

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

18th Sunday in Ordinary time- Year C

31st July 2022



Christ our Anchor

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New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



Today's Gospel gives us some insight into the concerns of Luke's community living towards the end of the first century. The issues of money, possessions and inheritance reflect the wealthier urban context of Luke's community rather than the rural village life of Jesus' mission. These same issues are very relevant for us today. How does a Christian live within the complex world of economics and global profit?

Jesus' words offer much wisdom. Security, and I would add happiness, does not come in owning more and more possessions. Security lies elsewhere. Having possessions is not the problem in this passage; it is insatiable greed in wanting more and more. This is the point of the parable.

Sometimes life itself forces a person to reflect on the point of today's Gospel – a person hears s/he has a malignant tumour, or a failing heart. At these crisis times we can quickly re-evaluate the priorities in life, sometimes regretting that this lesson is learnt with little time left. Today, with life and time still available, check up on your true wealth, your real security.

Using the images and terms of his age Paul addresses much the same issue in this section from Colossians. Paul says, focus on God – this is to be your treasure.

Anything that gets in the way of this wealth needs to be cut out from your life. At the heart of both readings lies the question of where to find true happiness, and deep inner peace. These passages remind me of a story told by the Indian Jesuit priest Anthony De Mello –

'The Diamond'

'The sannyasi had reached the outskirts of the village and settled down under a tree for the night when a villager came running up to him and said, "The stone! The stone! Give me the precious stone!"

"What stone?" asked the sannyasi.

"Last night the Lord Shiva appeared to me in a dream," said the villager, "And told me that if I went to the outskirts of the village at dusk I should find a sannyasi who would give me a precious stone that would make me rich forever."

'The sannyasi rummaged in his bag and pulled out a stone. "He probably meant this one," he said, as he handed the stone over to the villager. "I found it on a forest path some days ago. You can certainly have it."

'The man gazed at the stone in wonder. It was a diamond, probably the largest diamond in the whole world, for it was as large as a person's head.

'He took the diamond and walked away. All night he tossed about in bed, unable to sleep. Next day at the crack of dawn he woke the sannyasi and said, "Give me the wealth that makes it possible for you to give this diamond away so easily.'" (Anthony de Mello, *The Song of the Bird*, Anand: HIS, 1983 pp 182-83.)

What does such inner wealth look like?

Inner peace – generosity of spirit and goods – lack of envy – compassion for the neediness of others whose emptiness is insatiable and can never be filled – hospitality and freedom to act on behalf of the vulnerable and oppressed. Having nothing, the 'poor in spirit' have nothing to lose.

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

Monday 8.00am Communion Service

Tuesday to Saturday 8.00am Mass

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9am Mass - to be nominated

11am Chinese Mass

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Weekend 30/31 July

Weekend 6-7 August

Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Sousa	Mary Overton
	Sun 7.30am	Pauline Joseph	Jeevan Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	John Collins	Tony Pitchford
Counters		Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi	Colleen & Pat Lowry

Parish Calendar

Aug Mon 1	8.00am	Communion Service (St Alphonsus Liguori) Church
Tue 2	8.00am	Mass (Weekday, Ordinary Time 18) Church
Wed 3	8.00am	Mass (St Dominic) Church
Thu 4	8.00am	Mass (St John Vianney) Church
Fri 5	8.00am	Mass of anointing (Weekday, Ordinary Time 18) Church
Sat 6	8.00am	Mass (Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (19th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church
Sun 31	7.30am	Mass (19th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church
	9.00am	Mass (19th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (19th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church



2022 Sacraments Schedules

Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office to obtain an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments - so that we can organise the preparation for them.

**Confirmation
2022 Completed**

**First Holy Communion
9am Sunday, 11 September 2022**
Commitment Mass 6pm 30 July 2022

**First Reconciliation
10.30am-12pm
Saturday, 29 October 2022**
Commitment Mass 6pm 15 Oct 2022

Louisa Joseph will be preparing the children for their First Holy Communion. On Wednesdays, 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 August and 7 September (6 sessions) from 4.00 - 5.00 pm in the Parish Hall.

"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"



The Sisters of St Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage. Commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.

For more details, please see flyer on notice board in the foyer



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
10am - 12noon \$6 per session
All proceeds go to the Parish
This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis & Hellen Tay
All are welcome; no age limits.



Tai Chi Group

New Learner Group starting Monday 1 August at 7.00pm

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
All parishioners are most welcome
For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0804 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

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With great joy and gratitude, Palms Australia has resumed sending Australian Catholics on Global Mission and we are inviting parishioners around the nation to join us in an online celebration event and even jump on board our overseas placements program.

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Archdiocesan Marriage Mass

Saturday, August 20, 10.00am
St Mary's Cathedral

All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special Mass. A blessing will be bestowed on ALL married couples who attend. In addition, do you know a couple celebrating 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50+ years of marriage? The Bishops would like to give these couples a special commemorative certificate as part of the celebration. Couples can register for a milestone anniversary certificate at <https://bit.ly/marriagemass2022>

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First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1

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

1. You turn men back into dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream,
like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. 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.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Matthew 5:3

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

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

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, 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.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

Money can make life a little easier to manage at times, but a famous proverb proclaims that 'money can't buy happiness'.

Do you think most people believe that proverb?

Why are so many people so easily convinced that having more of this or that will make their life better?

What types of ads are you most susceptible to? What do you end up buying or wanting to buy most often?

Are you an impulse buyer? Or do you not spend money unless you have planned to spend it on something you truly need?

Jesus tells us about the man who tore down his grain bins to build bigger ones in order to contain all his grain. Jesus called this man a fool.

Do you have room in your wardrobe and cupboards for all your clothes and possessions?

When your cupboards get too full, are you likely to find more storage space in your house or are you more likely to go through your things and decide what you use and don't use?

Once you have some extra clothing or other items that you no longer want to keep, what do you do? Do you throw them away? Do you give them to agencies such as the St Vincent de Paul Society or other charity shops? Do you sell them at a garage sale to make more money?

Next Sunday Readings

7 August 2022

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Gospel: Luke 12:32-48

Manning Parish Youth Quest Youth Ministry



Guiding our youth on a Quest to know, love and serve the Lord. The youth ministry for the parish is open to youth aged in High School or University, and meet every second Saturday after mass.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER

Which two of these farmers are the same?

