



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.'

Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

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Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

10 October 2021

First Reading Wis 7:7-11

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

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

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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

or (shorter form Mk 10:17-27)

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

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

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK We pray for all who are sick in our Parish.

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PARISH NEWS



'ZOOM MASS & ROSARY' AT ST PETER'S DAILY THROUGHOUT OCTOBER

The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary. Through saying the Rosary, we meditate the mysteries of our Redemption.

Please join as we pray **daily** a 'Zoom' Rosary commencing at **9.30am**, followed by Eucharistic celebration. Please use the following recurring link (same link that is used for the Wednesday evening Zoom catch up). Join Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6279668391?pwd=TTJlVY1R0dThxaHM5WEQzQ3FicXlzZz09>

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ST PETER'S PARISH 'COMMUNITY AT HOME TIME'

All are welcome to join in our weekly 'Zoom' meetings, when we have a friendly chat and discuss mutually interesting topics. Our next Zoom 'get together' will be **Wednesday 13th October from 8-9pm**. (See 'Zoom' link above.)

PLenary COUNCIL – FIRST ASSEMBLY

Please continue to pray for the 278 Plenary Council members from across the country who have been gathering online for daily discernment and discussion on the Council's 16-point agenda this past week.

The Closing Mass is on Sunday, 10th October, 11am AEDT from St Stephen's Cathedral, Brisbane. To view the livestreaming of the Mass, please go to the Plenary Council website www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Friday, 15 Oct St Teresa of Jesus (Avila)



LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUNDAY

Prayer for Married Couples

God our Father,
we look back today with gratitude
to the time when You first blessed our love.

We thank You for the happiness we have
known together
and for sustaining us in the sorrows we
have shared.

We ask for forgiveness for any failure on
our part;
for any times when we became difficult to
live with;
for any lack of sympathy and understanding;
for anything which spoiled even for a
moment
the relationship You desire for us.

After these many years of life together,
increase and deepen our love by the power
of Your Spirit
so that we, and our family may always be
one with You.

Bless our marriage Lord, with peace and
happiness,
and make our love fruitful for Your glory
and our joy.

Saints Anne & Joachim... Pray for us,

Amen.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Thursday & Friday (followed
by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament &
Benediction)

7.00pm Wednesday (followed by Benediction
& Devotion to two hearts)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

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SCHOOL NEWS – WELCOME BACK

We look forward to the gradual return to
classrooms of St Peter's school students and
teachers throughout October and pray that
there will be no more disruptions to the
2021 school year.

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