

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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Christ our Anchor

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New Testament Commentary by Mary Coloe PBVM



The person in today's Gospel appears to have the right attitude, but look closely at his question. 'What must I do to inherit eternal life?' He sounds like a typical commodity broker in today's society. His attitude is: if I want to achieve something then I just have to do certain things; wear the right clothes, have the right car, go to the right university, live in the right neighbourhood. He mixes this attitude with the sense of having a right to eternal life as if it is his due inheritance. Unfortunately God's reign, or as this Gospel terms it, eternal life, is not a commodity in a market economy. Eternal life is a freely given gift of God. It does not depend on what is possible for us to do, as if we can therefore earn it, or have a right to it, but on the loving possibility of what God can do for us. This man's attitude is similar to that of a late 4th century monk called Pelagius whose teaching was eventually judged as heretical for it proposed that we can achieve our own salvation without the need for Jesus.

We stand before God's gratuitous love as empty-handed recipients. We neither earn nor deserve such love and this is a discomfiting awareness. Jesus' response to the man offers him the opportunity to know this attitude of his own neediness and emptiness before God. Being stripped of the external trapping of wealth mirrors

a more rigorous internal laying bare of oneself before God. In this situation of utter emptiness one is then able to know what one has so bountifully received.

The Gospel reminds me of a story told by Anthony De Mello, a Jesuit priest who spent many years in India. He tells a story of a traveller who arrived in the simple home of an Indian wise-man seeking shelter for the night. He noticed that the swami used for his pillow an enormous diamond, bigger than anything imaginable. When he commented on this diamond the next day, the swami simply gave it to him. The traveller went home delighted with his wealth but that night he tossed and turned and could not sleep. This went on for weeks. Finally, he returned to the swami to ask, 'What is the wealth you have that you can give away this diamond so easily?'

The Kingdom that Jesus offers is like that diamond. It offers a wealth that makes all other things pale into insignificance. Down through history, many have valued this even more than life itself.

The short section from Hebrews comes at the end of a discussion of what God promised to Israel, a promise, dependent upon Israel's faithful response to God. It reflects on the choices made by Israel and addresses a Christian community to reflect on the choices that its members make. In making such choices, Hebrews uses the image of a sharpened sword to speak of God's deep knowing of our innermost desires and intentions. In one sense, in the Gospel passage today, Jesus read the deep desires of the young man. The Gospel says, 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' Knowing his deeper self, Jesus then offered him a way of achieving these desires – but it involved a choice that this man was not able to make.

It is worth reflecting on what are my deepest desires – are they for external things, or are my desires intangible needs for good relationships, for inner peace; for love; for family?

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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

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(Check Parish Calendar for Variations)

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	Sun 9.00am	Suspended temporarily	Suspended temporarily
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carmen de Sousa	Pam Vincent
	Sun 7.30am	Jeevan Joseph	Deb Hegarty
	Sun 9.00am	Elicia Eng	Vincent Whyte
Altar Servers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteers	Volunteers
	Sun 9.00am	Volunteers	Volunteers
Counters		D & B Molony	Mark & Erica Lazarus

Parish Calendar		
Oct Mon 11	8.00am	Communion Service (Week 28 in Ordinary time) Church
Tue 12	8.00am	Mass (Week 28 in Ordinary time) Church
Wed 13	8.00am	Mass (Week 28 in Ordinary time) Church
Thu 14	8.00am	Mass (Week 28 in Ordinary time) Church
Fri 15	8.00am	Mass (St Teresa of Jesus) Church
Sat 16	8.00am	Mass (Week 28 in Ordinary time) Church
	5.00-5.30pm	Confession - Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
Sun 17	7.30am	Sunday Mass (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B) Church

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2021 Sacraments
 Parents, if your child/children are attending State Schools you need to enrol for the Sacramental programs. Please contact the parish office for an Enrolment Form or visit our website to get one - manningparish.org.au/sacraments
First Reconciliation
Saturday, 30 October 2021

St Pius X School
 St Pius X School are currently interviewing for positions in Kindy 2023.
 If you have a child that is due to commence Kindy in this year please contact the school office 9416 5600 to arrange an interview.

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Tai Chi Group
 Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
 Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
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2022 Columban Calendar
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First Reading

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 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 forever?
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

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

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.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus gives us some harsh words: If you are rich, don't count on getting into the Kingdom of God. Don't count on entering heaven. Don't count on receiving all the wealth and riches you are looking for.

- Are most teenagers you know more interested in making good money or in doing good things for the world? What are you most interested in?
- Do you believe that money can buy happiness?
- Do you think most teenagers would agree with you?
- Why or why not? What does society's behaviour indicate?

We don't hear the name of this rich young man. The Gospel doesn't tell us that he went away, never to return to Jesus again. We don't know if he ever did sell his possessions and give the money to the poor, or if he ever came back to follow Jesus.

- What do you think happened to him?
- If you were telling this story, how would you write the ending? What would happen to this rich young man, and how would he spend the rest of his life?

Next Sunday Readings

17 October 2021

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary time Year B

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45



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