gippsland Caring and personal 24-hour service . Chapel facilities available. 67 Macarthur Street, Sale Phone: 5143 1232 www.lettsfunerals.com.au Member Australian Funeral Directors Association
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# **ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

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

## FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Wisdom 7:7-11

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!

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.)** 

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.)** 

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:

A reading from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews 4:12-13

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 ACCLAMATION:**

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

# GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:17-30

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.'

#### The Gospel of the Lord

#### **COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

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

#### AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You: never permit me to be separated from You. Amen



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Every Friday from 11.30am—12.00pm RECONCILIATION: Cathedral Every Friday from 11.30am –12.00pm

## READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B1st Reading:Isaiah 53:10-112nd Reading:Hebrews 4:14-16Gospel:Mark 10:35-45

#### MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Mary's Soup Kitchen Thursdays 'Soup and Sandwiches' from Noon -1.00pm Tea and Coffee provided. All welcome.



## WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday:Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)Saturday:Cathedral - 5.30pm VigilSaturday:Rosedale - 7.00pmSunday:Cathedral - 9:30am, 11.00am and 5.30pmSunday:Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)Sunday:Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.