

# 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

## 13th - 14th October 2018

**First Reading:** Wisdom 7:7-11

*In compassion 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/** Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 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!**

**Gospel:** Mark 10:17-30

*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.' 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

***Like the rich, young man in today's gospel, we too have many possessions that can keep us away from Christ. What can we give up to live more fully for Christ's sake?***



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Fr Jan Szweda SVD

### 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  
(English) & 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

## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 13th - 14th October 2018

### Growing in Love

This account in Mark's Gospel has a bit of sadness about it. A decent, rich young man approaches Jesus and enthusiastically asks him the cost of eternal life. He believes he is on the right path as he is faithful to the Mosaic laws but through love, Jesus opens the man's heart to his true identity which has been locked behind the security of his world, his reputation and possessions.

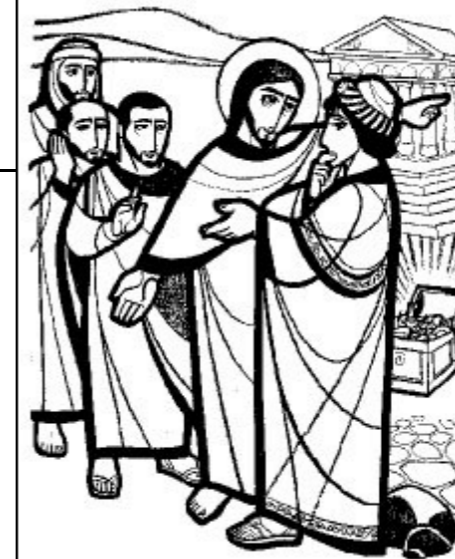
To the man's question Jesus cites the commandments that relate to right dealing with other human beings; the three dealing with our relationship with God are passed over- they are taken as given. What Jesus focuses on is how they are expressed in one's life in community. This social focus is paralleled by Jesus' radical commandment that the man should give his wealth away to the poor to really by a disciple.

This is always a challenge. Our society constantly calls us to be successful and this success is generally measured through our possessions, education or social status. Yet Jesus is asking us, through the rich man, to transcend possessions and walk a different path – not independently -but to walk in relationship with others. Even more radically, the invitation – as exemplified in the mission of Jesus – is to look beyond our possessions and the comfort of a community that accepts and appreciates our talents.

So what is the path that leads to life in God? The Gospel tells us, "Jesus looked steadily at the man and loved him." For love sees beyond oneself into the hearts of others and identifies in faith the "image of God".

For the disciples, this love was the substance of their shared relationship with Jesus and those who came to them. Words of St Paul remind us that it's not devotions, spiritual knowledge or position that lead us to eternal life. 'There are three things that remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.' (1Cor) Love transcends material things and enables a different path – the path to life in God.

Not that possessions are bad in themselves, but they can become a hindrance if they start to possess us and block us from what matters most – our freedom to be loving persons not only to family and friends, but also to those poor people not far away without even the basic necessities of life or support of loving families. Jesus was calling the young man into his company as he calls each of us, to look beyond the comforts and securities we have grown to rely on, to grow in the generous love of God which, in Jesus knew no bounds, judgements or discrimination. This is the love we celebrate in our Eucharist.



## Parish Stewardship Program

Next weekend our parish will embark on the Parish Stewardship Program. The program recognises that 'Parishes are the Heartbeat of the Church' and will challenge us to reflect on what it means to be part of the community here at Sacred Heart parish. The Program has been developed with a significant website and social media component to enhance engagement with current parishioners and to better reach those not actively involved in parish life.

Lorella Di Paolo from the Archdiocese of Melbourne's Development team will conduct the Program, but the contribution of some parishioners will be vital to its ultimate success.

I invite you all to reflect, pray about and discuss the themes and topics that will be presented with your families, friends and fellow parishioners. It is my prayer that together we will make this a wonderful time of parish renewal.

## Young People 'Keen to Open their Horizons'

Archbishop Peter Comensoli is one of the representatives of the Australian Church to the Synod of Bishops 2018 on Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment. In an interview from Rome he said he wants to talk about how youth are 'keen to open their horizons to what God might be wanting for them.' The archbishop noted the lengthy preparation period for the 2018 Synod, which included release of an online questionnaire for youth around the world to indicate the issues important to them, and a preliminary meeting of young people in Rome.

The Holy Father has decided to invite all the faithful, of all the world, to pray the Holy Rosary every day, during the entire Marian month of October, and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other.



## PLENARY 2020: START NOW

The PPC invites all individual Catholics to log onto <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/> to WATCH, LISTEN, READ AND HAVE YOUR SAY. This is an opportunity to write a response to this question: "What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?" and "what question do you have for the Catholic Church in Australia today?" Submit your thoughts directly to the National Plenary Planning Team or place it in the special box at the back of the church.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED & BE PART OF THE CHURCH YOU WISH FOR!

## WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly, the sick and those recommended to our prayers  
**Cosimo Oppedisano, Pasqua Trentin (1 Month) and all deceased members of the Bertoncello & Ottaviano families.**  
O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.



## Today's Reflection

*The LITURGY is the summit towards which the activity of the Church is directed; at the same time it is the fount from which all the Church's power flows.*

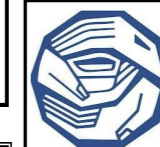
## Thinking of Becoming a Catholic?



If you are or you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic and joining the Catholic Church; or if you are a Christian baptised in another Church but want to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church, please contact Father Jan after Mass or at the parish Office. A 'Come and See' gathering will be held before the end of October at a time suitable for those interested.

## A Place to Call Home: Parish Forum

When: Wednesday 24th October, 5.30pm-8.45pm  
Where: St Columba's Parish Centre, 24 Glenhuntly Road, Elwood  
Catholic Social Services invite you to a forum following the 2018 Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement: 'A Place to Call Home' and 'Ten Steps' Brochure. What are the key issues we face in relation to housing in Australia? What action can individuals and parishes take to address housing, stress and homelessness in their communities?  
**Download Flyer:** [Click here](#)



"The knowledge of social wellbeing is learned in climbing the stairs of the poor man's garret, sitting by his bedside, feeling the cold that pierces him and sharing the secrets of his lonely heart and mind."

Frederick Ozanam-  
Founder of St Vincent de Paul Society

The **St Vincent de Paul** is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to LIVE the gospel message, by recognising and serving Christ in the poor with respect, hope and joy, and working to shape a more just and compassionate Society. The Core of its work is visiting people in their dwellings to offer practical and timely support to those who are isolated, distressed or are not familiar with support available to them. Sacred Heart Conference began in 1915 by a group of parishioners with the encouragement and support of the parish priest and the newly established parish community. After over 100 years, our Preston Conference has continued to bring hope to many of our neighbours through the ongoing support and encouragement of our Sacred Heart Community. Our deepest thanks to all! **No gift or act of kindness is ever wasted.**

## Dates to Remember

**20th/21st October - 17th/18th November:**  
Parish Stewardship Program  
**Sunday 21st October:**  
World Mission Sunday



## Bible Study: Gospel of Mark The Person of Jesus

When: 6 weeks (Wed): 7th November - 12th December  
Where: Sacred Heart Church, Preston  
Time: 7.30pm - 9pm  
By: Fr. Phuong Vu, SVD



**Releasing the Genius from Within** – A workshop for spiritual directors and those accompanying others on their spiritual journey. Contemplative in nature, it will offer opportunities to explore how one might use creative arts to assist in the 'unfolding experience'. At Heart of Life, Box Hill, Saturday 20th October, 10am-4pm.  
Cost: \$60 (BYO lunch).



Enquiries and bookings: [holsc@bigpond.com](mailto:holsc@bigpond.com), telephone 9890 1101 or [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne)

## 2018 Victorian Election

Catholic Social Services Victoria, together with member organisations, have prepared a pre-election brochure – Building a fairer Victoria where everyone flourishes – that is designed to assist dialogue with candidates in the lead up to the election. The document recognises the State's prosperity and the responsibility we all have to ensure the fair distribution of that wealth and work for the common good. It makes the case that the 2018 election presents an opportunity for voters and political parties to consider how Victoria's wealth is shared and invested for vulnerable Victorians, in the interest of the community as a whole. Copies of the brochure can be downloaded from the website at: [www.css.org.au](http://www.css.org.au)

## Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information.  
Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact)



## Cleaning Roster: Saturday 20th October 2018



Dale/Volunteer  
Thank you for your help!

## Roster for weekend of 20th - 21st October 2018

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Renato Tonini Peter Hudson	Barbara Fitzgerald Marlene Vergou
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Fattori A. Tamburrini M.	Fattori A. Bozzella C.
Sun 10.30am	Eileen Stevens Sonya Bading	Teresa Bernardini Alan Castles
Sun 6.00pm	Robert Dullard Damian Casamento	Margaret Bannon

**Welcome!**  
This weekend through Baptism we welcome: **Gabriel CIRELLI** into our Parish family

## Last Week's Collection: 07/10/18

1st Collection for our Church: \$1033.75  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$600.60  
Thank you for your kind generosity!

