



TRUE AND LASTING TREASURE

A rich man questions Jesus: "Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus deflects the epithet "Good" away from himself and on to God. For God is the author of life, and questions about "life" relate to what God lays down. This, initially, is found in the Commandments.

When the man responds that he has kept these from his youth, Jesus, we are told, "looked steadily at him and loved him". This moves the interaction to an entirely new plane. The instructions that follow ("Go, sell what you own and give the money to the poor ... then come, follow me"), do not stand alone but stem entirely from the personal relationship Jesus is now offering the man. Being chosen ("looked upon") and "loved" by Jesus should communicate the freedom from attachment to wealth that following him will require.

But the prospect of companionship with Jesus and "treasure in heaven" fails to break the man's attachment to wealth and the security it seems to provide. The fact that he goes away "sad" suggests that in his heart he knows he will miss out on the true treasure he was seeking.

Jesus respects the man's freedom and lets him go. He had issued an invitation, not a demand.

Despite his radical concluding comments about wealth that so perplex the disciples, Jesus hardly required literal abandonment of possessions from all his followers. But all are called to freedom from the kind of attachment to wealth that shows distrust of God and gets in the way of lasting riches.

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.

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Brendan Byrne, SJ

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.**

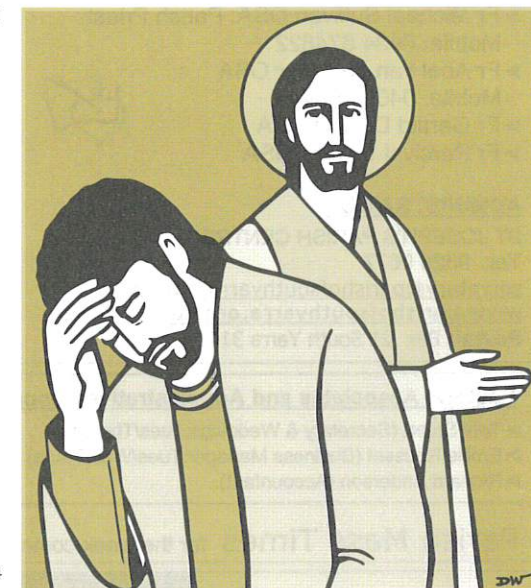
SECOND READING

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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CHILDRENS' LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 First & third Sundays of the month
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.15pm – 5.45pm
 (or by request)

ANOIDING / HEALING MASS

First Tuesday of the month 10am at
 St Joseph's Church
*(Senior parishioners, those with ongoing
 sickness, those with mental illness, may all
 receive the Sacrament of the Sick)*

Pastoral Associates and Administrative Support

- ▶ Toni Stuart (Secretary & Weddings: Tues/Thurs/Fri)
- ▶ Yvonne Bolland (Weddings: Tues 10am-12noon)
- ▶ Emilie Rousset (Business Manager: Tues/Wed/Thurs)
- ▶ Diane Brebner (Alfred Hospital Liaison)
- ▶ Richard Anderson (Accountant)

Parish Mass Times for the week commencing weekend 14th October 2018

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS
	TIME	TIME
Sunday 14 th October 28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Saturday- Vigil 6pm) 10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 15 th October St Teresa of Avila		
Tuesday 16 th October	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Wednesday 17 th October St Ignatius of Antioch	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 18 th October St Luke	10.00am Mass	12.45pm Communion Service
Friday 19 th October	10.00am Mass 10.30am Christian Meditation	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 20 th October St Magdalene of Nagasaki	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	

CHILDREN'S LITURGY The next Children's Liturgy will be on Sunday 21st October during the 10.30am Mass in St Joseph's Church.

RCIA

Tuesday 16th October 7pm, If you are interested in joining the program, or learning more about the Catholic faith, we invite you to contact Fr Michael, or the RCIA team leaders: Di Brebner, Ann Marie Pagon or the Parish Office: 98269677

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ Christian Meditation: Fridays 10.30am
- ▶ RCIA: Tues 16 October 7pm
- ▶ Liturgy Committee: Wed 17 Oct 7pm
- ▶ Comedy Night: Sat 20 Oct 7pm
- ▶ Praise & Worship: Sun 21 October 6.30pm in St Joseph's church followed by coffee & cake.
- ▶ Parish BBQ & Fair: Sun 25 Nov

COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday 20th October 2018
 7.30pm in St Joseph's Parish Hall
 30 Fitzgerald St, South Yarra
 Come along and be entertained by comedians Dave O'Neill, Monica Dullard and Brad Oaks.
 Tickets \$45 available from:
trybooking.com/421526 or
 from the Parish Office or
info@sios.org.au
 Proceeds to aid our Parish & Outreach Services

AUGUSTINIAN APPOINTMENTS AT SOUTH YARRA FOR 2019-2023

It is with both some excitement and some sadness that I inform you about the appointment of the new Augustinian community in South Yarra from Jan 2019 – Jan 2023.

St. Joseph's Priory, South Yarra

Fr. Brian Buckley OSA – Prior and Parish Priest
 Fr. Luka Yong Tae Park OSA – Assistant Priest
 Fr. Gerry Dullard OSA (in retirement)
 Fr. John Barry OSA (in retirement)

Both Fr. Brian and Fr. John were last appointed to the community and parish ministry in South Yarra 8 years ago and so are known to many of our parishioners. Fr. Luca has been ordained 10 years and hails from Korea. He has spent the last 2 years working in our parish in Manly Vale (Sydney).

Fr. Gerry will remain part of the South Yarra Augustinian community.

Fr. Abel will be a member of the Manly Vale (Sydney) parish community. Fr. Percival will become a member of our Brookvale (Sydney) community where he will be Sub-Prior of the community, be the Provincial Secretary and have a number of other province responsibilities while at the same time studying for a Diploma in Education. Fr. Michael will be going to Viet Nam in 2019 with two young Vietnamese Augustinian priests to begin the first Augustinian community and ministry in Vietnam.

All final changes to the South Yarra Augustinian community will not take place until late January.
 Fr. Michael

IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

- ✦ Jonathan Clarke
- ✦ Sr Mariana Handley ✦ Pat McSweeney

Anniversaries

- ✦ Patricia Borg ✦ Joachim Foong ✦ Nea Raos
- ✦ Esme Seaman ✦ Dolores Bailey ✦ Zoilo Banez
- ✦ John Evans ✦ Gabrielle Ignace ✦ Joyce Legg
- ✦ Salverina De Battista ✦ Allan Hammet
- ✦ Phan Xico Xavier Pham ✦ Jock Chappell
- ✦ Phuc Cham Pham ✦ Dr Nicholas Tonti-Filipini
- ✦ Fr Gabriel Amorth ✦ Andrzej Wajda
- ✦ Charlotte Bellman ✦ William Chong Loi Hong

PARISH CHILD SAFETY & PROTECTION INFORMATION SESSIONS

Before August 2019, all parish volunteers are required to have attended an Information Session on Child Safety and Protection. We are happy to report that already 35 parishioners attended sessions last July. The next series of 90-minute Information Sessions for those who have not yet attended one will be held in the Parish Centre on:
 Sunday 28 October – 11:45am
 Monday 29 October – 7:00 pm
 Tuesday 30 October – 7:00 pm
 Please contact the Parish Office if you have any questions about these sessions. Sign up forms at the church entrance.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:

June Cochrane, Des White, Beb Larsen, Chael Balcombe, John & Rose Ignace, Ronald Seaman, Aristotle Pamintuan, Therese Phillips, Mitos Gludemans, Socorro Severe, Dolores Hogan, Frank Muratore, Maurice Wallin, Alex Walisz, Margaret Greene, Elaine Dennis, Spiros Layia, Emma Kirk, Chris 'Smith', Jean de Campo, Jacinta Severe, Gus Carter, Socrates Baroutas, Anne Rigg, Tony McNamara, Sergio Fassio, Anthony Alfred, Brendan Taylor, Djohan Gunarta Kurniawan, Mary Gaynor, Joan Heyhoe, Madeleine Anderson, Ronald Blunt, John Cedric, Julie Mahoney, Maurie Knight, Rene Antonio, Wayne Dy

WORKING BEES

Thank you for all the help at St Thomas' working bee last Saturday. Great effort!
 St Joseph's working bee is on Sat Oct 27 at 9am-12pm. If you can spare some time your help will be much appreciated.

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS 7/10/18

Thanking you for your continuing support!
 Please contact the parish office if you wish to contribute via Direct Debit or Credit Card

- 1st Collection (Clergy/Priory a/c) \$ 1337.90
- 2nd Coll. (Planned Giving Church a/c) \$547.00
- 2nd Coll. (Loose Money Church a/c)..... \$317.30