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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

03- 08 - 25

This week: Eccl 1:2,2:21-23, Col 3:1-5, 9-11, Lk 12:13-21 Next week: Wis 18:6-9, Heb 11:1-2, Lk 12:32-48

You fool. This very night the demand will be made for your soul.

And this treasure of yours whose will it be then?'

A challenging parable from Jesus that takes us straight to the heart of our priorities:

do we 'treasure' what's really important, what's of eternal value, or are our treasures much more temporary and uninspiring?

And as Jesus says elsewhere in the Gospel:

'Where your treasure is there will your heart be also.'

In other words, if we want to know what our treasure is then all we have to do is to look at what we put our heart into:

and today's parable asks whether that is a treasure that's worthwhile, that adds to the deepest part of who we are, whether it's a treasure we can take with us at the end.

Fr Colin



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Parent Meeting

TUESDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 7-8PM AT ST BRIGID'S HALL

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THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY

Friday 15th August

(a holy day of obligation)

Mass will be celebrated at: 10am - Lindfield (Whole School Mass) 7pm - Killara

Healing Mass

Our next Healing Mass
will be celebrated this
Friday 8 August at 10am
at Immaculate Heart of
Mary Church
at Killara
followed by morning tea
in St Joseph's Hall





THIS SUNDAY



at the end of 9:00am Mass





COMBATING HOMELESSNESS TOGETHER

Please donate to CatholicCare's homelessness services across the Diocese



Donor envelopes available during Mass Saturday and Sunday 9 & 10 August

Catholic Care DIOCESE OF BROKEN BAY

Homelessness Week is August 4-10

In conjunction with Homelessness Week and St Mary of the Cross MacKillop Feast Day, both Catholic Schools and Parishes are fundraising to support Catholic Care's homelessness services across the Diocese including:

- Dom's Place
- Mary Mac's Place
- Street sleeping outreach support
- Transitional accommodation and casework support
- Women's refuge
- Young parents homelessness services ... and more.

Please help this very important service and donate today.

The Issue

Homelessness in Australia: Older women (55+)

Social Justice & news



The Numbers

Many women are experiencing homelessness for the first time in their lives. Recent data reveals a deeply concerning and escalating crisis affecting older women in Australia. The number of women over 55 years experiencing homelessness increased by 31% in the 2016 Census and grew another 5% in the five years up to the 2021 census. And the numbers may be even bigger, as many women don't identify as "homeless."

The Problem

There are many reasons why women 55+ have particularly suffered:

- lower lifetime earnings,
- interrupted careers for caregiving responsibilities
- reduced superannuation
- major life disruptions like health costs & issues, relationship breakdowns
- expensive private rental markets combined with low, fixed incomes

All these mean financial vulnerability precisely when women have fewer opportunities to recover economically. Small financial shocks that might be manageable for younger people or those with higher incomes can become catastrophic for older women, with limited resources and fewer employment options due to age discrimination. If these women do decide to seek help, they often don't know where to go or how to begin.

The Solution

More social and affordable housing is needed now. Homelessness Australia offers a "supporter pack" with ideas about how you can help. More information is available here: https://homelessnessaustralia.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/07/Supporter-Pack-2025-1.pdf

As we gather in worship on this day we acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which our parish is found. We also pay our respects to Elders past and present.

Food for the spirit Struggling with Grandiosity

"If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."

(Col 3:1)

We live in a world wherein most everything overstimulates our grandiosity, even as we are handed fewer and fewer tools to deal with that.

We are made in the image and likeness of God.

A number of years ago, Robert L. Moore wrote a very significant book entitled, <u>Facing the Dragon</u>. The dragon that most threatens us, he believes, is the dragon of our own grandiosity, that sense inside us that has us believe that we are singularly special and destined for greatness. This condition besets us all. Simply put, each of us, all eight billion of us on this planet, cannot help but feel that we are the center of the universe. And, given that this is mostly unacknowledged and we are generally ill-equipped to deal with it, this makes for a scary situation. It isn't a recipe for peace and harmony, but for jealousy and conflict.

And yet this condition isn't our fault, nor is it in itself a moral flaw in our nature. Our grandiosity comes from the way God made us. We are made in the image and likeness of God. This is the most fundamental, dogmatic truth inside the Judaea-Christian understanding of the human person. However it is not to be conceived of simplistically, like some beautiful icon stamped inside our souls. Rather it needs to be conceived of in this way: God is fire, infinite fire, an energy that is relentlessly seeking to embrace and infuse all of creation. And that fire is inside of us, creating in us a feeling of godliness, an intuition that we too have divine energies, and a pressure to be singularly special and to achieve some form of greatness.

In a manner of speaking, to be made in the image and likeness of God is to have a micro-chip of divinity inside us. This constitutes our greatest dignity but also creates our biggest problems. The infinite does not sit calmly inside the finite. Because we have divine energy inside us we do not make easy peace with this world, and, our longings and desires are grandiose. Not only do we live in that perpetual disquiet that Augustine highlighted in his famous dictum: "You have made us for yourself, Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you!" but this innate grandiosity has us forever nursing the belief that we are special, uniquely-destined, and born to somehow stand out and be recognized and acknowledged for our specialness.

And so all of us are driven outwards by a divine gene to somehow make a statement with our lives, to somehow create a personal immortality, and to somehow create some artifact of specialness that the whole world has to take note of. This isn't an abstract concept; it's utterly earthy.

The evidence for it is seen in every newscast, in every bombing, in every dare-devil stunt and in every situation where someone seeks to stand out. It's seen too in the universal hunger for fame, in the longing to be known, and in the need to be recognized as unique and special. We must be given the tools to understand our own life, admittedly as unique and special, but still as one life among millions of other unique and special lives.

But this grandiosity, of itself, isn't our fault, nor is it

necessarily a moral flaw. It comes from the way we are made, ironically from what is highest and best in us. The problem is that, today, we generally aren't given the tools to grapple with it generatively. More and more we live in a world within which, for countless reasons, our grandiosity is being over-stimulated, even as this is not being recognized and even as we are being given less-and-less the religious and psychological tools with which to handle that. What are these tools?

Psychologically, we need images of the human person that allow us to understand ourselves healthily, yes, but in ways that include an acceptance of our limitations, our frustrations, our anonymity and the fact that our lives must make gracious space for everyone else's life.

Psychologically, we need to be given the tools to understand our own life, admittedly unique and special, but still one life among millions of other unique and special lives. Psychologically, we need better tools for handling our grandiosity.

Religiously, our faith and our churches need to offer us an understanding of the human person that gives us the insights and the disciplines (discipleship) to enable us to live out our uniqueness and our specialness—even as we make peace with our own mortality, our limitations, our frustrations, our anonymity—and create space for the uniqueness and specialness of everyone else's life. In essence, religion has to give us the tools to healthily access the divine fire inside us and act healthily on the talents and gifts God has graced us with, but with the concomitant discipline to humbly acknowledge that these gifts are not our own initiative, that they come from God, and that all we are and achieve is God's grace.

Only then will we not be killed by failure and inflated by success.

The task in life, Robert Lax suggests, is not so much finding a path in the woods as of finding a rhythm to walk in it.

Ron Rolheiser

- Hymns for the Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE: ALL THE ENDS OF EARTH

Refrain:All the ends of the earth, all you creatures of Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart the sea,

Naught be all else to me, save that Thou

Lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord. For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea, Has come with justice for the world.

Break into song at the deeds of the Lord, The wonders God has done in ev'ry age. **R.**

Heaven and earth shall rejoice in God's might; Ev'ry heart ev'ry nation call him Lord. **R.**

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DEDICATION OF THE GIFTS: LOVE IS HIS WORD

Love is His word, Love is His way, Feasting with all, fasting alone, Living and dying, rising again Love only love is His way.

Refrain:

Richer than gold is the love of my Lord. Better than splendour and wealth.

Love is His way, love is His mark, Sharing His last Passover feast. Christ at the table, host to the twelve Love, only love, is His mark.

Love is his mark, love is His sign, Bread for our strength, wine for our joy, This is my body, this is my blood Love, only love is His sign

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COMMUNION: BE THOU MY VISION

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art Thou my best thought, by day or by night Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord Thou and Thou only first in my heart Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art

Great God of heaven, my victory won May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun Heart of my own heart, whatever befall Still be my vision, O ruler of all

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RECESSIONAL: SING A NEW SONG UNTO THE LORD

Refrain: Sing a new song unto the Lord let your song be sung from mountains high. Sing a new song unto the Lord, singing alleluia.

Let God's people dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for God on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. **R**.

Rise, O children, from your sleep your Saviour now has come. He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song. **R.**

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The Prayers and Responses of Mass

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. *Amen*

THE PSALM Ps. 89:3-6. 12-14. 17.

You turn us 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.

You sweep us 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.

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.

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.

THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our

(all bow at the following words in bold)

he came down from heaven.

salvation

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father & the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

ALPHA at Lindfield Killara Starts THIS Tuesday! 5th August

7:00-9:00pm Shirley Wallace Parish Hall



IT'S NOT TOO LATE! REGISTER TODAY

For more info: contact Teresa alpha@lindfieldkillara.org.au

Alpha is for EVERYONE ...It is a series of sessions that freely explore the big questions of life.

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Sunday Mass

Killara Church 5:30pm Vigil

9.00am*

Lindfield Church

6.00pm Vigil **8.30**am 10.15am** 12noon Chinese Mass 6:00pm Youth Mass***

*Morning Tea follows the 9am Mass at Killara on the 1st Sundays ** The 10:15am Mass on the 2nd & 4th Sundays is a Children's Mass,

featuring our Children's Choir (followed by morning tea and COG).

*** On the 3rd Sunday of the month the 6pm Youth Mass is followed by a Parish Pot Luck Dinner in St Brigid's Hall.

Weekday Mass this week Killara - NO MASS TODAY Mon.

Tues. 8am Killara Wed. 10am Lindfield - TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Thurs, 10am Lindfield Fri. 10am Killara - HEALING MASS

The Ordinariate of Our Lady of the Southern Cross (gathering in our church at Killara):

Mass Wednesday 6pm (preceded by Exposition from 5pm) Thursday 9am Friday 9am Sunday 12 noon **Evensong** 4th Sunday of the month 4pm

> Sunday Mass Roster 9 AUGUST

SATURDAY 2 AUGUST Lindfield 6:00PM Fr Thomas Killara 5:30PM Fr Anselam

6:00PM

3 AUGUST 10 AUGUST Fr Thomas Fr Thomas

Fr Hien

Fr Stephen

Fr Thomas

SUNDAY Lindfield 8:30AM Killara

Lindfield

9:00AM Fr Anselam Fr Hien Lindfield 10:15AM Fr Thomas Fr Thomas Lindfield 12:00PM Fr Gerard Kelly Fr Hien

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The Tap Machines are available in our two churches.

AUGUST

Fri 15th

Fri 8th 10am Healing Mass, followed by morning tea at

Parish Diary

Sun 10th 10:15am Children's Mass, followed by COG and

morning tea 10am The Solemnity of the Assumption of the

Blessed Virgin Mary (more details on page 1) 11am Seniors Social Gathering

Every Weds: 8:00am Meditation (online)

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays for 15 mins after Vigil Mass at Killara Saturdays 5.15 - 5.45pm at Lindfield

Our Chinese Catholic Community

常年期第十八主日 3-8-2025 中文主日彌撒正午12時 讀經一 (人所受的一切勞苦, 究竟有什麼益

恭讀訓道篇 1:2; 2:21-23 訓道者說: 「虚而又虚, 萬事皆虚。

「人以智慧、學問和才幹, 勞苦得來的, 卻要留 給那未曾勞苦過的人,作為產業: 這也是空虛和 大不幸。人在太陽之下, 所受的一切勞苦, 以及

操心的事, 究竟有什麼益處? 其實, 人天天所有

的,無非是悲苦和煩惱,連在夜裡,內心也得不 到安息: 這也是空虛。」

-上主的話。

答唱詠 詠90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14,17 【答】: 上主, 從永遠到永遠, 你是我們的靠

山。(詠90:1) 領: 你命世人歸回灰塵,說: 歸來,亞當的子

因為千年在你眼前, 好像剛過去的昨天, 又 好像夜裡的一更。【答】 領: 你使他們消逝, 有如清晨一覺, 又使他們有

如剛萌芽的青草, 早晨還青綠茂盛, 晚上就凋謝 枯萎。【答】 領: 求你教導我們, 數算自己的歲月, 使我們學 習內心的智慧。上主,求你歸來,尚待何時? 求

你快來憐恤你的僕役! 【答】 領: 讓我們清晨就飽享你的慈愛,歡欣鼓舞,天 天愉快。願上主、我們的天主, 廣施恩寵, 使我

們工作順利,事業成功。【答】 讀經二(你們該追求天上的事: 在那裡有基

恭讀聖保祿宗徒致哥羅森人書 3:1-5,9-11

你們既然與基督一同復活了, 就該追求天上的 事, 在那裡, 有基督坐在天主的右邊。你們該思 念天上的事,不該思念地上的事,因為你們已經 死了, 你們的生命, 已與基督一同藏在天主內;

當基督, 我們的生命, 顯現時, 那時, 你們也要 與他一同出現在光榮之中。

為此,你們要致死屬於地上的肢體,致死淫亂、

不潔、

邪情、私慾,及無異於偶像崇拜的貪婪。 不要彼此說謊。你們原來已經脫去舊人, 及舊的 行為, 且穿上了新人; 這新人是按照他創造者的 肖像而更新的,以獲得真知灼見。在這事上,已 沒有希臘人或猶太人、受割損的或未受割損的、 野蠻人、叔提雅人、奴隸,或自由人的分別,而 只有基督: 他就是一切, 並在一切之內。 - 上主的話。

福音前歡呼

領眾· 亞肋路亞.

領: 神貧的人是有福的, 因為天國是他們的 (瑪 5:3)

福音 (你所儲備的, 將歸誰呢?) 恭讀聖路加福音 12:13-21

那時候,人群中有一個人,向耶穌說:「師父, 請吩咐我的兄弟,與我分家吧!」

耶穌對他說: 「人哪, 誰派我做你們的判官, 為 你們分家呢? 1

於是, 耶穌對群眾說: 「你們要謹慎, 躲避一切 貪婪,因為一個人縱然富裕,他的生命並不在於

他的資**產**. 1 耶穌對群眾講了一個比喻, 說: 「有一個富翁, 他的田地出產豐富。他心裡想: 我可怎麼辦呢?

因為我已沒有地方, 收藏我的物產。於是, 他 說: 我要這樣做: 我要拆毀我的倉庫, 另建更大 的,這樣就能夠收藏我的一切穀物和財產了。然 後, 我要對我的靈魂說: 靈魂哪! 你存有大量財 物,足夠多年之用,你休息吧!吃喝宴樂吧! 「天主卻對他說: 糊塗人哪! 今夜就要收回你的

靈魂, 你所儲備的, 將歸誰呢? 「那些只為自己累積財產, 而不在天主前致富的 人,也是如此。」——上主的話。

彌撒後.請各教友參加午餐聚會 Sunday School主日學 12:00 (中英雙語) **牧職修女 司徒金美修女 📞 0419-426899

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Lord, in Jesus your Son, you restored to us the gift of everlasting life. Grant that life to:

Recently deceased: Sylvia Yee Joy, Frank Hallissy Anniversary: Phyliss Ward, Ellen Phoon, John Crawford, Ellen Lee, Beryl Cates, John Miller, Kevin Cavanagh, Nora Kelliher, Ian Coffey

Please pray for those who are sick: Margaret Doherty & her sister; Kath Kelly, Elvira Escay Rodriguez, Wolfgang Liers, Tanya Walsh, Jutta Mathur, Jessica Keen, Ali Crawford, Barbara McMullen, William Wise, Janette Brennan.

Fr Richard Rohr OFM's Meditation: FREEDOM RESULTS FROM ACTION

Freedom is not a state; it is an act. It is not some enchanted garden perched high on a distant plateau where we can finally sit down and rest. Freedom is the continuous action we all must take, and each generation must do its part to create an even more fair, more just society.

—John Lewis, Across That Bridge

Pastor Janelle Bruce reflects on how Jesus' liberating acts in the temple (Mark 11:15–17) were the model for clergy-led Moral Monday protests in North Carolina and beyond:

When Jesus comes to the temple, he drives out those who are selling and buying, and he overturns the tables of the money changers. He says, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a 'den of robbers."

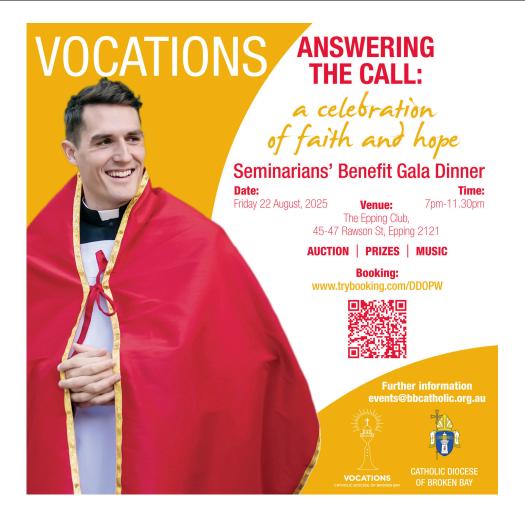
Doing justice and overturning tables is not an option but a mandate. Holy disruption is a mandate for those who follow Christ, those who profess love as their religion, and those who believe in justice. While comfort leads us to accept more of the same, our faith calls us to disrupt that which harms God's people.

We cannot become so comfortable having a seat at the table that we refuse to flip it over when it becomes a tool of oppression. We cannot fail to act because we fear the consequences. I watched the radical work of the Forward Together Moral Movement when the group's protests first began in 2013.

I was awed by North Carolinians of different backgrounds standing together, with the crowd growing from dozens to hundreds to thousands, Monday after Monday. These holy disruptors fought against the destruction of voting rights, tax codes that would hurt the most vulnerable, and policies that would devastate students, the poor, the elderly, and African Americans.... For far too long, churches have depoliticized the gospel of Jesus that demands love and justice in action.

Bruce names areas that deserve disruption in the United States today:

When we have fewer voting rights today than we did fifty years ago, we need holy disruption. When seven hundred people die every day from poverty in the United States while the richest amass and hoard wealth, we must engage in holy disruption. Holy disruption demands that people be treated justly and reminds our legislators that they are servant-leaders who will be held accountable to the people. If we walk in the radical nature of Christ when we step into spaces of injustice, people will think, here comes trouble: good, liberating, loving, Christlike trouble!... On that first Moral Monday, Jesus showed us how to overturn tables. May we remember Jesus the revolutionary, the refugee, the prisoner, and the table turner. May we embody Jesus who fought for the poor, questioned corrupt religious establishments, and challenged the evil policies of the government. Just as Jesus disrupted the Roman Empire, we are the moral witnesses of today, and we are called to disrupt the unjust empires of our time.





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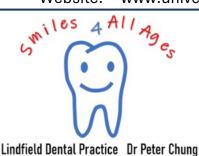
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Children's Mass & COG

Join us for our next Children's Mass and COG session on Sunday at 10:15am.

After Mass, all children are warmly invited to head down to the glassroom for our COG session, where we'll be exploring the theme of forgiveness—why it matters and how we can learn to forgive one another, just as Jesus teaches us.



We'd love to see you there!





Please email our youth minister - Kate - for more details at youth@lindfieldkillara.org.au



