

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.'

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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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time / B

11 October 2015

AN INVITATION WITHOUT COMPROMISE

In today's Gospel, the young man who has "great wealth" thinks he is blest and so enthusiastically approaches Jesus, asking him what he must do to gain eternal life. He hopes perhaps to hear an affirmation that he has been blessed by God and he need not do extraordinary things because he has already followed the Ten Commandments from childhood. What he hears from Jesus is a "shocker": he is invited to sell his possessions, give to the poor, and follow Jesus. He is asked to make a radical choice, one which does not know of accommodation and compromise. And the young man fails to measure up to the greatest challenge of his life. His wealth, instead of being a blessing, becomes a stumbling block to his gaining eternal life.

Jesus has been clear about discipleship from the beginning: it is dying to self, a carrying of the cross after Jesus. Eternal life is not gained the easy way. The young man does not steal because he has enough. Compared to the less fortunate, he has all the reasons to follow the commandments because he "owes" it to God for blessing him. But the case of give and take is beside the issue. It is rather the choice between the kingdom of God and money. "No servant can serve two masters. . . You cannot serve God and money" (Lk 16: 13). Once money becomes the most important thing, the person is already worshipping it as his "god".

In the story of the young man, Jesus defines discipleship not in terms of masochistic scorn for material goods but a life of "maximum love". The "culture" of the kingdom, revealed by this discipleship, has much to say to a world bedevilled by materialism. Riches signify so many things: proud self-sufficiency, the supremacy of the law of profit over that of morality, the utter inequality in the use of the earth's goods, the search for pleasure and vanity.

Fr Gil Alinsangan SSP

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.**

RESP PSALM Ps 89:12-17. R. v. 14

**R. Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!**

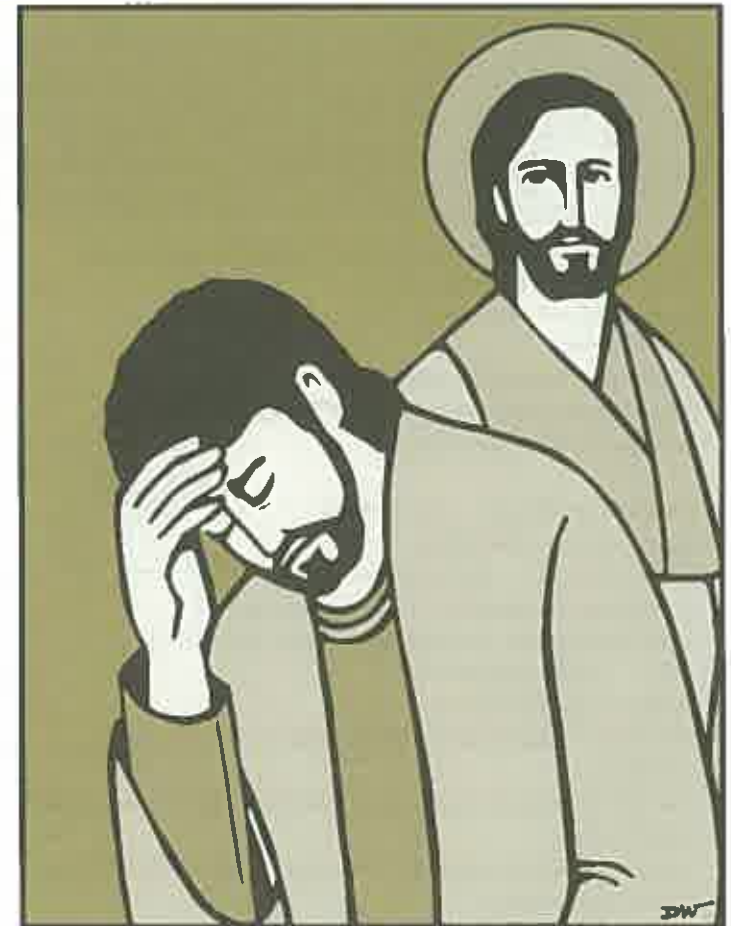
1. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent!
Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**
2. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Give us joy to balance our affliction / for the years when 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



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ST.CLEMENT OF ROME FEAST DAY PARISH CELEBRATION:

A BYO MULTI-CULTURAL LUNCH

When: Sunday 22 November 2015

Time: 1.00pm

St Clement's Feast Day Celebration

Planning Meeting Wednesday 14th October 2015

12 noon in the Parish Office



Overall Coordinator - Mal Dubock

Art director - Des White

Music Director - (to be appointed)

Setting up coordinator - (to be appointed)

Food distribution coordinator - (to be appointed)

MC - (to be appointed)

Cultural representatives

The above appointments will be made at the Planning Meeting.

I've left them open to give any interested younger people (say 20s/30s/40s)

an opportunity to take part. They can easily be filled if no one Else is forthcoming.

Any interested person feel free to email me:

mal@dubock.com.au or Phone or text: 0418 569 028

Before Wednesday.

ALTAR SERVERS: All children who have made their sacraments are invited to be actively involved in the life of the Parish through being part of the Altar Servers Team. We are delighted to have Mr. Chris Zordan, an experienced sacristan, to train prospective Altar Servers and to look after the Group.

Please pick up a permission form from the foyer.

Training begins in October during lunch time for our school children and on Saturday mornings or a mutually convenient time for families.

Respect Life Sunday

Theme : Be Not Afraid

11th october

A gift of Palliative Care printed resource is available in the Foyer.

Please feel free to collect one for your family.



Doncare's Food Pantry is nearly exhausted

The Bulleen St Vincent de Paul conference works closely with "like minded" service providers and especially Doncare. The conference Members acknowledge your generosity with our Summer and Winter Appeals but is an extraordinary call for assistance. Doncare Staff have identified the following foods as being especially needed :

Breakfast cereal, Pasta sauce, Meals in a tin, Large tuna, Long life milk, sweet or savoury biscuits.

If you could include one or more of these foods in your weekly "shop" and bring them to Mass on the 17/18 October, we will arrange to take them to Doncare on Monday.

Thank you from the SVDP Bulleen Conference Members and Doncare.

100 years Mary Immaculate Church

The Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe is looking forward to celebrating 100 years since the first church was built on the present site. Celebrating will take place on Sun 25th Oct with Mass at 2.30pm . Enquiries : Merle Gilbo 9497 1691

PARISH DIARY

Wed 14th Oct @ 12 noon—Feast day meeting in the Parish Office
Wed 14th Oct @ 7pm—Baptism Preparation in the Clifton Centre
Sat 17th Oct @ 5.30pm—Grade 5 & 1 Family Mass
Sun 18th Oct @ 5.30—Baptism welcoming

COMITATO MADONNA DELLE LACRIME SIRACUSA IN MELBOURNE INVITES ALL TO A MARIAN MISSION OF OUR LADY OF TEARS(MADONNA DELLE LACRIME)
CELEBRANT: Mgr. Franco Cavarra
PROGRAM:
VENITE...Questo anno abbiamo La Consacrazione a MARIA PER LE FAMIGLIE

COME... (This year we have The Consecration of the FAMILY to MARY)

Saturday 17 Oct 2015:

Event: Gala Evening

\$50 per head includes: 5 course meal with drinks, coffee, desert and fruit.

Orchestra: Romanza

Venue: Vizzini Social Club

322 Sydney Road, Coburg Vic.

Time: 6.30pm

Sunday 18 Oct 2015:

Event: Santa Messa (Multicultural mass)

Venue: St. Brendan's Parish, Flemington

103 Wellington Street , Flemington.

Time: 2.30pm Santo Rosario (Holy Rosary)

Sacramento della Penitenza (Le Confessioni)

3.00pm: Santa Messa Solenne (Mass)

Processione (Procession)

Benedizione S.S Sacramento (Benediction)

Please check the flyer on the Notice Board.

RCIA(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

RCIA: 'To try to catch the essence of the person of Jesus is to understand two things: the intimate relationship he enjoyed with God his father and the relationship he developed with the people he met.' (Tony Doherty, *So You're Seeking to Renew Your faith.*)

Our parish RCIA endeavors to do this within the lived experience of today's context. Come then on Thurs 19 Nov at 7.00pm in the Parish Office. The theme: The Synod on the Family: Implications

CHILDREN'S SACRAMENTS:

Welcome back children to Term 4.

Enrolments for 2016: We have started taking enrolments for 2016. Please contact the Parish Office or email

Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au Dates for the different sacraments are yet to be finalized

Catechists: If you have or have had teaching experience or would like to share your faith with young children, do consider becoming a catechist to help our children grow in their faith through the Sacramental Program. Email Cecilia.Tan@cam.org.au

Feast Days (12th—17th Oct)

Wednesday—St Callistus I—R

Thursday—St Teresa of Jesus

Friday—St Hedwig-W, St Margaret Mary

Alacoque—W

Saturday—St Ignatius of Antioch

Please make sure you collect your bookmark from the Australian Bishops Conference (Pastoral Care) to pray for:

- the Mentally Ill
 - the Old and Infirm
 - Migrants and Refugees
- All dispossessed people.

Collections Last Weekend

1st Collection (Thanksgiving)

Actual — 2,225

2nd Collection (Presbytery)

Actual — 1,432

Many thanks & every Blessing!

Catholic Mission—World Mission Day Appeal will be held next weekend. We appreciate your generosity.

LITURGY ROSTERS

10 th /11 th Oct	Sacristan	Rita Gagliardi	Francis Ng	Corinne Goh
	COMMENTATOR	John Bruce	Rocco Gagliardi	Donna Hoyne
	Reader	Rene De La Cruz	Mark Gregor	May Teh
	Special Ministers	Warwick Wright	Fulvia Gerasolimo	Jan McQueen
		Loretta Galante	Gabriella Grande	Linda Cultrera
		Martin Teh	Eleanora Mascitti	
			Silvia Mascitti	
			David Mitchell	
			Pam Mitchell	
			Gloria Ng	

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		Reg Lecordier	Italo Rigoni	Corinne Goh
		Maree Marsi	Nerina Rigoni	
			Elsa Waters	
			Chris Zordan	
			Trish Atherton	
			Anne Fusca	



St clement of Rome Parish & School Dinner Dance

When : 13th November

Time : 7pm

Where : Veneto Club

Cost : \$70 per head all inclusive

Booking information to be announced later



MASS TIMES, RECONCILIATION & OTHER SACRAMENTS

Mass Times: Sat 5:30pm (Vigil), Sun - 9am, 11am (Italian) & 5.30pm.

Tues 9:15am (Italian), Wed-Sat 9:15am. Eucharistic Adoration: Tues-Sat 8-9am.

Reconciliation: Sat 10am & 6:30pm, Sun 10am (and on request). Marian Devotions: Sat 8.40am.

Baptisms: Welcoming (3rd weekend) & Baptism (4th weekend) every month. Weddings: By Appointment.



Recently Deceased : Abramo Bertoli, Giuseppe Chiartano, Giuseppina Barbagallo

Death Anniversaries : Vido Grosic

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.