

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter to the 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

GOSPEL READING

A reading from the holy Gospel according

to 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.



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Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

13th / 14th October, 2018

*Heavenly Father,
Help us to always realise that it is
You who makes all things possible.
Teach us to rely on You, and not our own efforts,
so that we may be free to follow Jesus
and to find our treasure in You.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



FOCUS ON THE READINGS

From what transpired between Jesus and the young man, we may consider that the young man took a righteous (by works) approach to salvation. He wanted to earn his way to heaven by being his good self rather than by giving himself to God and God's people. He wanted to rely on himself and most probably on his name, and what was attached to it, his wealth and influence. He learns that the wisdom he seeks is not a program of works to be performed, or behaviours to be avoided. Observing the commandments can only get him so far. The bottom line is he could not give up his cause and what he stood for in order to be with Jesus. Our Lord is not asking us to literally give up our possessions, He is only asking us not to be attached to them. As we address wealth and the pleasure it can give us, we are all aware that there is nothing in riches, wealth, power and fame that can give us complete joy. This creates a bigger problem—the more we have it, the more we want. What, then, are the "many possessions" that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to – material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ's sake and the sake of the Gospel? Our greatest wealth is found in a right relationship to God through Jesus Christ and in the hope of heaven.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

15th Oct: St Teresa of Jesus, virgin, doctor.

16th Oct: St Hedwig, religious & St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

17th Oct: St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr;

18th Oct: St Luke, evangelist

19th Oct: St John de Brébeuf and St Isaac Jogues, priests and companions, martyrs

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 7.00 pm
Wednesday & Thursday 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays at 5.15 pm

BAPTISMS:
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. **6 weeks' notice required.** Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website. Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029 or via email at office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

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YEAR OF YOUTH
The month of October is dedicated to
the Holy Rosary.

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:

James (Jim) Healey



Those who we remember at this time:

Kay Daraio, Denis Buckley, Vincenzo Catalano, and Rosemary Power.

The sick: Giuseppina Zarro, Oscar Price, Tom McMahon, Brigida Mazzone, Wilhelmina Weerden, Daniel Vincent-Smith, Keith Scutt, Peter Commons, Wilma Neville, Mary Brimelow, Steve Reid, Ron Prince, Patricia Quinn, Charlie Kelly, Bonnie Williams, Kathleen Hatton, Edward Kitain, Scott Warner, Lillian Luiyf, Kayden McDevitt, David Merton, Peter Mitchell, Jemma Du Buisson Perrine, Brock McAvaney, Beryl Turner, Michael Byrne, Ann Jayawardena, Mary Edmunds, Anabelyn Malabed, Miep Wirth, Ethel Arrowsmith, Eillien Patrick, Brendan Kearns, Elsie Johnson, Jill Neville, Maria Iaconis, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Barbara Kenny, and Clive Geach.

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE

Date: 1st Saturday of each month, at 10.30am.
Venue: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on: 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: Everyone is welcome on **Thursdays between 10am to 1pm** for a chat over a cuppa, join a card game, knit or just sit for a while.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP meet every **Tuesday at 10am** in the Parish Hall. Join us for a cuppa prior to the meeting. Praise and worship begins at 10.15am, followed by inspiring teaching and prayer ministry. All are welcome. Enquiries: Judy: 9752 2986

MOTHERS' PRAYER Come and join with mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and godmothers, to pray together from **9am–10am**. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

THE 2019 COLUMBAN CALENDAR is now available in the Piety Stall. Cost **\$8 per copy**.

FUNERAL MASS for the late **James (Jim) Healey** will be celebrated here at St John's Church this coming **Tuesday 16th October at 10.30am.**

ST JOHN'S SCHOOL BUILDING WORKS

As you will have noticed we are now officially a building site at St John the Baptist! Exciting times ahead as our building project to refurbish existing classrooms and build two new classrooms is underway. It is anticipated that the project will take the remainder of this year and Term 1 of next year. Adjustments will need to be made to accommodate our builders. At a Parish level the most significant impact will be the parking on the basketball courts to the rear of the church, once the fencing goes up. The builders had proposed putting their fencing over the entire basketball court area however in response to our request, they have agreed to adjust their work site to allow limited parking facilities behind the church.

Please find below some possible solutions to the limited parking options for the duration of the building works (once the temporary fencing has been erected):


1. School staff will park behind the school hall to allow an extra 8 parking spaces for the weekday masses, Tuesday's Prayer Group, Thursday's Friendship Group, and other Parish activities during the week.
2. Some parishioners might generously choose to park in the lower car park area for weekend Masses, to alleviate the demand for the limited parking around the church.
3. Parishioners might consider carpooling
4. Some may consider walking to Mass (where possible)

Whilst we acknowledge the building works will undoubtedly present our community with a degree of inconvenience, we are very grateful for your understanding and support during this time.

Father Alan & Cathy Mason (School Principal)

MATER CHRISTI COLLEGE in Belgrave, Invites you to bring your family and friends to their upcoming tour **MaterChristi on Wednesday 17 October at 4.00pm.** Mater Christi girls consistently achieve region leading VCE and vocational results. A visit will enable your family to witness our vibrant, inclusive and warm community. Contact Jacinta on 9754 6611 or visit: materchristi.edu.au to book your tour.

BAPTISMS Congratulations to **Ayva Serrao, James Mercuri, Hugh Mercuri, Sophie Mercuri, Tejana Hren**, who are to be baptised this weekend. The Church of God welcomes you with great joy.

SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP TRIVIA NIGHT
Come and join the fun. Don't need to be an expert. ☺
Date: **Saturday 27th October, 2018**
Venue: **School Hall**
Starting at **7.00pm for 7.30pm**
Cost: **\$10 per adult. BYO drinks & nibbles.** 
Make up a table or come and join one.
Tickets on sale after all w/e masses from the 6th October or contact Patrick 0434072831 (call or text) or psawyer@bigpond.net.au. Proceeds in aid of "Opening the Doors Foundation" (Aboriginal students support), Thornbury and the "Community Based Rehabilitation Foundation" (via Columban Fathers) in the Philippines. Donations welcome.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is an opportunity to explore the Catholic faith in a non-confronting environment. RCIA is for those who may be searching for God, for those not baptised, for those baptised in another Christian tradition, for those baptised but who have not received first Eucharist and / or Confirmation.. If you would like to find out more at a relaxed meeting , without commitment, please phone the Parish Office on 9758 1029.

MEDITATION ON JESUS One Hour Meditation on Jesus through breathing exercises and gentle postures at 10.30am on the 2nd Friday and the 4th Friday of every month. Contact the Janssen Spirituality Centre, located at 22 Woodvale Road, Boronia, RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or Email: enquiries@janssencentre.org

SAVE THE DATE: an Advent Reflection Day is being planned for Thursday 29th November. A time to slow down and gather your thoughts. More details to follow

PALMS MISSION: Information night about Assignments abroad on Tue 16th Oct, 2018 at 247 Flinders Lane, Melb. Call 02 9560 5333 to find out more.

ROSTERS: Mon 15th Oct to Sun 21st Oct.	
Flowers	Sue N
Altar Servers	6pm: Nicholas D
Linen	Laurel S
Welcomers	6pm: Sue N, Anna M 9am: Rosa L, Terry & Laurel S 11am: Gina M & Pat O'B
Lectors	6pm: Rosina L 9am: Adrian S 11am.: Sue S
Counters	Bryon M, Ruby S
Gardening	OCT: Barry B