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In the absences of Fr Rene (who will be on annual leave), Fr Joseph will take over as the acting Parish Priest.

Mahatma Gandhi was one of the greatest men of the twentieth century. Yet he lived in a simple hut made of wood and mud. By way of possessions he had only the bare essentials. Possessions will never give us inner strength. They are crutches of a spiritual cripple.

Jesus said that rather than storing up treasure we should seek to make ourselves rich in the sight of God. What makes us rich in the sight of God is not what we own, or even what we've done, but what we are. It is not possessions that are sinful but possessiveness, greediness. To be detached doesn't mean being indifferent or uninterested. It means to be non-possessive. Life is a gift to be grateful for, not a possession to cling to. A non-possessive life is a free life.

The only riches that are worth accumulating are the riches of the heart. A generous heart is a treasure. To have a generous heart is to be rich in the sight of God. Fear and greed are the real enemies. The greed of hunger when the granary is full is the hunger which can never be satisfied. As St. Augustine said, "OUR HEARTS WILL NOT REST UNTIL IT REST IN GOD".

Details of available employment positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

WE PRAY FOR: For Healing: Pat Reynolds, Angela Lagay, **Recently Deceased:** Flora De Guzman, Vince Cassar, Caterina D'Alessi, Guisepppe Cimino, Vu Van Hoa, Sam Vella, Paul Azzopardi, **Anniversaries :** Josephine Borg, Borg, Nixon & Busuttif families **Our Dear Departed:** Iginio Zanni, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, and all Souls.



Church Diary (Week beginning 31st July 2022)

Saturday 30th /31st Jul Baptism:

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass + Gioan Baoxi:Lai Pham, Maria:Boi Tran + Anna Soi, Francis Hoc, John Vong, John Que, Mary Hy
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary to 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass +

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef, + Paul & Carmen Said, + Mary Galea, Anthony Calleja, Attef Ebid

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

4.00pm Anni Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass

Monday 1st Aug 8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
11.00am Lady of Knots

Tuesday 2nd Aug 7.00pm Choir Practice
8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
10.00am Italian Prayer Group
6.45pm Benediction, Novena, Adoration

Wednesday 3rd Aug 8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
7.30pm Vietnamese Legion of Mary

Thursday 4th Aug 8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass
9.30am Legion of Mary (English)

Friday 5th Aug 7.30pm Spanish Prayer Group
8.00am English Mass +
9.00am Vietnamese Mass

3.00pm Divine Mercy
5.30pm Maltese Confession
6.00pm Maltese Mass

Saturday 6th/7th Aug Baptism: Ellie Rai-Mamo

Saturday Mass 8.00am English Mass
9.00am Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary to 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass +

9.30am English Mass + Joan & Carmelo Micallef,

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass



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

GOSPEL

Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

To whom will all the wealth of yours go?

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.

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

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31 July 2022

THE SEARCH FOR WISDOM

When the author of Ecclesiastes declares that all is vanity it is important to know that the Hebrew word *hebel* refers to much more than vanity since it includes ideas of what is transitory, just a breath, and without substance. We all seek wisdom and meaning in a world that is often unjust and full of inconsistencies and paradoxes. As Christians, we look for that time when God will heal the wounds and injustices of our world and renew all creation. This was not the case when Ecclesiastes was written. At that time, there was no concept of an afterlife. The people believed that what was unresolved during our lives would stay that way, and understandably that provided a powerful and painful challenge for the people of Israel.

In both the first reading and in the parable of the rich fool, we can see that the saying holds true that 'you can't take it with you'. For all his wealth and fortune the wealthy man does not have the key to eternal life and his self-focus is shown to be sadly mistaken as he learns that the riches that endure to eternal life are of another kind altogether.

Paul reminds us that we have been raised with Christ and that our lives must reflect this. True wisdom is to be found in living lives with integrity, reflecting our identity as followers of Christ by the quality of our thought and actions. We have been brought into a new creation where our old prejudices and divisions must be left behind as we put on Christ anything that will not endure into eternal life.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

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.

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

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

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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

Col 3:1-5,9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

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.