

**278h Sunday in Ordinary Time  
(Year B) 10 October 2021**

**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.  
The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**                      **Psalm 89(90):12-17**

*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 for ever?  
Show pity to your servants.

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

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.

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

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.

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

**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.

The Word of the Lord  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.*

**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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



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**No public Masses  
until  
further notice**

10:30am Sunday Mass  
and 9:10 weekday  
Masses are livestreamed.  
For the live stream links  
please visit:

www.sacredheartpreston.com.au

**Parish Mass Schedule**

**Weekend Masses:**  
**Saturday:** 6:00pm  
**Sunday:** 9:00am (Italian),  
10:30 am, 6:00 pm  
**Weekday Masses:**  
**Monday to Friday:** 9.10am

**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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**“Give everything you own to the poor and follow me”**

The Gospel story of this Sunday tells us of a young man who asked Jesus about what he should do to enter into eternal life. In reply Jesus told him, “Give everything you own to the poor and follow me.” Unfortunately, the challenge was too much for him. He missed Jesus’ invitation to eternal life as he failed to give up his wealth.

We too, like this young man, long to enter into eternal life. Suppose we ask Lord Jesus about what we must do to attain eternal life, I am sure, His answer remains the same: ‘Give everything you own to the poor and follow me.’

Jesus’ answer poses a difficult challenge to many of us. It is not easy to give up nor to have any attachment to material things. As Christians, however, we must take this challenge seriously. We must reflect on His words prayerfully. His words challenge us to adopt a radical change of life. We must, firstly, **accept Jesus’ words as an invitation to have a complete trust in God.** Jesus doesn’t deny our need of material things, but He rejects our attachment to them. It is simply because material things cannot guarantee our eternal life. We can’t even take them to our next life. What guarantees our eternal life is our belief in God.

Secondly, ‘give everything to the poor’ is a **sign of generosity.** We admire the young man in the Gospel for his love of God, his parents and relatives. However, he lacked generosity. He was not willing to share his wealth with those in need. When we reflect on material things, we cannot deny the fact that all material things come from God’s generosity. We are only stewards of God’s wealth. Sharing with one another is the best way of using God’s generosity. Moreover, showing generosity to others is an act of faith. As Saint James said, “For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:26). It demonstrates our Christian faith in action.

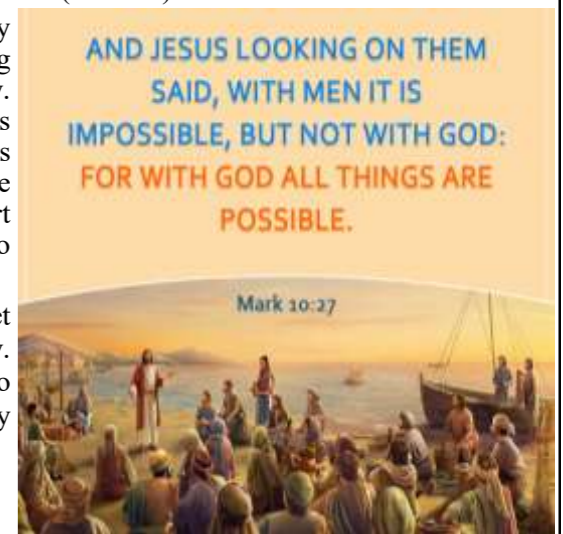
Thirdly, “give everything you own to the poor and follow me” is a **wise act of God’s children.** Material things are not barriers but means to help us enter into eternal life. Warning his followers of the danger of wealth, Jesus said, “It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God” (Mark.10:25). Thus, we must use our wealth wisely. Again, the best way of using them is to share with others in need.

Is Jesus’ teaching of “give everything you own to the poor and follow me” impossible to put into practice? It is surely difficult but not impossible. Zacchaeus in Luke’s gospel is a perfect example. Opting for eternal life, he gave up his wealth and gave them to the poor. And he followed Jesus freely. Rewarding him, Jesus declared: “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham” (Lk.19:9).

Throughout the history of Christianity many have taken Jesus’ teaching ‘give everything you own to the poor and follow me’ seriously. Saint Francis of Assisi for instance; he was born into a wealthy family. Giving up his wealthy life style, he adopted a simple lifestyle by living with and serving the poor. Apart from him, there are many more who successfully gave witness to Jesus’ teaching.

Like Zacchaeus and Saint Francis of Assisi, let us take Jesus’ challenge with great humility. And we pray for courage and confidence to bear witness to it. With the help of the Holy Spirit, I firmly believe, we can make it.

**With God nothing is impossible.**



## Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

### Feast Days of the week:

Monday 11th October	St John 23rd, Pope
Thursday 14th October	St Callistus, Pope, Martyr
Friday 15th October	St Teresa of Avila, Virgin, Doctor
Saturday 16th October	St Hedwig, Religious St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin St Gerard Majella

### Blessed—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2021

*Blessed* is a 92-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (28 November 2021) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2022).

If you wish to purchase *Blessed* you must do so by ordering and paying for it in advance. Cost \$5 each.

To Order please place your money with your name, address and phone number in an envelope and place it in the "Letters" slot near the front door of the presbytery before Monday 1 November.

Please DO NOT use the letterbox along the fence as this is not secure. Thank you

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### 2022 Col umban Art cal endar

This year, if you wish to purchase a Columban calendar, you must do so by ordering and paying for it in advance.

Calendars cost \$10 each.

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### Joke Corner

An elderly priest is driving down a highway when a policeman pulls him over. After the priest winds down his window the police officer smells alcohol on his breath and spots an empty wine bottle rolling around on the floor. He says, "Father, have you been drinking?" The priest replies, "Just water, my son." The policeman asks, "Then why do I smell wine?" The priest looks down at the bottle and says, "Good Lord. Jesus has done it again!"

### Readers and

#### Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist:

As we move closer to reopening our churches to celebrate as one, we will be looking to preparing new rosters for Liturgical ministers and also current and potential volunteers who clean and prepare our church each week. Please take time to advise the office if you are willing to continue in your current roles after lock down, with details of your availability and experience. New volunteers will also be welcome.

Please refer to the following information from the Archdiocese of Melbourne about who can serve as readers, altar servers or as extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist.

- A person who is in full communion with the Catholic Church.
- Men, women, young and old who are committed to the practice of their faith and willing to participate in a parish initiated formation. (May soon be accessible online)

[Persons aged over 18 must have a current Working With Children Check or be willing to apply for one.](#)

Assistance to do so is available.

#### Working With Children Checks (WWCC):

It is a requirement of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne that all clergy, employees and volunteers over the age of 18 are required to maintain a current Working With Children Check throughout their involvement in parishes, Agencies and entities. This is to ensure that we all stand united in creating safe environments for children and young people. The application process can be commenced online and finalised at a participating Australian Post Office. While most of our frequent volunteers already hold updated WWCC that are recorded in our parish register, we urge volunteers who have not yet applied for a Check or whose Check has expired or not linked to the parish do so via the WWCC website:

<https://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

Any questions- contact Rachel at the office, Pauline O'Day or other members of the Child Safe Standards Committee. Thank you

## On Care For Our Common Home

On Sunday 17 October between 11.30am and 2pm, as an expression of union with the [Australian Religious Response to Climate Change](#) and as the 26th United Nations Climate Change Conference in Glasgow draws near, our Sacred Heart Laudato Si group will be flying a banner on the Bell Street side of our church in support of Pope Francis' call to all to work in harmony for the health of our planet.

The message of the banner is:

**Protect Creation – Bold Climate Action Must Start Now.**

As we cannot gather in groups at this time, to show your support you might:

\*Drop by the church on your daily walk and take a photo of the banner and forward post to friends or family:

\*Beep your horn if you're driving by and wave to the members of the Laudato Si Group:

\*Spend a bit of each day in your garden or street peacefully listening to the sounds around you

\*Watch this video: A World of Gratitude – Season of Creation 2021.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJSDo5i1-hg>

"This we know,  
all things are connected  
like the blood that unites one family...  
care for this land,  
preserve it for your children  
and love it as God loves us all."

(‘This precious Earth’, Chief Seattle, late 1800’s - prevalent then, urgent NOW!)

#### LAUDATO SI: ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

America Jesuit Review: Gerard O'Connell is America's Vatican correspondent. 4 October, 2021

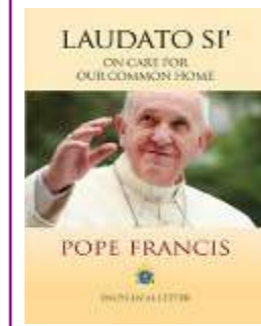
#### BREAKING NEWS!

**Pope Francis and 40 faith leaders call for urgent action to combat climate change: 'Future generations will never forgive us'**

In an unprecedented response to the "grave threat" facing all peoples worldwide from climate change, Pope Francis and some 40 faith leaders representing the world's major religions have joined in an appeal for urgent action. Signed on Oct. 4, in the Vatican and addressed to all governments participating in the 26th U.N. Climate Change Conference (COP26) in Glasgow, Scotland from Oct. 31 through Nov. 12, the appeal calls for decisive international political action to combat climate change and "to safeguard, restore and heal our wounded humanity and the home entrusted to our stewardship."

The Glasgow summit aims to accelerate progress toward the goals of the [Paris Agreement](#) and the U.N. Framework Convention on Climate Change. The [Laudato Si' Action Platform](#) has been billed as a major grassroots effort to mobilize Catholics worldwide to put into action the message of integral ecology in Francis' 2015 encyclical, "Laudato Si', on Care for Our Common Home," during a decade scientists say is critical for global responses to climate change and other environmental destruction. Please visit <https://laudatosiplatform.org/> to see what the Catholic Church is doing worldwide to engage in climate action.

Pope Francis has asked us to join him in 40 days of prayer for the success of COP 26. *Lord of Creation, we pray for our parishes and dioceses, that they may be attentive to the Cry of the Earth and promote clean energy, ensure clean air and water for all, protect your creation, and its biodiversity and climate. May we rediscover our original vocation as carers of our common home and of one another. Amen*



### WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick  
*Anthony, Peter Bourke,  
Pasquale Curcio, Anthony Joseph  
Paige Lapenta, John Plum ,and  
Bronislawa Slobodzian*

That they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect

Those who have died recently

### We Commemorate

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

### THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS



*If we desire a more fraternal world, we need to educate the younger generations to acknowledge, appreciate and love each person, regardless of physical proximity, place of birth or where they live.*

### An Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

*I believe that you are present in the most Blessed 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 there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

(say this prayer in lieu of receiving Communion)

### Online Mass Service

**10:30am Sunday Mass and 9:10am weekday Sacred Heart parish Masses are livestreamed. For the live stream links please visit:**

[www.sacredheartpreston.com.au](http://www.sacredheartpreston.com.au)

**Daily Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral can be attended live online every day at <https://melbournecatholic.org/connect/mass-online>**

Live telecast of Sunday Mass from St. Patrick's Cathedral can be viewed on Channel 44 (31) at 11am

### Cleaning Roster: Saturday 16 October 2021

**Volunteers**  
Thank you for your hard work

