

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

Eccl 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.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm cf. Ps 94

*R If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. *R*

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. *R*

O that today you would listen to his voice!
"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work. *R*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Colossians

Col. 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.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke
Lk 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 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.



Next Weeks Readings:

First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9

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

Gospel Luke 12:32-48



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Eighteenth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C 4th August 2019



Dear Parishioners,

All three readings of today's liturgy make reference to material possessions. Finances, property, possessions are indispensable for the living of our human lives. But a wrong attitude to these things can have disastrous consequences. The question from the 'man in the crowd', in the gospel reading, reminds us that disputes about inheritance can destroy families.

Human fulfilment will not be found in 'the things that are on the earth' alone, but in 'the life we have with Christ in God', in the 'glory' of a new heaven and a new earth. The wealthy farmer is not portrayed as being wicked. In fact, worldly wisdom would be inclined to say that he should be commended for his foresight. But in God's eyes, Jesus bluntly tells us, he is a 'fool'. The emptiness of his life is clear in the end - when God's call comes, he has nothing that he can call his own. It is not what we have, but what we are that matters!

Possessions are so important for our welfare and that of our families, this is not an easy lesson to learn. The unbalanced pursuit of material things can take possession of a person, so that their life is built on inner emptiness. Jesus concludes His parable with the same thought: 'make yourselves rich in the sight of God' - set your heart on what really matters; recognise what it is that you will take with you into eternal life.

In refusing to "store up treasure" for our own selfish ends, we become forever "rich toward God". Jesus challenges us by saying: 'Sell your possessions and give to those in need. Get yourself treasure that will not fail you'.

Fr Tomy

PARISH LITURGIES

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am

9:00am

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday
(except school holidays)

6:00pm

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 7:45am

Tuesday 7:45am The Transfiguration

Wednesday 7:45am

Thursday 7:45am St Mary of the Cross
(MacKillop)

(Ordinarite of Our Lady of the Southern Cross)

Friday 9:15am

(Except 1st Friday of Month)

First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

Saturday 7:45am St Lawrence

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am

First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick 9:00am

Thursday 9:00am St Mary of the Cross
(MacKillop)

EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 8:15am—9:00am

St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Sunday Before 8:00am Mass

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

St Mary's Toukley

7:25am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

8:45am Friday



We welcome all of our parishioners and visitors who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist this weekend. You are all most welcome here in our Parish Family. Please feel free to make yourself known to us and we look forward to speaking with you.

We give a very special and warm welcome today to three Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation from the Philippines, Sr Eden Giacina, OSA, Sr Josefa Mabini OSA and Sr Jennifer Canillas OSA.



The Congregation of the Augustinian Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation began in the Philippines as an apostolic branch of the Order of St. Augustine (OSA) in 1883

The Augustinian Charism flourishes in school and college apostolate, nursing and medical services, campus, pastoral and catechetical ministries, ministries with street children, tribal Filipinos, justice, peace and integrity of creation and women's desk, and among migrant workers in many countries.

Sr Eden Giacina is one of the General Councillors of the Augustinian Sisters and has accompanied Sr Josefa and Sr Jennifer on their mission-assignment in our Diocese of Broken Bay. Sister Eden will be with us for one month to assist her sisters settle in and adjust to their new mission here in our Diocese and Parish, as Pastoral Ministry Coordinators, at MacKillop College Warnervale and St Brigid's College Lake Munmorah.

Please make Sr Eden, Sr Josefa and Sr Jennifer welcome here, as part of our parish family, and take time to get to know them over the coming weeks.



Prayer for a New Bishop

Heavenly Father and Eternal Shepherd, you watch over and govern your flock with vigilance and concern. In your immense love, grant to your Church a pastor who will please you by his holiness and aid us with his unfailing care.

In your time, grant us the joy of welcoming a shepherd formed after your own heart.

May he be an example of virtue to your people and, imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit, fill their minds with the truth and beauty of the Gospel. Grant wisdom, O Lord, to those now discerning your holy will in the selection of our new Bishop.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and through the intercession of our Mother, Mary Star of the Sea.

Upcoming Parish Events

Monthly Morning Tea

This Sunday, at St Brendan's after the 8am Mass, hosted by the Lavin Group. St Mary's, after 9am Mass, hosted by St Mary's Choir. Please stay and enjoy our hospitality and friendship and welcome the Augustinian Sisters, at St Mary's, to our parish community. Everyone is most welcome!



Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation, will be celebrated in our parish on Saturday 21st September. Please keep the children, who are preparing for Confirmation, and their families, in your prayers at this time. May they experience the gifts, of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

Charitable Works Fund

The first CWF collection for the 2019/2020 Financial Year will be held on the weekend of 10/11 August.



The CWF supports the charitable activities of the Diocese, including the Catechists who provide religious education to Catholic children in State Schools.

We are very grateful for your previous support to this appeal and ask that you again support it, to the best of your ability, with your generous donations.

Feast of the Assumption– Holy Day of Obligation

To help our parishioners fulfil their obligation to attend Mass, on the Feast of the Assumption, an additional Mass will be celebrated at 6:00pm, on Thursday 15th August, at St Mary's Toukley.

Reproductive Health Care Reform Bill 2019

A bill to make abortion legal in NSW up until birth, for any reason, has been tabled in NSW Parliament and is due to be voted on this week. Archbishop Anthony Fisher, Archbishop of Sydney, has asked all Catholics in NSW to urgently contact their state Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this bill.

Contact details below:-

Member for Wyong - Mr David Harris MP phone on 4352 2711 or email wyong@parliament.nsw.gov.au

Member for Swansea - Yasmin Catley phone on 4972 1133 or email swansea@parliament.nsw.gov.au

In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick.

Recently Deceased

Carmel Cianter, Donell Stonestreet, Doug Fitte, Angela Pearce, Fred Wilesmith

Anniversaries

Philip Kinchington, Elizabeth Coles, Charlie McCluskey, Ignatius Lavin, Lidia Cure, Frederick Heming, Barry, Wiseman, Colin Kelman, Elizabeth Meeker, Eileen Sykes, William Henry Baker, Robert Foley, Michael Moses, Charlie Cini, Keith Madden, Leonard Smith,

Remembrances

Carol Brown, Bob Higgins, James William Baker, Barbara Hudson, Fr Ian Abbott, Fr Jack Soulsby, Anselmo, Paulita, Enrico, Arturo & Pio Edwin, Pantaleon & Temotea Ambait, Elma Capacite, Romua Angela Pearcelda & Hermigildo Giba, John Sullivan, Pat Rule, Valmai Joseph, Stark Family, Moore and Langley families, and the Holy Souls

Please Pray for the Sick

Teresa Wegrzyn, Alison Mortiss, Maureen Baxter, Shanon Bradler, John Daniel, Luc Bouquet, Margaret Downing, , Wayne O'Neil, , Daisy Realo, Donatus Morrison, John and Helen Loader, Maria Loisa Etello, Kevin and Therese Harvey, Margo Walton, Len O'Shea, Rayne Mateo, Brenda Durley, Jeff Henshaw, Lea Slucher, Ray Slucher, Michael Wiggin, Vanessa Miller, Alexis Hagen, Francis Lim, Koby Bourke, Tony Hodges, Eleanor Matthews, Wendy Lott, Fred Butterfield, Lina Phillips, Betty Carroll, Leanne Knight, Mary Mahony, Rayne Mateo, Arnold Fletcher, Stephen Knight, Adrienne Gibson, Arne Jensen, Heather Niblett, Kathleen Strong, Evan Shepherd, Rosa M Santos, Betty Tattersal.

Social Justice

You can make our society safer for our children, women and the elderly.

Raise your awareness and skills to identify and support victims.

Men and women, young and old can play a part to end Domestic Violence.

Set aside this date 18th September.

The Entrance 'Our Lady of the Rosary' Church Centre. 10:00a.m. Till 12:30.

Warnervale Social Justice Group.



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