

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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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

10 OCTOBER 2021

## TRUE WISDOM

Wisdom is a gift that many of us aspire to but it is found not only by desiring it but choosing it in the midst of the complexity and richness of our daily lives. The writer of the book of Wisdom speaks as one who longs for understanding, who sees it as the true and lasting source of wealth in a human life. This openness and longing for wisdom find concrete expression in the Gospel where the rich man, who has been faithful to the commandments, is still unsatisfied and searching for more. He is wise enough to recognise in Jesus someone who is a true teacher. That his face falls at the words of Jesus shows he is also aware that he has not yet arrived at the point where he has the inner freedom to take the next step.

The letter to the Hebrews speaks of the word of God as a two-edged sword, able to cut in both directions and uncover what lies deep within us. For the rich man, Jesus' word challenges him not on what he has already done but on what he is yet to do. He is well intentioned but is not yet as free as Jesus wants him to be. As the Gospel proceeds it is clear that while his contemporaries and the disciples saw wealth as a sign of God's blessing Jesus was more concerned about the ways in which our possessions can hold us back from a whole hearted commitment to the gospel message.

Christopher Monaghan CP

## 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;

10 Oct 2021  
Yr B 28th Sunday

## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND MASSES** Vigil: Sat 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30pm  
Mon: No Mass Tues: No Mass  
**WEEKDAY MASSES** Wed: 12 noon Thur: 9am  
Fri: 9am Sat: 9am

**CONFESIONS**  
Sat: 4.30-5.15pm  
\*Or by appointment

**ENTRANCE:** If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?  
**ANTIPHON:** But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

**COMMUNION**  
**ANTIPHON:** When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

**May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:**

**Recently Deceased:** Michael Sullivan, Sr Claire Burgess (rsj), Colleen Greer, Gwen Press, Marcia Tutin.

**Anniversaries:** Ned Clarke, Edna Worthington (7/10), Fr Watson (8/9), Matthew Moloney (9/9), Dulcie Smith (19/9), Mary Betts (24/9), Barbara Scott (25/9), Warren Doherty (6/10), Bill Teo (29/10).

**Deceased:** Betty Hodgens, Coral Markey, Loyola Hawthorne, Vera Anne Pendergast, Sister Ita Harris (rsj), Sister Francis Gabriel (rsj), Mary Sampson, William Coulston.

### WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER.

*"For we cannot keep from speaking about what we have seen and heard". Acts 4:20.  
We will advise further on this important day.*

**MASS AT HOME:** **Television:** Mass for You at Home airs on **Channel 10** at 6am each Sunday, and also **Foxtel Channel 173** at 10am. **Online:** Online Masses streamed by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney on: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZxfrykD8iSWExFBdM7fpRg>

**Mass from St Mary and Joseph Cathedral** will be livestreamed on Sunday 9 October: YouTube Live <https://youtu.be/KhdUizYnAcU>; Zoom backup link <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84837997535?pwd=YVM5Tis5RSs3bnFWdVI2RTFvYZuUT09>

**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** Contactless Option Below.

**BSB 082105 1st Coll:** Presbytery Acc 001023642 **2nd Coll:** St Patricks Church Acc 001041198  
Please keep deposits separate. Thank you.

**PADDY'S CORNER -**

One evening a camel is strolling through the desert, and sees a dingo screaming. He approaches the dingo and asks him "How come you dingoes scream only at night?" The dingo responds "During the day, you can see the cacti before sitting on it!"



**NSW STATE COVID UPDATE:** *\*\*Received from the Diocesan Office Sat 9 Oct.*

- Churches which are not in a Local Government Area (LGA) with a current stay at home order can remain open.
- All LGA's are expected to be released from stay at home orders on Mon 11 October 2021.
- From 11-24 October inclusive those 16yrs or over must be fully vaccinated to enter into certain premises including Churches.
- Singing is not permitted.
- Masks must be worn.
- Social distancing is required at 4m<sup>2</sup>.

**\*\*\* The Bishop has advised that adults not fully vaccinated are dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation during this time and on 17th and 24th October the 10am Cathedral Mass will be livestreamed. NB: The Health Orders are still being finalised.**

**CANCELLED\* ST VDP PICNIC:** This Picnic at Anzac Park at 12 noon this Sunday is now cancelled.

**PLENARY COUNCIL:** The Opening Mass of the Plenary Council is 2.00 p.m. AEST today and can be viewed online: Visit <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1/> with videos of the meetings during this first week available at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/masses-and-livestreams/>

During the first General Assembly of the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia, key moments will be live-streamed between **October 3 and 10**, including. Visit the [Plenary Council website](#) for more information.

**STAND UP FOR LIFE:** Contact our local MP Kevin Anderson today in person or by phone 6766 1422 registering your opposition to the NSW Euthanasia legislation. Also vote in his survey at [www.kevinanderson.com.au/voluntary-assisted-dying-bill-2021](http://www.kevinanderson.com.au/voluntary-assisted-dying-bill-2021) Please take home a copy of the Bishop's letter on this important matter or access it at [www.armidale.catholic.org.au](http://www.armidale.catholic.org.au)

**JOSEPHITE CALENDAR 2022.** \$8 each. Please place your order on the sheet provided at the back of the church. Orders to be in by the end of October.

**PALMS AUSTRALIA:** Since 1961 [Palms Australia](#) has quietly prepared and supported humble Catholics like you for mission. It's our response as church to calls from Australian and overseas communities to help bring opportunity to the poor. Sharing your skills with local co-workers helps them to develop their essential community organisations. Improving their self-reliance aids sustainable poverty reduction and removes dependence on foreign aid and influence. Your relationships within the local community will transform your heart and soul. To be prepared for 2022 placement [CLICK AND ENQUIRE HERE](#) by Friday October 29. Visit [palms.org.au](http://palms.org.au) Email [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) or call Christine on 02 9560 5333

### WEEK 6 ROSTER: 10/10/21

Vigil:	R P Bamford	Sr Kathryn
9am Sun:	R S Brown	A Sa rtori
5.30pm Sun:	R M and J Murray	
Counting Team	S Brown; A Bowden	
Sat Cleaning	16/10 B & B Lane	
Altar Linen	B Flood	

### WEEK 1 ROSTER: 17/10/21

Vigil:	R Sr Kathryn	G Styman
9am Sun:	R S Nichols	G Clout
5.30pm Sun:	R M and J Murray	
Counting Team	1/10 C Lavell	A Bowden
Sat Cleaning	23/10 K O'Brien	J Cunningham
Altar Linen:	E Smyth	

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

