



MANLY FRESHWATER CATHOLIC PARISH

Mary Immaculate and St John the Baptist Churches

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 30th July 2023



Gospel Reflection

The first two parables in today's Gospel – the parables of the buried treasure and the pearl – are lessons in the total *attachment* to Christ and *detachment* from the things of the world demanded of the disciple in order to make the reign of God a reality.

The parable of the dragnet is similar in theme to last week's parable of the wheat and weeds. Again, Matthew makes the point that the kingdom of God is neither an instant happening nor a static event, but a dynamic movement toward completion and fulfillment which Jesus set into motion.

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CATHOLIC CARE HOMELESSNESS APPEAL



There is no place like home – but for many having a home is not a reality. The causes may be diverse, but the impact is the same – a loss of dignity and a sense of hopelessness.

Thank you to our Parishes for helping us fundraise for Catholic Care's homelessness services. A donation drive will take place during Homelessness Week on 5 & 6 August. Thank you in advance for supporting this important Diocesan initiative.

Envelopes will be available in the pews.

Livestreaming on Facebook Sunday 8:30am Mass
[manlyfreshwaterparishfacebook/videos](https://www.facebook.com/manlyfreshwaterparish/videos)

FR DAVID'S ANNUAL LEAVE

Fr David will be taking his annual leave from 31st July – 1st September inclusive.

Please keep him in your prayers.

The Augustinian priests from Manly Vale and Brookvale will be assisting in the weekend Masses.

CHANGES TO WEEKDAY 9:15am MASSES DURING AUGUST...

Mass will be held on the following days...

Manly: Tuesday, Thursday and Friday

Freshwater: Wednesday



ST JOSEPH MEN'S GROUP

Thursday 3rd August

Let's come together for the Eucharist at 6.30pm followed by a gathering and BBQ in the parish centre. All Welcome.

End of Financial Year – Tax Receipts for Pastoral Works Broken Bay (PWBB) and Project Compassion are available by contacting the Parish Office on 9977 5822 or by email: manlyfreshwaterparish@bbcatholic.org.au.

Please note, donations to the Planned Giving Program are not tax deductible.

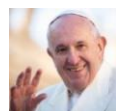
We thank you for your generous support of the Parish throughout the year.

PARISH GIVING – thank you for your generous support. We encourage you to use the tap machines at the Church entrances. If you prefer to use cash there will be **ONE** collection during Mass at the offertory at Manly and **TWO** at Freshwater.



Manly Freshwater Parish promotes SAFEGUARDING which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community.

We of Manly Freshwater Parish acknowledge the Kay-ee-my people, on whose ancestral lands we gather to worship today.



Pope Francis Prayer Intention for July – For a Eucharistic life. We pray that Catholics may place the celebration of the Eucharist at the heart of their lives, transforming human relationships in

a very deep way and opening to the encounter with God and all their brothers and sisters.

LET US PRAY FOR

30th July 2023

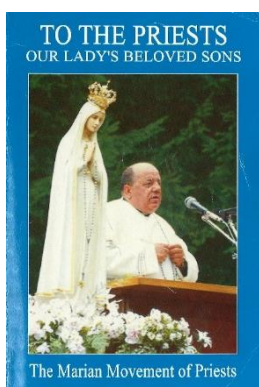
Recently Deceased: Margaret Brennan

Anniversary: Ginnie (Gioconda) Rossini

Prayers for the sick in our parish: “*Lord, grant them and their carers strength and courage*” Margaret Burridge; Stephen Robertson; Maureen Williams; Gerry Wybrandt; Amy Farrow; Patricia Duffy; Florencia Lira; Ken Waller; Mary Helen Fogarty; Belinda Nicholls; Jacqui Dawson; Gerry Ring; Zachaeus Ratnam; Pat Smith; John Connors; Don Hews; Joan Jacobs; Sheila Lee; Donnacha Donnelly; Paul Donnelly; Julie & Rodney Wallis; Lyn Hillard; Ian Flynn; Jake Usher; Wayne Smedley; Shirley Ford; Apolinar Anasarias; Kay Flenady; Annette Frances O’Leary

Dates to remember...

- **SMM Class Mass** Thurs 3rd Aug 9:15am
- **St Joseph Men’s Group Mass** Thurs 3rd Aug 6.30pm
- **Anointing Mass at Manly** Friday 4th Aug 9:15am
- **Cenacle of Our Lady SMM** Tues 9:45am, SJB Wed 9:45am
- **Lectio Divina** Tues 7:30pm and Wed 10am
- **Eucharistic Adoration in Manly** Wed 6pm – 7:30pm



Fr Stefano Gobbi was born in Dongo Italy 1930 and died in 2011. He was a member of the Company of St. Paul and held a doctorate in sacred theology from the Pontifical University of the Lateran in Rome.

On May 8, 1972, while praying in the Chapel of the Apparitions at Fatima, the Mother of God impressed upon Fr Gobbi her desire that he start the Marian Movement of Priests. The movement was launched on 13th Oct 1972. It was exactly 55 years since the

stupendous miracle of the sun at Fatima had underlined the importance and urgency of the message Our Lady had been commissioned to bring to earth.

The Cenacle of Our Lady is read in front of Our Lady’s statue in Manly Church on Tuesdays at 9:45am and Freshwater Church on Wednesdays at 9:45am. All Welcome.

PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS

- Bible Study via Zoom: 2nd & 4th Tuesday at 7pm
- Cenacle of Our Lady: Tuesday 9:45am Manly Church Wednesday 9:45am Freshwater Church
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Weds 6:00pm – 7:30pm Manly
- Lectio Divina: Tues 7.30pm & Weds 10am Parish Centre
- Piety Store: open on weekends or call the Parish Office
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary via Zoom: 1st Thurs 6pm, every other Thurs 7pm
- Rosary: Freshwater Tues – Fri 8.45am in Church.

PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS

- Anointing Mass: Manly & Freshwater 1st Friday 9:15am
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Joseph Men’s Group: 1st Thurs of the month 7pm
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month 5:30pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN MANLY ON

WEDNESDAYS Quiet Prayer & Adoration 6:00pm – 7pm
Scripture Reflection on the Eucharist & Benediction 7pm – 7:30pm. Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said starting at 6pm

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SUPPORT OUR PARISH & PRIESTS FINANCIALLY by using one of the following...

1. **Planned Giving:** through a monthly direct debit or credit card. Please contact the parish office for more information 9977 5822.
2. **Collection plates during Mass**
3. **Tap and Go machines** using your credit/debit card or. **EFTPOS Terminals.**
4. **Scan to Donate** using the QR code to access our BPoint Donation page.
5. **Directly into Parish Bank Accounts**
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Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
Account # 100002025 BSB: 062 784
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Account: Manly Freshwater Parish Pastoral
Bank Name: Commonwealth Bank
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Bequests – Remembering your faith community in your Will! After providing for family members in your Will, have you ever considered leaving a bequest directly to your local parish or the Diocese of Broken Bay? This is called a legacy or bequest. Over the years, many people who have felt a special connection with their local parish and church have left part of their Estate to their Parish or the Diocese of Broken Bay. Like a gift to a charity, a bequest of any amount to the Church is a way of saying “thank you” for the spiritual nurturing provided to you and your family over the years. If you would like further information on bequests including how we can acknowledge your generosity in your lifetime, please speak with your Parish Priest or the Broken Bay Diocese Office for Communications on 8379 1664.



Vinnies Winter Appeal Update....

We would like to thank all our wonderful parishioners for their fantastic support of the Vinnies winter appeal this year. Through your generosity we will be able to help those families in need.

The appeal raised \$15,650 which is fantastic.

A big thank to the Parish Craft Group who kindly donated \$1,330 to the appeal.

A big thank you also to the children and families at our parish schools for their donations of food etc. And their support throughout the year.

Please keep all the needy in your prayers.

We would like to thank Fr David and Fr John for their help supporting our conference work over the years, it is very much appreciated.

Bruce - Manly conference, Mick - Freshwater conference

PIETY STORE

Movie of the month “I Confess”. An Alfred Hitchcock masterpiece. A deeply inspirational and suspenseful movie exploring; the truth, the cross, forgiveness and the seal of the confessional. Only \$10 @ the piety store.

CD of the month – St Ignatius and the company of Jesus – Craig Turner. The incredible true story on the founder of the Jesuits “St Ignatius of Loyola” and the legacy he left the world. Only \$5 @ the piety store.



THANK YOU!

To all our parishioners and friends who have donated to the Diocese Pastoral Works Broken Bay, the pastoral charity of our Catholic community.

Your kindness and generosity will make a difference to someone in hospital, school, a parish and the wider community.

Pastoral Works Broken Bay also supports:

- St Lucy's School** K-12 students with disabilities
- St Edmund's College** 7-12 students with disabilities
- Ephpheta Centre** Catholic deaf community

If you donated via the Good Giving app, use this QR Code to access a tutorial to get your donation statement for the 2022/2023 financial year.



St Mary's School News...



St. Mary's Manly ended Term 2 with a beautiful Family Mass hosted by years 3 and 4 and a sausage sizzle afterwards.

Fr. John's Homily shared an important lesson with our children, reminding them that they are never alone as God is always by their side, offering love, support, and guidance throughout their journey.



At school a special competition was organized: a paper plane competition! The kids made their paper planes at home and brought them to school for a fierce but fun competition.

Our year 5 and 6 students participated in a demonstration of the heart defibrillators that were recently installed at our Parish. Heart Safe Australia kindly donated these defibrillators to our Parish. We hope many of our Parishioners have been able to attend the demonstrations that were done in church in Manly and in Freshwater.

Term 3 started a week ago and we kicked it off with a bang at St. Mary's! Many fun and educational events to look forward to this term for our kids.



On July 20th we had our Grandparents' and Special Friends 'Day. Grandparents/ Special Friends offer unconditional love, kindness and memories to kids and often take a special place in our kids' lives. It was beautiful to see these wonderful connections at school. Both the kids and the grandparents loved spending time together at school. After a special liturgy, the grandparents visited the kids in their classrooms and then enjoyed a morning tea in the Hall.

St John's School News...

SJB students have returned to school after our mid-year break and are straight into Semester 2!

In Term 3 we are busy with new programs, continuing with Tournament of the Minds and looking forward to excursions, incursions and school sporting events and we will be supporting our SJB students who are representing the school, region and even the state at the national titles in Hobart!

We are preparing for the annual Bear Pit speaking competition at State Parliament House and The Northern Beaches Speaking for Year 6. We are keeping busy with our Clubs which include Chess, Coding, Drama, Art, Library, Wellbeing and more. The choir and band are back practicing following their entertaining performances at the end of last term and students are also hard at work every lunch time preparing for their upcoming Wakakirri performance.

This week our Year 5 and 6 students travelled to join with St Cecelia's Balgowlah for a Stage 3 connection day, where CODE4FUN instructors prepared 3 challenges for the students including a Drones challenge where they had to fly a drone and find a secret message; Sphero robotics including a Speed Maze challenge; and a Coding challenge involving fractals. It was great to have the two schools come together, and we look forward to further opportunities to connect with our Broken Bay schools.



This week we warmly welcomed our grandparents, grand-friends, and families. It was very special to have them with us at school. We also remembered the grandparents who could not be with us. May all our grandparents know that we love them very much and they are all in our thoughts wherever they are!

Kindergarten and Year 6 hosted the morning liturgy which included prayers, a performance, poems written by Year 6 and the kindergarten students spoke about why they love their grandparents. The liturgy was followed by Morning Tea and our grandparents visiting and joining in classrooms activities. Grandparents Day



is always a very special day!

St John the Baptist, Freshwater, are enrolling now for kindergarten 2024! Please follow details below!

Kind regards Kelli Johnson (Acting REC)



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RESILIENCE PROJECT 2023

WE ACKNOWLEDGE AND PAY RESPECT TO THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS, PRESENT AND FUTURE OF THE GARIBALDI AND GAYARRAGAL PEOPLE WHO LONG BEFORE US LIVED, LEARNED AND RAISED THEIR CHILDREN ON THESE LANDS. WE ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE ALL ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY AND ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR DEEP PHYSICAL AND SPIRITUAL CONNECTIONS TO THE LAND, SEA AND WATERWAYS.



Vox Populi – The voice of the people - 20 July 2023

A group of Broken Bay pilgrims will soon be experiencing a journey of a lifetime. A joyful and faith filled experience as Christ's witnesses to His mission.

The group of 169 will join thousands of others from around the world in Lisbon, Portugal, for World Youth Day in the first week of August.

Comprising students, young adults, teachers, priests, religious, seminarians, and diocesan leaders, the majority of the pilgrims depart Friday evening, 21 July, for Venice, Italy, to begin their pilgrimage through Italy.

They will be led by Bishop Anthony to the holy sites of many of our saints- to their birthplaces, cathedrals, basilicas and holy resting places. While some have been to a number of WYD's, for many it is the first time they have been overseas or to Europe. What an experience!

At the end of the month these pilgrims will be joined by another Broken Bay group in Lisbon and the Broken Bay WYD Magnify Pilgrimage will encounter an amazing experience.

There will be times of prayer and reflection and times of music and great celebration with young people from so many and varied cultures.

The Holy Father, Pope Francis will join this unique gathering, encouraging them to see the meeting with "hope" and that they "grow and acquire values they did not have before... values that will stay for life, and with that, it will convey the message that the Church has young people's strength".

For Bishop Anthony it is also his first WYD.

"I too am very excited about being part of this journey but also excited for our young people," he said before leaving.

"Our group is incredibly enthusiastic, really filled with the Holy Spirit for what will be a life changing experience for many.

"Please pray for all of us during the coming weeks and ask our Blessed Mother to carry each one of us in her heart and that we return safely to our loved ones."

Many communities throughout Broken Bay have come together to support, fundraise, and encourage our travellers. You are all part of the journey – and all part of the storytelling.

You can now journey with our pilgrims online by following our [Hashtag Challenge here](#)

Thank you all for your prayers and support!

WYD MESSAGE FROM RICHARD HEASMAN...

Hi all, by the time you read this report this Sunday, Josh Wright, Sampson Hyland and Richard Heasman will be enroute to Lisbon, Portugal, representing the Parish at World Youth Day. Please find below an itinerary of the whole event so that you can follow along in their journey. The boys will also be posting photos in the bulletin during their pilgrimage so please keep your eyes peeled! Your prayers are very much appreciated, especially for safety and energy!

The journey is divided into two sections, the 'World Youth Day Week' in Lisbon (8 nights) and then a Post WYD Retreat in Fatima, further north, for three nights.

29 July Richard Heasman begins his journey from Sydney Airport to Madrid, Spain via Doha, Qatar. He will be meeting Josh Wright and Sampson Hyland in Lisbon, as Josh is already in Europe on holiday and Sampson is in Europe on a gap-year.

30 July After our arrival into Lisbon (via coach from Madrid), we join the streams of young pilgrims (estimated at one million!) converging today on the WYD host city, and our long-awaited meeting with the youth of the world and our Holy Father. Upon our arrival, we will be welcomed and ushered to the Iberostar Selection Hotel in central Lisbon. At this point we will receive our WYD Pilgrim Kit containing the WYD backpack, water bottle, t-shirt, rosary, hat and lanyard; and all the information needed to get around Lisbon and participate in the WYD events.

31 July We have free time to familiarise ourselves with Lisbon.

1 August The WYD Week begins with an evening opening ceremony. The boys are not sure precisely what is involved in this ceremony, but trust that it will be very good! The theme is "Mary arose and went with haste." (Lk 1:39)

2 -4 August Each morning will have a daily catechesis, Mass and Reconciliation. The evenings will have various Youth Festival Events.

5 August Today will begin the mass mobilisation of pilgrims along set walking paths through the city as we converge on the site chosen for the historic WYD gathering here in Lisbon. An afternoon of concerts, performances, and song will unfold as we await the arrival of the Holy Father. This begins the main event! The celebrations continue all night as we share in a global sleep-out under the stars, similar to the sleep-out at Randwick Racecourse in Sydney in 2008 during that year's World Youth Day celebrations.

6 August As the sun rises, we'll share in Morning Prayer, breakfast and the climactic WYD Papal Mass with the youth of the world. The Pope will concelebrate Mass with thousands of bishops and

priests, addressing us and sending us out to the world to witness to our faith, as the Lord did with his Apostles. At the end of the Mass, the Holy Father will announce the place where the next international World Youth Day will be held.

7 August Today we farewell Lisbon and head for the post WYD Retreat in Fatima. We will spend the following days entering into a time of rest, recreation and retreat, as we unwind and process the previous week.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE There are two tours available during the retreat at Fatima, which are detailed below:

Sanctuary Guided Tour Set off on foot with a guided orientation tour of Fatima Square (the largest in all of Christendom), the chapel site of the apparitions, the Rosary Basilica with the tombs of the visionaries, the Museum, Blessed Sacrament Chapel and more.

Village of the Visionaries Pilgrim groups may choose to begin this excursion by praying the beautiful Stations of the Cross culminating at the Chapel of Calvary which overlooks all of Fatima. Continue to Valinhos, the site of Our Lady's appearance to three peasant children Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta. Proceed on to the little village of Aljustrel to visit the homes where the children once lived as our guides tell more of the fascinating Fatima story.

Each evening in Fatima, the night program begins with a pilgrim procession to the main square including an international rosary in the Chapel of the Apparitions. These run for three nights before we make our return to Lisbon and then to home.

12 August- Arrive Sydney!



Ignite 2023

The Diocese of Broken Bay is proud to be hosting one of Australia's most powerful **Catholic Conferences - Ignite** from 28 September to 1 October 2023.

Registrations for this year's conference are now open. Evangelisation Broken Bay has a number of subsidies available to support Young Adults and members of the Diocesan community to attend this year's conference. Subsidies will provide a 50% discount on the ticket price for the conference. Please consider members of your community who you feel may benefit from the support of financial subsidy.

To request a discount code, please email Evangelisationea@bbcatholic.org.au

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Community movie screening



Proudly presented by St Mary's Catholic Primary School P&F

Stella Maris College Theatre

Thursday, 17th August

6:15pm Admission for 6:30pm Start - 8:30pm Finish

Suitable for Year 5 students and above



Tickets via QR or Eventbrite:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/668067837887>



Thursday 17th August at 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Stella Maris College Theatre

The Letter has been viewed by millions of people around the world inspiring action to heal our relationships with God's creation, our common home. It took over six years to make the film. The intention is to watch the film and then have some dialogue as a community so that together we can take better care of our common home.

This community screening is a local community event hosted by St Mary's Primary School P&F for the school and parish and open to the local community. Please note that the film is suitable for Year 5 students and above and will be held in the Stella Maris College Theatre, Manly.

To register please access the eventbrite webpage via the QR code or the link below:
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/668067837887>



The trailer of the film is accessible here:
<https://www.theletterfilm.org/>

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about the film night.

Jacqui Rémond – jacquiremond@gmail.com

MINISTRY ROSTER – AUGUST 2023 – MANLY

	Ministry	Week 1 5th – 6th August	Week 2 12th – 13th August	Week 3 19th – 20th August	Week 4 26th – 27th August
		Transfiguration of the Lord	19th Sun in Ordinary Time	20th Sun in Ordinary Time	21st Sun in Ordinary Time
6pm Vigil Mass	Server	Kieran Wan	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Freya Zemek	Bill Tango	Rita Bruzzese	Bill Tango
	Music	CD'S	CD'S	CD'S	CD's
	Welcomers	John & Merle Zemek Mary Prager	John & Merle Zemek	John & Merle Zemek Mary Prager	John & Merle Zemek
	Piety Store	Merle Zemek	Merle Zemek	Merle Zemek	Merle Zemek
8:30am Mass	Server	Ken Thompson	Ivica Covic	Ken Thompson	Ivica Covic
	Readers	Jan Van Den Broek	Patty Thomas	Patty Thomas	Jan Van Den Broek
	Music	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	AV Screens	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall	Robert Marshall
	Piety Store	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen
10:30am Mass	Server	Louise Wareham	Louise Wareham Teresa Hearn	TBC Bernie Lawler	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Katalina Taefotu Ron Gravolin	Rita Bruzzese Janie Fonua	Carmel Lawler Katalina Taefotu	Rita Bruzzese Janie Fonua
	Music	Tongan Choir	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz	Tongan Choir	Gina Marshall Bianca Zatz
	AV Screens	Tongan Choir	Robert Marshall	Tongan Choir	Robert Marshall
	Welcomers	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul Pervan Anne Gaughan	Paul & Nicola Pervan Anne Gaughan
	Morning Tea			Tongan Community	
	Piety Store	Kim McGrath	Jenny Tucker	Kim McGrath	Jenny Tucker
6pm Mass	Server	Ivica Covic	Kieran & Gabriele Wan	Ivica Covic	Kieran & Gabriele Wan
	Readers	Dean Gale	Sandie Cornish	Youth Group	Family Mass
	Music	Simon Hyland	Josh Willard	Simon Hyland	Family Mass
	Piety Store	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required	Assistance Required

MINISTRY ROSTER – AUGUST 2023 – FRESHWATER

	Ministry	Week 1 5th – 6th August	Week 2 12th – 13th August	Week 3 19th – 20th August	Week 4 26th – 27th August
		Transfiguration of the Lord	19th Sun in Ordinary Time	20th Sun in Ordinary Time	21st Sun in Ordinary Time
5pm Vigil	Server	Mick O'Farrell	Ian Press	Mick O'Farrell	Ian Press
	Readers	Amanda Whitfield	Family Mass	Amanda Whitfield	Jessica & Joseph Press
	Music	CD's	Family Mass	CD's	CD's
	Welcomers	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott	Shirley Abbott
	Server	Joanne Druery	Mick O'Farrell	Francis Raymond	Amorina Wright
9am Mass	Readers	Patricia Brown Luke Campbell	Vincent Bokanovic Luka Bokanovic	Toni Walsh Pam Brown	Josh Wright Jasmine Wright
	Music	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown	Pat Brown
	Welcomers	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt	Sally Moffatt
	Altar Society	Isabella & Phillip d'Souza	Maria Harkness	Jacqui Good Mary Arcus	Patricia & Solo Brown
	Morning Teas	Andy & Beck Thiss	Tim Markwart	Angelica & Michael Rosatto	Wright family

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries, please contact the parish office 9977 5822

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

First Reading *1 Kings 3:5, 7-12 (JB)*

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial *Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130*

R. Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. R.

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. R.

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. R.

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. R.

Second Reading *Romans 8:28-30 (JB)*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true

images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation *cf Matthew 11:25 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 13:44-52 (JB)*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

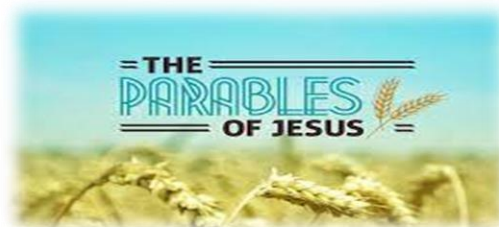
'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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