



ST JOHN'S CATHOLIC PARISH
& PRIMARY SCHOOL

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52 Yarra Street
HEIDELBERG



We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our parish stands, the Wurundjeri-Balluk clan of the Woi wurrung people in the Kulin Nation.

Central to the mission of St John's Parish is an unequivocal commitment to fostering the dignity and integrity of children and young people and providing them with a safe and supportive environment in which to flourish.

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9:15am & Sat Vigil 6pm, Sun:
8:30am, & 10:30am &
Sunday 5pm.
RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION):
Sat 9:45-10:30am & 5:30-6pm
WEDDINGS: By appointment
**FIRST RECONCILIATION,
FIRST COMMUNION, CONFIRMATION:**
Parish Secretary (9457 1066)
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ST JOHN'S WALKING GROUP:
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9TH/10TH OCTOBER 2021

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

LOCKDOWN LIGHT- BRINGING 'LIGHT' TO THIS TIME OF LOCKDOWN ...

Podcasts for Christian living: The irreplaceable role of parents

The role of parents cannot be underestimated. And while parents have a natural role—to protect and provide—we can sometimes forget the irreplaceable role parents have in the spiritual and emotional lives of their children. Find out more here www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a

Getting to know your Bible: Understanding Mary in the Bible

Getting Started: Why do Catholics call Mary their mother? Isn't that taking away some of the respect due to Jesus and giving it to Mary? On the contrary, in this video, Fr Mike Schmitz discusses how a relationship with Mary can strengthen our faith life. Watch at www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6

Going Deeper: How are Mary and the Ark of the Covenant from Exodus connected? What relevance does that have today? In this video, Dr Brant Pitre explores Mary's role as the new Ark of the Covenant—the dwelling place of the Lord on earth. View here www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6

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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.

Fr Brendan Byrne

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS: our Year 12 students who will be sitting for their VCE exams. As a community we journey with you in prayer.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

FIRST READING

Wisdom 7:7-11

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.

Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

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./

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./

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

Hebrews 4:12-13

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

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



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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

THE SICK: Jerzy Baczkowicz, Brett Ralph, Margaret Ralph, Jim Artinopoulos, George Cassamity, Elizabeth Finn.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Joyner.

Please keep in your prayers all those individuals and businesses severely affected by this ongoing lockdown, those suffering from isolation and those suffering financially.

Please submit any items for the newsletter, including sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, by Thursday