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# The Net

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**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR B**

**9TH & 10TH OCTOBER  
2021**

## COVID-19 UPDATE

### Places of Worship and Religious Services

**AT THIS TIME PUBLIC MASSES AND CHURCH BUILDINGS IN THE PARRAMATTA  
DIOCESE ARE CLOSED AND**

**WILL NOT BE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC UNTIL  
NSW REACHES 80% FULLY VACCINATED.**

**Advice from the Chancery will be forwarded once  
this level of vaccination has been achieved.**

**Please read the letter from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv  
regarding this on Page 2 of The Net.**

NSW Police have visited parishes in the Diocese of Parramatta to check on the use of buildings. Fines can be issued to each person who is in attendance if a breach has been identified.

Please visit our website or Facebook page for any updates.

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### Funerals

**UPDATES HAVE BEEN MADE FOR FUNERALS AND MEMORIAL SERVICES.**

THE FULL DETAILS OF THE 70% ROADMAP CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/easing-covid-19-restrictions/70-percent>

THE FULL DETAILS OF THE 80% ROADMAP CAN BE FOUND HERE:

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/easing-covid19-restrictions/80-percent>

### Weddings

**UPDATES HAVE BEEN MADE FOR WEDDINGS.**

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### Live Streaming

Live streaming of Mass is recommended. Priests may have up to five assistants at the Mass, including personnel who are operating the live stream. Many of our parishes are also live streaming their services.

For a list of these parishes, please visit: <https://parracatholic.org/covid19>.



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1 October 2021

The Memorial of St Thérèse of the Child Jesus

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As your Bishop you are all constantly in my prayers, especially during this difficult time. Our Diocese has been working with the health authorities and other religious leaders towards the day when we can once again tangibly express our faith through gathering in our dear churches to celebrate the Eucharist.

Given the recent announcements by the NSW Government of the easing of restrictions between 11 October and 1 December, I write to provide you an update on how this will impact the Diocese of Parramatta.

It is to the core of our ministry that we resume our pastoral care of the people as soon as that is practicable. In order to accommodate all the People of God, I have determined that we should wait until the 80% threshold has been achieved before we reopen our churches as this would then permit all Catholics to attend regardless of vaccination status. The projection is that this is likely sometime towards the end of October.

Once a date has been finalised by the NSW Government as to when 80% fully vaccinated has been achieved an advice to reopen will come from the Chancery.

With my prayers for you and your communities,

**Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv**  
Bishop of Parramatta

## Parish News

### Parish office Hours

The parish office telephone and internet problems have now been fixed. Please feel welcome to contact the office at any time and someone will get back to you as soon as possible.

Please be aware that the office is still closed but emails and telephone messages are checked regularly.

In case you need any pastoral support please contact Fr Chris on 0415 505 594.

### Sacrament of First Communion 2021

**PLEASE WATCH THIS SPACE. WE ARE WAITING ON UPDATES FROM THE GOVERNMENT REGARDING RESTRICTIONS AND HOW THEY WILL AFFECT THE SACRAMENT PROGRAM.**

**DATES HAVE BEEN PUT ON HOLD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

### CATECHISTS AND CATECHIST HELPERS NEEDED

*Sharing our faith with the children of our parish community is a very rewarding opportunity. This period of staying at home is a perfect time to reflect on your faith and consider sharing your journey with Christ with the children in our government schools.*

#### What's Involved?

- \* Teaching time (30 minutes) and preparation.

#### What do I need?

- \* An interest in children and the ability to communicate with them.

#### What help will I get?

- \* Training to help you develop basic teaching skills and make the best use of your talents.
- \* A teacher's manual containing easy lesson plans.
- \* Student activity books for each child.
- \* Other resources to help make lessons interesting.

If you feel you can help as a teacher or assistant once our Covid-19 lockdown is over or to find out more information contact Marie at the Parish Office by telephone or email.

### Advertising in The Net

Are you interested in advertising your business in The Net??? Or know anyone who might be??? Ads run for 12 months or there is the opportunity to run an ad on a monthly or three monthly basis. For more details, contact Marie at the Parish Office during office hours.

### Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

#### Recently Deceased:

Rosemary Hall, Judy Baytch (*Michael Blair's dear Aunt*)

#### Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey (30/08)

#### And for those who are sick:

Peter Sinnett, Esther Rodgers, Kevin & Mary O'Connor, Pauline Rugg

## Diocesan News

### Online Masses in the Parramatta Diocese

ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA PENRITH:

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Monday – Friday at 9.30am

Saturday Vigil at 6pm; Sunday at 10am

ST MATTHEW'S WINDSOR:

YOUTUBE

Sunday at 9am

Please visit [www.parracatholic.org](http://www.parracatholic.org) to check which other parishes are celebrating Mass online.

### Office for Safeguarding Offering Online Training to Keep our Parishes Safe

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).

#### Upcoming Zoom Face to Face Training Calendar

If you wish to participate in the face-to-face training via Zoom, please contact the parish office to indicate what date, time and module you wish to register for.

#### TUESDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

9.30 to 11.00am

**Module 1:** Introduction to Safeguarding

2.00 to 3.30pm

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#### TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

9.30 to 10.30am

**Module 2:** Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct

2.00 to 3.00pm

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#### TUESDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

9.30 to 11.00am

**Module 3:** Safeguarding Adults at Risk

2.00 to 3.30pm

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#### ELearning

If you are interested in an online platform where you can do the modules independently and at your own pace, please contact the parish office and provide an email address, so that a log on can be created for you. Please note, for those who are interested to do eLearning online, you will need individual email address for each log on. For example, a couple can't use the same email address.

#### Useful website for your attention:

What Safeguarding means to me:

<https://safeguarding.org.au/what-is-safeguarding/>

Upcoming Safeguarding Training Dates:

<https://safeguarding.org.au/#events>



# The Living Word

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

10th October 2021

## 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.

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

**(R.) 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

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.

## Gospel Acclamation

Mt 5:3

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

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

**Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mk 10:17-27

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; 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.

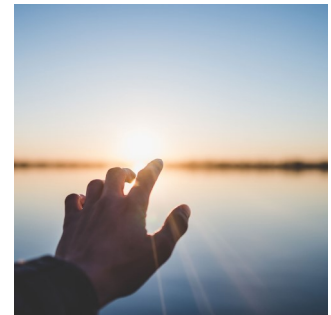
Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through 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.'



## Have you thought?

### *The Gospel of Prosperity*

There are those within the ranks of Christianity who preach what is sometimes referred to as a 'gospel of prosperity'. They claim that wealth is a sign of favour, or approval, from God. They feel that if a Christian person is wealthy then they must be living a 'good' life that God is rewarding through material possession. They use this as justification for further accumulation of wealth. We can see from today's gospel that Jesus would have something to say about such an interpretation! Jesus reminds us that our reward is not in this world in the form of wealth and material possessions, but in eternal life.



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## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

### The Loving Gaze

The man in this story is described (at the end) as a man of great wealth, so that when Jesus says 'There is one thing you lack', it would have got his attention. But he learnt to his shock that what he lacked was the big-heartedness which would enable him to give up the security and status and power which came with his possessions.

Jesus was not satisfied with the wealthy man's minimalist agenda of keeping the commandments. He is just as dissatisfied with us. We each know what is holding us back from being a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ. At some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know, what it is we are hanging onto: the one thing we cannot, will not, give up, the one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get rid of it.

There is only one thing that can give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed. In this Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' This is not the glare of the critical eye but similar to the gaze of a parent on a newborn child, envisaging and encouraging a beautiful future for that child.

We could take a moment to pray, 'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable me to follow you more nearly. Give me the courage which can only come from knowing that you gaze steadily at me and love me.'

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## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

## Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for October

### Intention for evangelization - Missionary disciples



We pray that every baptised person may be engaged in evangelization, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.



## REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

### Questions for Adolescents

- \* Why does Jesus appear uncomfortable about being called 'good'?
- \* Why did Jesus name these particular six commandments and not the others?
- \* What thoughts might the wealthy man have had as he walked away from Jesus?
- \* What would be the most challenging thing for Jesus to ask you to give away or walk away from?
- \* Who do you know who has made a really significant 'sacrifice' in their life?
- \* What impact does materialism have on your community?

### Questions for Adults

- \* Jesus told the man, 'There is one thing you lack.' What did the man lack?
- \* What prevented the man from doing as Jesus instructed?
- \* Why does Jesus insist that the kingdom of God is so difficult to enter?
- \* Is giving to charitable causes an adequate response to today's gospel?
- \* How is Jesus' radical challenge being realised in our world / your community?

***This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.***

- \* What are some things that you like to collect?
- \* Are there some collections you have that you don't use anymore?
- \* Jesus says that it is good to give things away rather than collect things you don't need. Can you think of ways that these things can be used for others?



# Follow the Lord

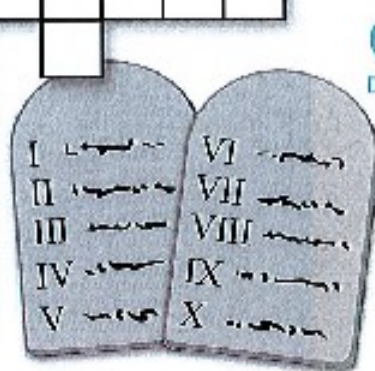
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A man met Jesus on the road and asked him how we can have eternal life. Some of the things Jesus says we can do are written on the sign posts below. Fill in the missing words and pictures.



God tells us there are more important things in life than being rich or owning lots of possessions. Write or draw some things that are important in your life.

Complete the crossword - it uses picture as clues instead of words!





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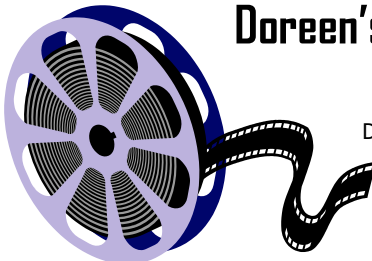
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