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Weekday Mass Times:

8.45am-9.10am Rosary, followed by
9.15am Mass on Monday—Friday.

Weekend Mass Times:

6.30pm: Saturday—Vigil Mass.
8.45am: Sunday—Italian/English Mass.
10.30am: Sunday—Family Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays: 10.00am - 11.00am & 6.00pm
or feel free to phone Fr Minh.

First Wednesday of the Month:

7.00pm: Baptism Preparation Meeting in
the Parish House. Appointment Required.

Last Friday of the Month:

2.00pm: Seniors' Mass at the Parish Centre.

Catholic Religious Education:

Wednesday: 4.00pm—5.00pm R.E. classes
for State Primary and Secondary School
children in the Parish House.

ROSTERS:

SATURDAY 20/10: 6.30pm

Commentator: John Curry.

Reader: Sr. Rita Hayes.

Communion Minister: TBA.

Musician in charge: Rusman Priyana.

SUNDAY 21/10: 8.45am

Commentator: Kevin Fell.

Reader: Kevin Fell (E) & Cesarina Zampieri (I).

Communion Minister: Mirella Morlin.

SUNDAY 21/10: 10.30am

Commentator: Christiane Khalil.

Reader: Winston Van Haltren.

Communion Minister: Margaret Dimech.

Musician in charge: Nick McKinnon.

CHURCH CLEANING (22nd Oct—27th Oct)

Lahiru Perera & Nadeesha Wajerathne.

Thank you for your generous support of our parish:

1st Collection: House: \$ 475.00

2nd Collection: Thanksgiving: \$ 833.00

2018 Fundraising Appeal

Funds raised this past week: \$ 1700.00

Total funds raised so far: \$ 14,100.00

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We would like to thank everyone involved in the 125 Anniversary Celebrations, in particular the 125th Committee, the volunteers that helped set up for the event and those that are helping out at the celebration. **THANK YOU!**

Recently Deceased: Maria Aborta Succar.

Death Anniversaries: Michael Scanlon, Raffaella Lanti, Adele Fakhry, Emile Nabih Fakhry and Lahood Raffoul Rahme.

Sick: Antoun Tannous Raffoul, Simon Fakhry, Luigi Bochi and Harry & Roma Carboon.

Diary Reminders:

Sun 21st Oct: 3.00pm—Divine Mercy Rosary & Devotional Prayers,
: 4.00pm—Divine Mercy Mass.

Next Weekend: Special Collection—Catholic Mission, World Mission Appeal.

Baptism being celebrated on Tuesday 16th October:

Charles Hong Haasz



The statement, 2018 Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement **A place to call home: Making a home for everyone in our land**, challenges us all to play our part in ending homelessness. The **Ten Steps to making a home for everyone in our land** is available at <http://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/ten-step-leaflets/1381-ten-steps-to-making-a-home-for-everyone-in-our-land>.

This document sets out ways in which you can be part of the solution.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information.

Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact)

Website: www.mercyworks.org.au

Mercy Connect Melbourne

Tel: 9326 1895



'You are Mission'

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal.

This year we are invited to consider how we can answer Pope Francis' call to be a part of mission, and how we can support mission globally. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously.

Freecall: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/
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MISSION
Reach out. Give life.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time / Year B (14th October 2018)

First reading: Wis 7:7-11

Second reading: Heb 4:12-13

GOSPEL

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.'

Reflection on the Gospel

"TRUE AND LASTING TREASURE"

A rich man questions Jesus: "Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus deflects the epithet "Good" away from himself and on to God. For God is the author of life, and questions about "life" relate to what God lays down. This, initially, is found in the Commandments.

When the man responds that he has kept these from his youth, Jesus, we are told, "looked steadily at him and loved him". This moves the interaction to an entirely new plane. The instructions that follow ("Go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor ... then come, follow me", do not stand alone but stem entirely from the personal relationship Jesus is now offering the man. Being chosen ("looked upon") and "loved" by Jesus should communicate the freedom from attachment to wealth that following him will require.

But the prospect of companionship with Jesus and "treasure in heaven" fails to break break the man's attachment to wealth and the security it seems to provide. The fact that he goes away "sad" suggests that in his heart he knows he will miss out on the true treasure he was seeking.

Jesus respects the man's freedom and lets him go. He had issued an invitation, not a demand.

Despite his radical concluding comments about wealth that so perplex the disciples, Jesus hardly required literal abandonment of possessions from all his followers. But all are called to freedom from the kind of attachment to wealth that shows distrust of God and gets in the way of lasting riches.

Brendan Byrne

"Advent Listening Hearts" Advent/Christmas Seminars

Tuesdays 16 & 23 October, 7pm – 9pm, Catholic Leadership Centre, 576 Victoria Pde, East Melbourne

Offered over two weeks, these Advent formation sessions are ideal for liturgy and parish leadership teams looking to bring the season to life in their local communities. In week 1, participants will be given an overview of the Gospel of Luke (Year C of the liturgical cycle), led by Ria Greene (Deputy Principal, Identity, Community and Action, St Bede's College Mentone). In week 2, participants can choose from a range of workshops including: exploring the Advent readings, developing a music repertoire for the seasons, creating an Advent and Christmas sacramental environment, communicating the Advent message, celebrating a new liturgical year and how to implement a special plenary-focused approach to Advent. Cost: \$25 both sessions / \$15 per session. (Please also refer to the poster on the notice board.)