

18th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C

3rd - 4th August 2019

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

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, skillfully 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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6,12-14,17

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

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

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

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 5:3

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

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of your 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, and 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

By giving ourselves in neighbourly service we "lay up treasure in heaven."

Whatever we give to others in this way is not loss, but the kind of gain that really counts.



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"A Treasure That Will Not Fail"

Technology is the great wonder of the modern world. Events, while still happening, are zooming into our homes. It has also brought to our consciousness the ever growing gulf between rich and poor leading to greater discrimination amongst human beings; the sometimes merciless arguments over wealth resources, territories and even killing and dispossession of many. Here in Australia, this affluent country, the gulf between rich and poor certainly continues to grow as the basic cost of living rises and job opportunities decrease. The rush to provide housing for a growing population, resulting in the erection of a many high-rise urban housing complexes has not stopped the rising numbers of homeless persons. While our country has been presented as a hospitable and welcoming country, this is not the experience of asylum seekers and refugees fleeing from horrific conditions in the hope of living safely and hospitably amongst others. Many people are working harder and longer hours to hoard up greater material security and comfort to the detriment of their health and sometimes the waning of vital human relationships.

The Word of God this Sunday challenges us to move beyond the world of self-interest and self-preservation, in order to be people for others in the example of Christ.

The first reading which contains ancient Jewish wisdom, admonishes us not to be too consumed by material concerns. After all, it asks, what profit comes to us from all our labouring. The rich and poor alike must leave their possessions behind once their allotted days are over.

In the Gospel Jesus warns us against a self-enclosed life that shuts one off from others. We hear of a farmer blessed with a wonderful crop who rather than rejoicing and sharing his gift with others, hoards it for a future that will never happen; and thereby rendering the crop wasted. What good are his possessions now?

St Paul in the second reading extols us to model our attitude and behaviour on Christ. Counter to harsh, exclusive and inhumane realities that exist in the world around us, Paul reminds us that we must rid ourselves of greed and self-centred attitudes and, adopting the values of Christ, progress towards true knowledge, renewed in the image of God which makes not distinctions between persons. So each one of us is urged to seek to reframe the harsh, unjust and inhumane realities and live as disciples of love, compassion, solidarity and service – even if this might bring suffering at times as it did to Christ Jesus, the beloved Son.

So what is the true treasure to be discovered and shared? The hospitality and infinite love of God being offered to all, now and in the life to come.



Office Hours:

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

Parish Priest:

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

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Pauline O'Day, Fr Jan Szweda

Parish Council Members:

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson),

Kay Dufty (secretary), Gerard

Grant, Ophelia Swai, Anisasio

(Pauline) Veamatahau,

Mark Tierney

St. Vincent de Paul Society:

Pauline O'Day (President)

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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

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (Eng) &
Friday (Italian) after 9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only



Saint Mary MacKillop

Mary Helen MacKillop RSJ (15 January 1842 – 8 August 1909) was an Australian nun who has been declared a saint as St Mary of the Cross. Of Scottish descent, she was born in Melbourne, but is best known for her activities in South Australia. Together with the Reverend Julian Tenison Woods, she founded the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart (the Josephites), a congregation of religious sisters that established a number of schools and welfare institutions throughout Australia and New Zealand, with an emphasis on education for the rural poor. The process to have MacKillop declared a saint began in the 1920s, and she was beatified in January 1995 by Pope John Paul II. Pope Benedict XVI prayed at her tomb during his visit to Sydney for World Youth Day 2008 and in December 2009, approved the Catholic Church's recognition of a second miracle attributed to her intercession. She was canonised on 17th October 2010, during a public ceremony in St Peter's Square at the Vatican. She is the first Australian to be recognised by the Catholic Church as a saint. Her feast will be celebrated on Thursday 8th August. Please come and join us in celebrating the Eucharist at 9.10 am or 7.30 pm on that day.

Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 6th August:** Mass at 9.10am
The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Thursday 8th August:** Masses at 9.10am & 7.30pm
St. Mary of the Cross, Mary McKillop
- Thursday 15th August:** Masses at 9.10am & 7.30pm
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome:
Silvia Gentile into our Parish family



CatholicCare Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. As our parish's social service agency, CatholicCare delivers family and relationship counselling, refugee and settlement support, education and school programs, and pastoral services. Donations from our parish community will help care for the most vulnerable families in our community.

Last Week's Collection: 28/07/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1282.10
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$864.40

Thank you for your kind generosity!



National Themes for Discernment for the Plenary Council 2020

National Theme for Discernment #4: How is God calling us to be a Christcentred Church that is Humble, Healing and Merciful? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia.

National Theme for Discernment #5: How is God calling us to be a Christcentred Church that is A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a yearning for the Church to be a sign of God's kingdom for all people in Australia – to be able to see the Catholic Church in action, and to recognise Jesus.

National Theme for Discernment #6: How is God calling us to be a Christcentred Church that is Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform? This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire to do things differently in response to Christ and the experience of our people, accepting that faithfulness to tradition requires change that is both personal and communal. Find out more at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, celebrated every year on September 14, recalls three historical events: the finding of the True Cross by Saint Helena, the mother of the emperor Constantine; the dedication of churches built by Constantine on the site of the Holy Sepulchre and Mount Calvary; and the restoration of the True Cross to Jerusalem by the emperor Heraclius II. But in a deeper sense, the feast also celebrates the Holy Cross as the instrument of our salvation. This instrument of torture, designed to degrade the worst of criminals, became the life-giving tree that reversed Adam's Original Sin when he ate from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil in the Garden of Eden.

ACU Faculty of Theology and Philosophy Short Course

When: Wednesdays 7th, 14th, 21st & 28th August, 6–8pm
Where: Mercy Lecture Theatre, ACU Melbourne Campus, 115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy
This Short Course, 'The Bible and Belief: Truth, Authority and Religious Commitment in the 21st Century', offers you the opportunity to explore Christian faith and world religions without committing to a full degree. Short Courses at ACU are taught by leading scholars and experts, and are suitable for parishioners, teachers, youth ministers, students and anyone interested learning more in theology. The program consists of one evening session per week over four weeks.
Cost: \$100 attendance and certificate of participation, \$50 attendance only.
For more info: www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/faculties-directorates-and-staff/faculty-of-theology-and-philosophy/short-courses

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.



Thank you, Fr Phuong!

Today we say "Thank you and see you again" to Fr Phuong Vu, who resided at our parish for the past three years while serving as chaplain at La Trobe University. After completing his term there and at the same time earning a Masters Degree in Spiritual Guidance, he has moved to his new assignment in Boronia.

Fr Phuong was always ready to help out in our parish with celebrating Masses whenever he was needed. We are very grateful to him for offering in our parish, Advent and Lenten Bible Study sessions. Being a handy man he did a lot of repairs and maintenance jobs in and around the church and presbytery. He is an excellent cook and a good community person.

We will miss him in our parish and even more in our SVD community. Thank you, Fr Phuong, for sharing your life and faith with us. May God bless you and your new ministry.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

My sincere thanks to Natalie, Catherine and Irene for organising and conducting the Children's Liturgy during Sunday, 10.30 am Mass. We had several attempts in the past to offer this program in our parish, but with no success. So, finally we have it! Thank you to the parents who brought their children last Sunday. Those who would like their children to participate, please see an information paper available in the church foyer. - Fr. Jan
Children's Liturgy will run during school terms only. Dates for Term 3 are: August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th and September 1st.



Cleaning Roster:

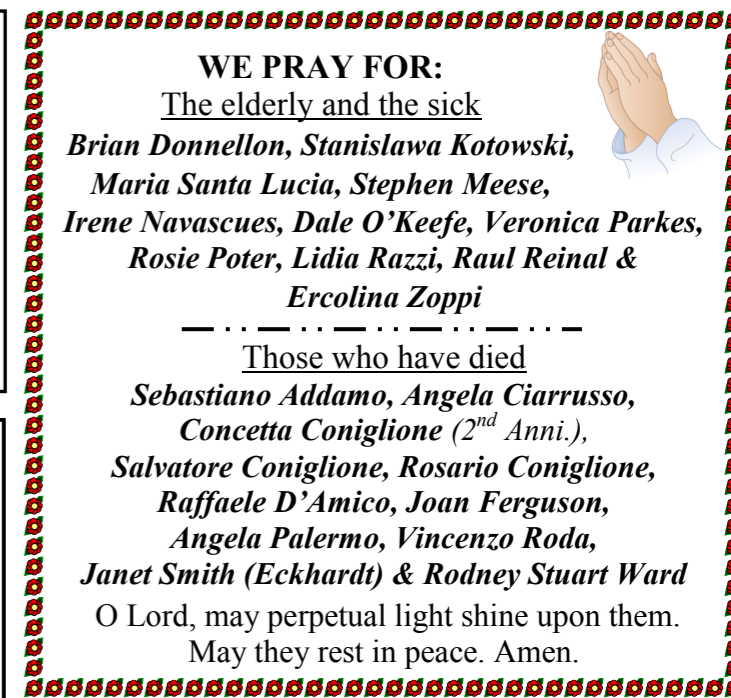
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Anna O'Neill/Lucy

Thank you for your help!



PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Brian Donnellon, Stanislawa Kotowski,
Maria Santa Lucia, Stephen Meese,
Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes,
Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal &
Ercolina Zoppi

Those who have died

Sebastiano Addamo, Angela Ciarrusso,
Concetta Coniglione (2nd Anni.),
Salvatore Coniglione, Rosario Coniglione,
Raffaele D'Amico, Joan Ferguson,
Angela Palermo, Vincenzo Roda,
Janet Smith (Eckhardt) & Rodney Stuart Ward

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



Serving our Parish Community

In response to the appeal to parishioners who would like to serve our parish community in the Welcoming or Fund Raising Committees, only one person responded positively!! I believe we can do better than this!!

Please, once again, sign your name if you can help. There is no need to repeat that most of all, we need volunteers to help to clean our church.

Thank you - Fr Jan

First Holy Communion 2019

A parent information session will be held today in the presbytery at 11.20am, after the 10.30am Mass. All students who are intending to make their First Communion and their parents, **must** attend this session.

The first class will begin immediately after the Parent Session. Students are asked to bring a notebook and their pencil case. Class will finish at 12.35pm.

If you have any queries, please contact Judeline Wadhvani on 0490660787 or at judeline.wadhvani@gmail.com. Thank you.



Roster for weekend of 10th - 11th August 2019

	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	John Plum Renato Tonini	Marlene Vergou	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Paiano T. Orsini A.	Bozzella C. Roda G.	O'Neill A.
Sun 10.30am	Jessy Thambiraj Catherine Zanatta	Giovanna D'Intino	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Robert Dullard Abigail Roberts	Margaret Bannon	Jessica Suppiah