



Saint Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish

Birkdale · Thorneside · Wellington Point

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28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - 10th October 2021

"What shall I do to inherit eternal life?"

The term Eternal Life used by Christ to describe the state of endless happiness enjoyed by the just in heaven (Matthew 25:46; Mark 9:44; Luke 18:30; John 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12). It means not only everlasting duration but also fullness of life, which the believer possesses already here and now through participation in the life of God.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church says "By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has "opened" heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ. -CCC 1026

The Bible says wealth is a test. If your heart can navigate wealth and still be devoted to God, you have passed the test.

The Bible says wealth is also a responsibility. We are stewards of everything God has entrusted into our care.

This man's money was his idol. His priorities were the problem, not his possessions. God does not speak against people having money but warns against money having us! Money is a great servant but a poor master.

The disciples couldn't believe what they'd heard from Jesus. They grew up in a society that believed wealth was a sign of God's blessing.

But Jesus added: "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible " (27). The rich young ruler could have gone into the kingdom.

The lesson is not that money is evil or that rich people can't be saved. The point is that no one, not even rich, young, powerful people – can earn eternal life. What that young man hopefully realized what that it wasn't really his wealth but his determination to earn his way into heaven that was preventing him from getting there. The real good news is that while we can't earn eternal life – Jesus can and Jesus did – and he wants to give it to us for free. Jesus calls to us, just as he did to that young man, to **follow him** to the cross, to the tomb, to his resurrection to receive the gift of eternal life he has earned for us. He issued that invitation first to us in his Baptism and he does it daily through his Word.

Blessings,

Fr. Prem Rethnamony.

This Week's Readings:

First Reading: Wis 7:7-11 – *In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.*



Psalms Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

(Alternative Psalm Response if spoken): Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy.

Second Reading: Heb 4:12-13 – *The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.*

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Mark 10:17-30 – *Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

*Jesus teaches us another way:
Go out. Go out and share your testimony, go out and interact with your brothers, go out and share, go out and ask.
Become the Word in body as well as spirit.
- Pope Francis*

Next week's Readings

First: Isa 53:10-11

Second: Heb 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Roster 16 th & 17 th October	Readers 6:15pm (1st) Roisin B (2nd) Vern D (Welcome & POF) Tanina D	8:00am (1st) Louise W (2nd) Matthew K (Welcome & POF) Lorraine K	Counting Group 3
	Communion Ministers 6:15pm Paulina P	8:00am Elaine H	Music 6:15pm Gp 1 8:00am Gp 3 PowerPoint 6:15pm Alan B 8:00am Clinton T

Mass Times: Saturday 6:15pm & Sunday 8:00am

Reconciliation: Thursday 5:30pm

Parish Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 9:00am to 2:00pm.

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A VOCATION VIEW:

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that one dream. Jesus asks for total dedication, promising in return rewards that no one else can promise:

"Go and sell everything you own ... then come; follow me."

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Please be mindful of our sick & all who care for them: John Jorna, Agatha Ravaneschi, Liana Lo Presti, Andrew Hodgson, Amanda Ward, Ed Moloney, Colleen Van den Bosch, Janice McAnlen, Rebecca Harvey, Clara Elms, Beth Riegler, Henk Hoonhout, Tony Dickinson, Elizabeth Smit, Pat Cochrane, Patricia Briscoe, Paul McKean, Geoffrey Whall, Kevin Harrop, Judy Mullan, Charles Lilley, Ann Brown, Sally Legarda, Gemma Paxman, James Thomas, Cindy Cummins, John Bacon, Jodie Bromiley, Casey Whitby, Trish Swan, Ian Splatt, Steven West, Ava Loda, Joan Thorpe, Patricia Haines, Belinda Wheeler, Cely Salisbury, The Bade Family, Carol Parker, Brian Crimmins, Brian Johnston, Medi Camelli, Hazel Foster, Dan Mullan, Stana Matic, Page Brosnan, Dot Abrahams, Amelia Ramsay, Jeanette Moore, Nola Murphy, Christiana Becker, Cathy Leane, Pauline McNamee, Pat Crimmins, Gina Mather.

May God embrace all who have recently died: Carmel Hickey, Peter Goodbun, Lorraine Lawler, Alicia Black, Jasmine Webb, Gwen Maloney.

Anniversaries & Remembrances October: Chuito Daboin, Sam Catavitello, William Watson, Sarah Ahrens, Alberto De Monte, Vin Williams, Marian Dobunski, Fr John McGhee msc, Marjorie White, Sydney Rozario, John Chambers, Bob Garth, Candido Balito, Martin Curran, Paul Hayes, Pauline Boevink, Bill Allam, John Sheehan, Alice Groeger, Horrie Tranter, Joseph McNamee, Mary Leane, Pat Fitzpatrick, Leslie Marks, Galiano Tesser, Ronald Cowsell, Therese Bratic, Flo Mossop, Kay Cook, Helen Meade, Margaret Price, Jan Campbell, Kathleen Kearney, Maria Nguyen-Thi-Dieu, Keith Donnelly, Salvatore Ragonesi, Kathy Walsh, David Hines, Laureen Smith, Dennis Manche, Ryan Hogan, John McDonald, Susanne Conroy, Forbes Peters, Myrtle Peters, John Humphries, Mark Thiedecke, Giuseppe Citeroni, Bozica Puljic, Michael Wellington.

Please record any further names in the Anniversaries & Remembrance Diary at the Welcome Desk

The following restrictions as at 8th October

Mask restrictions for the Redland City Local Government Area.

- o If seated at work, school or in venues, you can take your mask off (excludes sport stadiums, public transport and rideshare).
- o If standing or walking, masks must be worn unless you can maintain physical distancing.

However, anyone who has been anywhere in the Brisbane, Gold Coast, Moreton Bay, Logan, Townsville and Palm Island Local Government Areas must wear a face mask at all times when you are indoors.

* **Livestream Mass: Cathedral Livestream <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/multimedia/web-cast/>**
Support Your Parish: Thank you so much to all the Parishioners who continue to support our Parish financially. Our planned giving bank account details for Electronic Funds Transfer deposits are as follows: **BSB: 064 786 Account No: 1000 17027 Account Name: Birkdale Parish Planned Giving** (this account number is NOT for over the counter deposits at the Bank). Kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.

Rosary Everyone is invited to join in praying the Rosary for our Nation in honour of Our Lady of Fatima on the 104th Anniversary of the 'Miracle of the Sun', on **Saturday 16th October at 10:00am** at St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish, 12 Hardy Rd, Birkdale. Please bring a chair. For more information, please call Vita on 0449 922 161.

You are invited to join the World Community Day (Fellowship of the least coin) ecumenical service on Friday 29th October at 1:30pm at Trinity Uniting Church Marlborough Road Wellington Point followed by afternoon tea. All welcome.

Aid to the Church in Need Australia: *That Catholic Shop* is an exciting development of ACN Australia. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at TCS go to support the work of *Aid to the Church in Need* to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk. To browse our full range visit www.thatcatholicshop.com

St MMK Social Golf Club will play their next game on Sunday **10th October** at Howeston Golf Course. Tee off 10am. Any enquiries, phone Steve on 0417 195 571.

Parish Diary:

Monday 11th October

1:00pm Rosary Group and Private Prayer
2:00pm Activities Group

Tuesday 12th October

7:00pm SVdP Meeting

Wednesday 13th October

7:30am HEARTfit
11:00am Rosary Group and Private Prayer

Thursday 14th October

10:30am Mass at Sylvan Wood
5:30pm Reconciliation
6:00pm Mass

Friday 15th October

St Theresa of Jesus
9:30am Mass

Saturday 16th October

10:00am Rosary
3:00pm Baptism Celebration
6:15pm Mass

Sunday 17th October

8:00am Mass



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First Reading: A reading from the book of Wisdom

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.

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

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.

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

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; 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.'