



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.

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.**

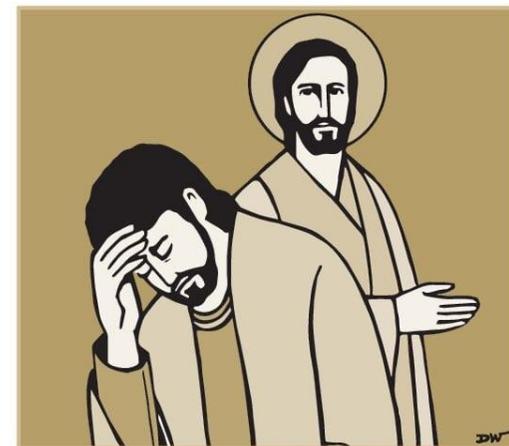
SECOND READING

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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Vigil Mass: Saturday at 5:30pm

Sunday Mass Times: 8am, 9:30am, 11:30am (Chinese) & 6pm

Weekday Masses: Mon – Thurs. 7:30am, Fri 5:00pm

Holy Rosary: Mon – Thu after 7:30am Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Fri 4:00pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 5:00-5:20pm

Cenacle Marian Movement of Laity: Thu 7pm

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal Rosary & Novena: Tue 7-7:30pm

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 10th Oct 2021

Upcoming Death Anniversary: Fr John Haseler, Fr John Lyne, and William Brooks

Our Deceased: Alan & Molly McNamara, Bill, Eileen & John Taylor, Amy Murry, Katherine Corbett, Win Tranor, Sandra Walsh, Jim Grainger, James Bertoldo, Mike Crestani, John Davidson, Lucy Ng, Cecilia Tan, Margaret Ellem, Geoff & Patricia Clarke, Jan Brayan, Arch Stewart, John Casey, Roy & Bessie Landon and O' Connor, Landon, Stewart, Pigott and Casey families. Lastly, please pray for all the souls in purgatory.

Our Sick: Stephanie Thielbeer, Sam Wong, Donald Mees, Agnes, Robert Lauw, Tenille Moujalli, June Phelan, Anne McIntyre, Adhy Guna S., Daisy Gouw, Nur Gouw

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS:

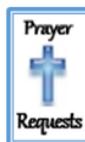
St Teresa of Ávila, 15th October

PARISH NEWS:

- **As advised by the Archdiocese of Sydney, our Church will be open to the public from the Monday after NSW hits the 80% (aged 16 and over) double dose vaccination target. Estimated date of re-opening is October 25.** Once our Church re-opens, parishioners who are fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated, and as yet unvaccinated, will need to observe the 4sqm rule, with the exception of people from the same household. COVID Safe measures will be put in place. We can accommodate 130 people under the 4sqm rule.
- **A reminder to all First Holy Communion candidates, next lesson will be on Wed, Oct 13 at 7pm via Zoom. Please contact the parish office if you are unable to attend.**
- **Back-up Livestream Operator Needed, available on Saturdays at 5pm:** If interested to volunteer please contact the parish office. Training will be provided.
- **For pastoral care emergencies, please contact Fr Martin directly at 0414 841 928.**
- **Copies of the parish bulletin are now available outside the Church for anyone to take home or place inside letterboxes of parishioners who are alone, elderly, and do not have the means to watch our online Mass. Help them reconnect with our parish.** Thank you.
- **We thank all the parishioners who are continuously supporting our parish financially during lockdown and all the volunteers involved in our livestreamed Vigil Mass.**
- **Prayer requests/Mass offerings for the deceased are still accepted.** Send us an email or leave a message at 9874 2533. Donations can be made online via the parish website.
- **The parish office is closed until further notice.** Please send your queries by email: parish@stkevinseastwood.org.au or leave a message at 9874 2533. Thank you.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE:

- **Parishioners are encouraged to write to their local NSW MP as NSW Parliament is set to resume on Oct 12,** and Independent MP, Alex Greenwich, is likely to table his euthanasia bill that day. It is critical for parishioners to act now and voice their opposition to the



proposed bill. *The anti-euthanasia coalition, HOPE has developed an online tool that will allow you to send an email directly to your state MP and to all members of the NSW Upper House. To access: https://www.noethanasia.org.au/petition_2108_ocp_nsw .*

- **Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP will speak about some of his deep concerns about the proposed euthanasia laws in NSW in an episode of the popular podcast, *This Catholic Life*, available from Thu 14th Oct: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/category/podcasts/>**
- **Since 1961 Palms Australia has quietly prepared & supported Catholics like you for mission. It's our response to calls from Australian & overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor. Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Visit: <https://palms.org.au/enquire-now/> or E: palms@palms.org.au or call Christine on 02 9560 5333 for 2022 placement.**

FR MARTIN MAUNSELL'S REFLECTION:

OUR CLASSROOM HEROES!

Perhaps it's not widely known in Australia that Doctor Jill Biden, the wife of the current US President, has been a devoted schoolteacher for 13 years of her life. Doctor Biden, when her teaching career ended, then became a university lecturer in education where she gained a doctorate as well as 2 master's degrees. The now First Lady recently wrote an insightful and fascinating article in *TIME* magazine that recognizes teachers as the real heroes throughout the world during these global pandemic times. Below are some of her insights:

- *Teachers more than most people have had to immediately adapt to a radical new way of working. They have had to suddenly reimagine presenting new lesson and classroom plans. While doing this it has been so often been emotionally and intellectually exhausting within their own lives. Multi-tasking has taken on a whole new dimension!*
- *Yet amidst all of this those of us who are not teachers should never underestimate how good teachers are so crucial in enabling their students to be more self-confident, resilient, and aware of the world around them. This is more so than in any other profession.*

One of the relatively recently canonized saints of the Church is Saint (Pope) Paul VI in one of his most quoted documents *Evangelii Nuntiandi* he wrote these profound words; *"Modern people will listen more to witnesses than to teachers and if they do listen to teachers, it is because they are good witnesses!"*

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:



We encourage everyone watching us online to receive Jesus through this prayer:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already here and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.