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## *Eighteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C* *3 - 4 August 2019*

### **Where is your treasure?**

Today's Gospel gives us some insight into the concerns of Luke's community living towards the end of the first century. The issues of money, possessions and inheritance reflect the wealthier urban context of Luke's community rather than the rural village life of Jesus' mission. These same issues are very relevant for us today. How does a Christian live within the complex world of economics and global profit?

Jesus' words offer much wisdom. Security, and I would add happiness, does not come in owning more and more possessions. Security lies elsewhere. *Having* possessions is not the problem in this passage; it is insatiable greed in wanting more and more. This is the point of the parable.

Matthew's Gospel teaches the same point this way: 'Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.' (Matt 6:21) So today might be well spent reflecting on these questions: 'Where is my treasure?' 'What is it in my life that I really value?' 'Where does my heart lie?' Where the parable speaks of harvests and barns, translate this into your own circumstances, a second car, a mobile phone, a bigger ..., the latest ..., a better ...

Sometimes life itself forces a person to reflect on the point of today's Gospel – a person hears s/he has a malignant tumour, or a failing heart. At these crisis times we can quickly re-evaluate the priorities in life, sometimes regretting that this lesson is learnt with little time left. Today, with life and time still available, check up on your true wealth, your real security.

Using the images and terms of his age Paul addresses much the same issue in this section from Colossians. Paul says, focus on God – this is to be your treasure. Anything that gets in the way of this wealth needs to be cut out from your life. At the heart of both readings lies the question of where to find true happiness, and deep inner peace. These passages remind me of a story told by the Indian Jesuit priest Anthony De Mello – 'The Diamond'

'The sannyasi had reached the outskirts of the village and settled down under a tree for the night when a villager came running up to him and said, "The stone! The stone! Give me the precious stone!"

"What stone?" asked the sannyasi.

"Last night the Lord Shiva appeared to me in a dream," said the villager, "And told me that if I went to the outskirts of the village at dusk I should find a sannyasi who would give me a precious stone that would make my rich forever."

'The sannyasi rummaged in his bag and pulled out a stone. "He probably meant this one," he said, as he handed the stone over to the villager. "I found it on a forest path some days ago. You can certainly have it."

'The man gazed at the stone in wonder. It was a diamond, probably the largest diamond in the whole world, for it was as large as a person's head.

'He took the diamond and walked away. All night he tossed about in bed, unable to sleep. Next day at the crack of dawn he woke the sannyasi and said, "Give me the wealth that makes it possible for you to give this diamond away so easily." (Anthony de Mello, *The Song of the Bird*, Anand: HIS, 1983 pp 182-83.)

This parable by Tony de Mello expresses the heart of Jesus' teaching that all one has and is, is gift. That real wealth lies in the abundant love of God – of living within and from that abundance. Such a person is never poor, and is always able to live generously.

What does such inner wealth look like?

Inner peace – generosity of spirit and goods – lack of envy – compassion for the neediness of others whose emptiness is insatiable and can never be filled – hospitality and freedom to act on behalf of the vulnerable and oppressed. Having nothing, the 'poor in spirit' have nothing to lose.

**NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY** by Mary Coloe PBVM Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

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## PARISH CALENDAR

**Sun 4 August** - First Sunday Cuppa  
**3 & 4 August** - Peter's Pence leaving collection  
**4 - 11 August** National Vocations Awareness  
**Wed 7 August** - Liturgy Group Meeting **2pm**  
**Wed 7 August** - RCIA information meeting  
**Thurs 8 August** - First Reconciliation parent/child workshop **4pm and 6pm**.  
**Thurs 15 August** - Feast of the Assumption  
**Mon 26 August** - Visit of the Apostolic Nuncio - **11am Mass**  
**Sat 31 August** - Diaconate Ordination **11am**  
**Sunday 8 September** - Healing Mass **12pm**  
**13-14 September** - Sale Diocesan Assembly

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE** The passing of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help took place on **Friday 2 August**, as it leaves the Churchill Parish for **Morwell Parish**.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM** The Parent/Child workshop for First Reconciliation will be held in the Cathedral assembly area at **4pm and 6pm on Thursday 8 August**. Please keep the children preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in your prayers.

**WELCOME BACK** Fr Edwin refreshed after his return home to Nigeria with Fr Solomon. We thank Fr Mark Godridge and Fr Frank for coming to us to support Fr Edwin while Fr Peter is on his well deserved holiday break.

**FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA:** This weekend, **Sunday 4 August**, Sale Catholic College will be our hosts for the 1st Sunday Cuppa in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Please stay and enjoy a cuppa with our parishioners.

**WOMEN OF THE WORLD - CARITAS** Women of St Mary's Maffra & St Mary's Sale will be combining to raise funds for this Caritas initiated cause, on **Thursday, 8th August at 6.30pm** for dinner. Star Hotel, Sale. Guest speaker - Kate Fogarty - member of the Caritas Australia Board. Donations for Caritas will be gratefully accepted.

**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.

## NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

- Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community. Next Thursday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australia saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from your community.

**SALE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY:** What's the Diocesan Assembly all about? On **13th -14th September**, the Catholic Diocese of Sale is holding its Diocesan Assembly, the first for over 15 years. The Assembly will be convened in the spirit of Listening and Dialogue for the Plenary Council 2020 in which we have already been engaged for the past eighteen months. From peoples' feedback it is clear that there is much that can be done in our Diocese right now. We want to hear from people all across our Diocese about the vision they have for their parishes and Diocese in living the joy of the Gospel. We hope to have around 400 people attending the Assembly.

**LEAVING COLLECTION** for Peter's Pence. This weekend, **3 - 4 August** there will be a leaving collection for Peter's Pence as we inadvertently missed collecting this last weekend. This collection is for the upkeep of the Holy Father and for his works of charity.

**CATECHISTS:** A luncheon will be held at **12.30pm on Wednesday 7 August** at the Star Hotel, Raymond Street, Sale. Come along and renew old friendships. Please contact Lorel on 0488 587 259 by **5 August** if you would like to attend.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** for the 7 - 13 August. Please pray for vocations.

**LITURGY GROUP MEETING** will be held at **2.00pm on Wednesday 7 August** in the Bishop's House.

## RCIA INFORMATION EVENING

**Will be held this Wednesday 7 August at 7pm in the Bishop's House.**

Are you someone or do you know someone who....

- ◆ Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- ◆ Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptised?
- ◆ Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not received the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to come together as a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teaching and experience of Church and prepare individuals to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children and youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting.

For information, please contact **Veronica Barnes at the Parish Office on 5144 4100.**

**COUNTERS: 4 August: Team 5: Len & Lyn Althaus**

**11 August: Team 6: Sue Harvey, Mike and Margaret Hickey**

### COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

**Planned Giving:** \$2,042.00

**Presbytery:** \$911.20

**Credit Cards:** \$2,228.33

**Direct Debits:** \$840.00

**SACRISTY: 8 & 15 August: Team 5: Lenie Smolenaars, Sue Harvey**

### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Sat 3 August 5.30pm:** Hazel Brooks (Recently Deceased)

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C  
3 - 4 August 2019**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 3 August</b>	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
<b>Sunday 4 August</b>	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
<b>Monday 5 August</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 6 August</b> <i>Diocesan Pilgrimage Mass</i>	11.00am 3.00pm	Cathedral Royal Freemasons
<b>Wednesday 7 August</b> <i>Liturgy of the Word</i>	9.00am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
<b>Thursday 8 August</b> <i>Feast of St Mary of the Cross</i>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 9 August</b>	11.00am	Cathedral
<b>Saturday 10 August</b> <i>Reconciliation 10.00am</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport

**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.*

**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 serving community,  
always discerning and doing your will for one another.  
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**MIGRANT AND REFUGEE WEEK**

Will be celebrated on the week of 19 - 25 August 2019. The celebration for Migrant and Refugee Sunday will be held **on Sunday 25 August**. There are posters in all our Churches about this event with links if you would like to know more. Pope Francis says, in part:

'The presence of migrants and refugees – and of vulnerable people in general – is an invitation to recover some of those essential dimensions of our Christian existence and our humanity that risk being overlooked in a prosperous society. That is why it is not just about migrants. When we show concern for them, we also show concern for ourselves, for everyone; in taking care of them, we all grow; in listening to them, we also give voice to a part of ourselves that we may keep hidden because it is not well-regarded nowadays.'

We offer prayers for those who have died **Joan Guyatt, Hazel Brooks, Val Huczyk, Christie Wood** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Michael McAlroy**. We pray for those who are sick Eileen Kyne, Monsignor John Allman, Fr Bernard Buckley, Elly Cox, Bill Young, Lynne Young and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date: 11 Aug 2019	Welcomer	Commentator	Readers	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
<b>Saturday 5.30pm</b>		Jan Slattery	Damian Hogan Margaret Shirreffs		John Cooper, Wilfred Smits, Br Ron Campbell
<b>Sunday 9.30am</b>	Dalia Ellison	Ann Neville	Clare O'Brien John Vermaelen	Doug Waite	Frank Fidge, Pam Edgely, Bill Smolenaars
<b>Sunday 5.30pm</b>		Yvonne Hope	Jennifer Fitzgerald Lyn Althaus		Kath Telling, Lindsay & Stephanie Broughton

**NEW IN THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?**  
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**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** O God, come to my assistance;  
O Lord, make haste to help me!  
You are my rescuer, my help;  
O Lord, do not delay.

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

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

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

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

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.)

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.)

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.)

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**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

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

**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 Luke 12:13-21

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.

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:**

**You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,  
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Cathedral:** Friday after Mass from 11.30am -12noon  
1st Friday of each Month 11.30am - 4.00pm  
**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral - Saturdays**  
Following Mass: 10.00am to 10.30am

**READINGS NEXT WEEK:**  
**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**  
First Reading: **Wisdom 18:6-9**  
Second Reading: **Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19**  
Gospel: **Luke 12:32-48**

**MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE**  
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**SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE**  
**Saturday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil  
**Saturday:** Rosedale - 7:00pm Vigil  
**Saturday:** Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th )  
**Sunday:** Cathedral - 9:30am  
**Sunday** Stratford - 9.30am (1st,3rd & 5th)  
**Sunday.** Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th)  
**Sunday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm