



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.

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TRUE WISDOM

Wisdom is a gift that many of us aspire to but it is found not only by desiring it but choosing it in the midst of the complexity and richness of our daily lives. The writer of the book of Wisdom speaks as one who longs for understanding, who sees it as the true and lasting source of wealth in a human life. This openness and longing for wisdom find concrete expression in the Gospel where the rich man, who has been faithful to the commandments, is still unsatisfied and searching for more. He is wise enough to recognise in Jesus someone who is a true teacher. That his face falls at the words of Jesus shows he is also aware that he has not yet arrived at the point where he has the inner freedom to take the next step.

The letter to the Hebrews speaks of the word of God as a two-edged sword, able to cut in both directions and uncover what lies deep within us. For the rich man, Jesus' word challenges him not on what he has already done but on what he is yet to do. He is well intentioned but is not yet as free as Jesus wants him to be. As the Gospel proceeds it is clear that while his contemporaries and the disciples saw wealth as a sign of God's blessing Jesus was more concerned about the ways in which our possessions can hold us back from a whole hearted commitment to the gospel message.

Christopher Monaghan CP

FIRST READING

Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom

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!

1. 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. **R.**

2. 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.**

3. 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.**

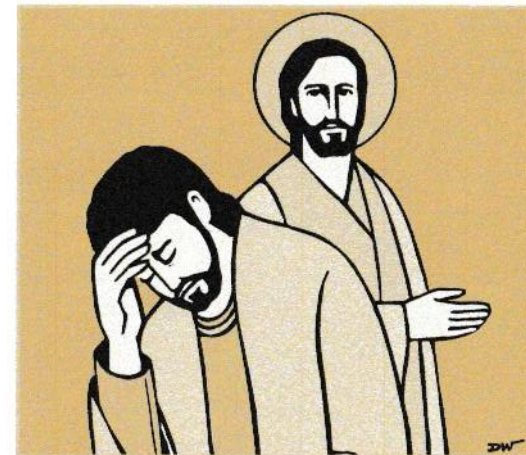
SECOND READING

Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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

Mk 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

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;

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From my desk

Greetings to one and all,

School Term 4 has now commenced, and our HSC students I am sure are busying themselves in the final preparation for their HSC exams. These students together with their families have had to endure much more than any other Year 12 year. In 2020 their Year 11 was interrupted with lockdown together with this Year 2021 more lockdowns, our hearts, thoughts, and prayers are for you in this most extraordinary time of your lives, together, also with all the other Year Classes and families that are finding the home schooling difficult. God bless you all and your families.

So where are we going now as restrictions are being relaxed? Monday 11 October for fully vaccinated people life is going to be more open, than to those not fully vaccinated people, as businesses and other places can reopen. I am sure the barbers and hairdressers will be going full steam ahead. Monday, 25 October, the government has deemed that 80% of people would have been fully vaccinated and all will be open to everyone. Our Archbishop, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP has asked that all churches remained closed until 80% vaccinated, so from Tuesday 26 October usual times of Masses will recommence, apart from 9.10 weekday Masses, which will revert to 9am. So, to recap: Sunday Masses at St Andrew's Vigil Saturday 5pm and Sunday 9am. Sunday Masses at St Agnes Vigil Saturday 5.30pm and Sunday 10am. Weekdays Masses: St Andrews, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9am and St Agnes, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7am, Thursday 9am. Our live stream Masses will continue Sundays, and we will inform you next week of their times.

I would encourage to you come to church for our Masses when lockdown restrictions are eased. I have missed you all and would love to see you all back to Masses in the Church.

In concern with Sacrament of Baptism a program is being planned and will contact those who have booked in for this Sacrament of Initiation. Regarding the Sacrament of Eucharist for Year 3 and Confirmation for Year 6, dates are being firmed up at present, mindful of the existing Covid and the restrictions in regard, with of capacity of the churches and the 4 sqm rule.

God willing and with the assistance of our Patron, St Agnes, our beautiful War Memorial Catholic Church at Matraville, we will have had a wonderful restoration in a large part, by the end of the lockdown. These restorations, play a role in the Twinned Catholic Parishes of St Andrew & St Agnes, Malabar & Matraville, moving towards the beautifying of our Churches as wonderful treasures, that must be retained, as in the call, to discipleship and the love of God and keeping what our forebears built and retaining them for our future Catholic communities.

As the first session of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church of Australia concludes this week, continue your prayers that the Holy Spirit in guiding our 280 members.

God bless you all keep you safe and well.

Fr John

Plenary Council Prayer Campaign: People across the country are invited to participate in the "Fan the Flame" prayer campaign leading up to the first assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia. The assembly starts on October 3. Campaign materials include resources for personal and communal prayer, reflections, musical suggestions and multimedia content. Find the resources at: www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/



Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as the original custodians of this land

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go Make Disciples,

The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Victor Ballard, Fr Anthony Simari, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane.

Anniversary: Maree Knight, The McDonald Family, Gail Lippmann, Dot Hall,

Giovanni Andreatta, Jim Walshe, Molly Quinnell Denise & Albert Absi, Gisele & Nasri Baccash, Dr Ralph Baccash, Joe Camelleri, Aldo Viselli and on the 19th Anniversary of the Bali Bombing: Gayle Airlie, Cathy Seelin, Geradine and Steven Buchan,

Tom Singer and all those who died in Bali.

The Sick: Fares Tadros, Emilia Grace Kelly



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Where will Fr John be??

Every Sunday 9.00am Mass Livestreamed

Tuesday - Friday 9am

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