

## Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

### A reading from the book of Wisdom

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.

**The word of the Lord.**

### Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

*(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!*

### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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.

**The word of the Lord.**

### Gospel Acclamation:

Mt 5:3

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

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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 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.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

### Communion Antiphon : 1 Jn 3:2

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

### Next week's readings:

**First Reading:** Is 53:10-11

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R.v.22

**Second Reading:** Heb 4:14 - 16

**Gospel** Mk 10:42-45



# Parish of Belgrave

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*The Parish of St Thomas More and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: [www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention](http://www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention)*

**Our Parish Vision Statement:**  
*We are called to be a welcoming, compassionate community, empowered for our faith journey for active service.....*

CHURCH CENTRES		St. Joseph's Church Emerald Cnr. Emerald-Monbulk &	Sacred Heart Church Gembrook Main Road	St. Thomas More Church Belgrave	St. Paul's Church Monbulk 59 Moores Road
MASS TIMES	WEEKEND	Vigil Mass 6.00pm	9.00am	9.00am	9.00am (on zoom)
	WEEKDAY	(on zoom)	(on zoom)	(on zoom)	

### Homily for the Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B—10th October, 2021

Today we continue reading the Gospel of Mark from where we left off last Sunday. Last Sunday our Gospel told how Jesus was tested by the Pharisees about the requirements for divorce. Recall that these chapters come from the second part of Mark's Gospel, which chronicles the beginning of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem.

In today's Gospel, an unnamed man approaches Jesus and inquires about what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus replies that one must follow the commandments of the Law of Moses. The man acknowledges that he has observed all of these since his childhood. Jesus then says that only one thing is lacking: he must give his possessions to the poor and follow Jesus. The man leaves in sadness, and Mark tells us that this is because he had many possessions.

The belief in resurrection and eternal life was a relatively recent development in Jewish thought at Jesus' time, and it wasn't shared by everyone. The Pharisees taught that there would be a resurrection from the dead; the Sadducees did not share this belief. Jesus taught that there would be a final judgment for everyone and eternal life (the Kingdom of God) for believers. Jesus makes two requirements of the wealthy man who approaches him. First, he must give up his possessions. Throughout history, some Christians have taken this literally. Their example witnesses to us a radical commitment to the Gospel of Jesus. Some have read this as a particular requirement directed to this specific individual. Still others have sought to explain the meaning intended by the word *possessions* as those things that prevent one from following Jesus. Christians have generally understood that at the least, following Jesus requires that believers hold material possessions loosely and remain vigilant against seeking security in accumulating possessions.

The second requirement Jesus makes of this man is the invitation that Jesus extends to all would-be disciples: "follow me." Jesus very much wants this man to be his disciple. We believe that the Christian faith is one in which each believer is in a personal relationship with Jesus. Just as this Gospel tells us that Jesus loves the man and is sad when he departs, so too, Jesus loves us and is saddened when we are unable to follow him.

We see in this Gospel reading another example of Mark's pattern, which shows Jesus offering further elaboration about his message and meaning to his disciples. To his disciples, Jesus laments the challenges faced by those who are rich in following him and entering the Kingdom of God. In reply to the disciples' astonishment at the strictness of the standard that Jesus speaks about today, Jesus reminds his disciples that nothing is impossible with God. Salvation is determined by our ability to rely completely upon God.

Peter replies to Jesus by boasting that the disciples have already given up everything. Jesus acknowledges that those who have given up everything for the sake of the Gospel will be rewarded. This reward begins now, in the new community that one will gain in this life, and will continue in the eternal age to come. Our personal relationship with Jesus is also an invitation to the community of faith, the Church.

Source : <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/28th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-b-sunday-connection/>

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 AND WE BELIEVE IN CHILD SAFETY.**

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## **REMEMBRANCE IN OUR PRAYERS:**

### **Recent deaths:**

Justin Eadie, son of Beatrice and Barry. Many people across the world who have died due to corona virus and natural calamities.

**Anniversaries:** Marilyn Duivenvoorden.

### **Prayer for the deceased:**

Lord open wide the doors of your Mercy to all those who have passed away in the parish of St. Thomas More, Belgrave. In your compassion grant eternal bliss to all of them.

**Prayers for the Sick:** We pray for all who are ill, but especially the following people: Ewa Wallis, Jane Schellenbach, Deanne Atkinson, Damien Van der Linden, Fiona, Margaret Gilhooly, Daniel, Mason, Hero, Helen Smith, Irene and Kevin Ryan, Debbie Owens, Don Kempster. Pat McCarrick, Joan Newman, Justin, Tom Fergus, Leo and Josie Walsh, Father Noel MacKay, B. O'Connor, Linda Bullivant, Maureen Lyons, Laurie Fitton, Ingyin Collins, David Bourke, Eileen Banyard, Brendan, Martin Fergus, Margaret & Fiona Gilhooly, Maureen, Patricia Gilchrist, Stephen Mc., Cheryl McInnes, Kate Arnott, Julian Neesham, Robert Drake, Helen Hermann, Joan Munday, Fa Perisipi, John Reid, Dieter Farmer, Margaret Sheanon, Dianne Zidek, Mark Pickthall, Terry Schubert, Neil Weatherill, Margaret Herbert, Rob Zwagerman, Joshua McQuade, Lanie Brereton, Sandra Dowling, Francesca, Neil Holland, Maureen

As of now all the Liturgical Celebrations stand suspended until we receive further information from Archdiocese of Melbourne. Parish office is closed.

### **Divine Worship on Zoom**

Monday –Saturday: 9am Holy Mass, followed by  
Holy Rosary

Saturday : 6pm Holy Mass (Vigil Mass)

Sunday : 9am Holy Mass: 5.30 pm Holy  
Rosary

Join the parish community on zoom in praying together as one family of God for the end the pandemic Covid-19. Zoom Link below

### **Topic: Father Cruz' Holy Mass and Holy Rosary on Zoom**

#### **Join Zoom Meeting**

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## ***Plenary Council - First Assembly 3-10 October***

Over three years ago the decision was announced to hold a Plenary Council and the People of God began preparing for this historic moment by listening to God and by listening to one another's stories of faith. After this time of listening and journeying the Catholic Church of Australia will gather for the first assembly of the Plenary Council from 3-10th October 2021. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the First Assembly will be held via 'one device-one person' mode. There will be 17 members participating in this gathering who have been called from the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

The Plenary Council website will provide daily livestreams of parts of the opening Plenary sessions and Masses (including the Opening Mass on Sunday 3rd October).

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/>

Plenary Council Masses and daily morning prayer booklets for full participation are available here:

<https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/prayer/>

## ***One Million Children Praying the Rosary***

A message from *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*: **One Million Children Praying the Rosary**: ACN invites you to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on the 18th of October. Be part of this prayer campaign and join many others! Register and learn more at

[www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children)





**Prayers of the faithful for Twenty-eighth Sunday**

**Priest:** In the light of today's readings we pray for the Church, the world and ourselves.

**The response: May we grow in wisdom of heart.**

**Reader:** May our Church exemplify true wisdom and encourage honesty and generosity.  
(pause) ..

**Response: May we grow in wisdom of heart.**

**Reader:** May our earthly possessions give us pleasure and remind us of our responsibility to consider those whose needs are great. (pause) .....

**Response: May we grow in wisdom of heart.**

**Reader:** May the many throughout the world who are suffering from Covid and Long Covid be nurtured and be healed. (pause) .....

**Response: May we grow in wisdom of heart.**

**Reader:** May the wisdom of careful thought and good understanding guide our political leaders, particularly in considering the needs of our Aboriginal and immigrant peoples. (pause).....

**Response: May we grow in wisdom of heart.**

**Reader:** That the Plenary Council's first assembly, which concludes this weekend, will help to form a clearer vision for the future of the Church in Australia. We pray to the Lord.

**Response: May we grow in wisdom of heart.**

**Reader:** May health workers and scientists be inspired to use their gifts wisely and generously. (pause).....

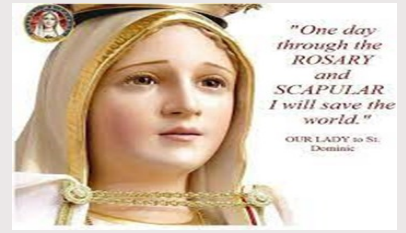
**Response: May we grow in wisdom of heart.**

**Reader:** For a quiet time we pray for our personal intentions.. (longer pause).....

**Response: May we grow in wisdom of heart.**

**Priest:** Guide us Lord in the coming days as we persevere on the path to less illness and more freedom and normality. We offer these petitions in the name of Jesus. Amen.

**The Fifteen Promises Granted to those who Recite the Rosary**



**The Blessed Virgin Mary promised to Saint Dominic and to all who follow that "Whatever you ask in the Rosary will be granted." She left for all Christians Fifteen Promises to those who recite the Holy Rosary.**

**Imparted to Saint Dominic and Blessed Alan**

1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall **receive signal graces.**
2. I promise my **special protection** and the **greatest graces** to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
3. The Rosary shall be a **powerful armor against hell**, it will **destroy vice, decrease sin**, and **defeat heresies.**
4. The Rosary will **cause virtue** and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the **abundant mercy** of God; it will **withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities**, and will **lift them to the desire for eternal things.** Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.
5. The soul which recommends itself to me by the recitation of the Rosary, **shall not perish.**
6. Whoever shall recite the Rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries shall **never be conquered by misfortune.** God will not chastise him in His justice, he shall not perish by an unprovided death; if he be just **he shall remain in the grace of God, and become worthy of eternal life.**
7. Whoever shall have a true devotion for the **Rosary shall not die without the sacraments** of the Church.
8. Those who are faithful to recite the Rosary shall have **during their life and at their death the light of God** and the **plenitude of His graces**; at the moment of death they **shall participate in the merits of the saints** in paradise.
9. I shall deliver from **Purgatory** those **who have been devoted to the Rosary.**
10. The faithful children of the Rosary shall **merit a high degree of glory in Heaven.**
11. You shall **obtain all you ask** of me by the **recitation of the Rosary.**
12. All those who **propagate the Holy Rosary** shall be **aided by me in their necessities.**
13. I have obtained from my Divine Son that all the **advocates of the Rosary shall have for intercessors the entire celestial court during their life and at the hour of death.**
14. All **who recite the Rosary** are my sons and daughters, and brothers and sisters of my only Son Jesus Christ.
15. Devotion of my Rosary is a **great sign of predestination.**

**Source: <http://themostholysacrament.com/15promises.htm>**