

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SEARCH FOR WISDOM

When the author of Ecclesiastes declares that all is vanity it is important to know that the Hebrew word *hebel* refers to much more than vanity since it includes ideas of what is transitory, just a breath, and without substance. We all seek wisdom and meaning in a world that is often unjust and full of inconsistencies and paradoxes. As Christians, we look for that time when God will heal the wounds and injustices of our world and renew all creation. This was not the case when Ecclesiastes was written. At that time, there was no concept of an afterlife. The people believed that what was unresolved during our lives would stay that way, and understandably that provided a powerful and painful challenge for the people of Israel.

In both the first reading and in the parable of the rich fool, we can see that the saying holds true that 'you can't take it with you'. For all his wealth and fortune the wealthy man does not have the key to eternal life and his self-focus is shown to be sadly mistaken as he learns that the riches that endure to eternal life are of another kind altogether.

Paul reminds us that we have been raised with Christ and that our lives must reflect this. True wisdom is to be found in living lives with integrity, reflecting our identity as followers of Christ by the quality of our thought and actions. We have been brought into a new creation where our old prejudices and divisions must be left behind as we put on Christ anything that will not endure into eternal life.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

31 JULY 2022

FIRST READING

Ecd 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP 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

Col 3:1-5,9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASSES	Sat: 5.30pm	Sun: 9am and 5.30pm	CONFESSIONS Sat: 4.30-5.15pm *Or by appointment
	Mon: No Mass	Tues: No Mass	
WEEKDAY MASSES	Wed: 12pm Mass St Dominic	Fri: 9am Mass	Sat: *No Mass
	Thurs: 9am Mass St John Vianney		

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
Endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

Recently Deceased: Coleen Dunn, John Fittler.

Anniversaries: Kay Marlin (20/7), Heighton Betts (28/7), Bridget Teo (29/7), Betty Hodgins (31/7), Jack Sampson (9/8).

Deceased: Molly Miller, Judy McGregor, Vincent O'Shea, Shirley Chandler, Mary Sampson.

Sick: John Vella, Shirley Collier, Norma O'Brien, Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, Sr Rita Vella, Barbara Brennan, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Lisa Foster, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.



VEENA'S VERSIONS:

Veena is happy to report that Fr Michael and Zippy have made their destination safely and in great spirits. If you would like to see their moment of glory follow this link

<https://www.facebook.com/mhocchurch/photos/a.122444259213280/597958221661879/>



PARISH COLLECTIONS:

BSB 082105 West Tamworth Catholic Church (St Patricks) Acc 001041198
West Tamworth Presbytery Acc 001023642

COMING EVENTS:

7 Aug Good Shepherd and Retired Priests Appeals **8 Aug** Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop

"Pray often for me". (1892)



NSW STATE COVID RULES: * FACE MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. * NO CHECK IN REQUIRED

PALMS AUSTRALIA: Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#). The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. *The stories will inspire.*

NEEDED URGENTLY - VOLUNTEER WORKERS: The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church on Aboriginal Missions. There are various important voluntary tasks: administration, building maintenance, gardening, shop staffing, cooking, cleaning etc. Placements are preferred for a period of 6 months plus. In return for being part of the team, we offer accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details, and an application form, please contact: Volunteer Coordinator, Janet Ryan: 08 9192 1060 Email: volunteers@broome-diocese.org Web: www.broome-diocese.org Mail: PO Box 76, BROOME WA 6725

GIVING COLLECTIONS: Planned giving may be given by several means: Cash on 2nd plate collection, Electronic transfer to the Church account below or Direct Debit arranged from your bank to the Church Account. The parish is looking into an App that may be used to give to your preferred Church via your mobile phone or device. We will give more information on this as it is provided.

PARISH FINANCES: St Patricks Parish is 'our' community and we are so grateful for the support from all our parishioners, both financial and pastoral. To show a picture of what the parish covers in expenses on an annual basis the following has been reproduced and rounded to give an insight into the running of the parish.

Advertising	\$ 250	Energy Costs	\$ 5,366
Computer & IT Costs	\$ 2,135	Wages & Salaries	\$ 27,887
Postage, printing, stationary	\$ 1,944	Grounds Maintenance	\$ 2,035
Telephone, Internet	\$ 2,459	Insurances	\$ 14,321
Adult Education - Expense	\$ 2,066	Loan Interest	\$ 4,483
Catechetics/Special Relig. Educ.	\$ 770	Rates & Strata Fees	\$ 6,687
Church requisites and subscriptions	\$ 2,261	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 27,099
Entertainment & Hospitality	\$ 949	Security	\$ 6,265
Agents Fees	\$ 3,575	Sundry Property Expen	\$ 3,069
Cleaning and Waste Disposal	\$ 218	Diocesan Levy	\$ 6,170
	\$ 16,627		\$ 103,382

WEEK 6 ROSTER: 31/7/22

Vigil: R D Gowing, Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Brown, A Sartori
5.30pm Sun: R J Murray, D Bearman
Counting Team C Lavell, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 6/8 M Vella, R Pace
Altar Linen E Jackson

WEEK 1 ROSTER: 7/8/22

Vigil: R Sr Kathryn, P Bamford
9am Sun: R S Nichols, G Clout
5.30pm Sun: R C Lavell, M Murray
Counting Team R Paull, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 13/8 S Brown, V Griffiths
Altar Linen: B Flood

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

