



**17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**  
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**First Reading**

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. Thanks be to God.**

**Responsorial Psalm**

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

**Second Reading**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

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. Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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

**Gospel:**

A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.  
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.' "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. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**MASS TIMES FOR AUGUST**  
**SUNDAY, Aug 2: Mass at 10am**  
**SUNDAY, Aug 9: Mass at 10am**  
**SUNDAY, Aug 15: Mass at 10am**

**COLLECTIONS [2 weeks]**

**Parish: \$45.00**  
**Presbytery: \$45.00**  
**Loose: \$47.00**

**COVID 19 Regulations**

You must sign in as you enter the Church: name, address, phone number. \* Use hand sanitizer at the door as you enter and use again as you leave the Church. You must remain at least 1.5m from all directions of anyone not from your house.

**We pray with and for St Brigid's College in lockdown from this Monday to Friday August 7th.** Peter Gutteridge has been in constant contact with me as Canonical Administrator on this matter. May Staff and Students return negative covid tests. SMJ School is affected through family members at our School. Andrea Cox, like Peter, is working closely with all relevant authorities.

Today is the **Feast of St Anne & Joachim**, patron saints for Grandparents. We ask them to watch over us all during this testing time of the coronavirus.

**ACRATH (Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans) - World Day Against Trafficking in Persons** is on July 30 COVID-19 is impacting those most vulnerable to trafficking because they often live in poverty and lack suitable housing and healthcare. Hundreds of thousands of these people will be drawn to the promise of work simply to put food on their tables - work that often turns out to be a job in slave-like conditions. Because of your generosity response, ACRATH has been able to develop projects, services and resources.

**St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Vinnies** like everyone, is impacted by Covid -19, adapting our ways of providing help to those who seek assistance, to meet government and SVdP Covid directives. Many people have found themselves in the position of being unemployed . You can donate to our appeal: Please write your name and address on your own envelope for receipts to be issued. Go Online: [vinnies.org.au](http://vinnies.org.au)

<b>LITURGY ROSTER</b>	<b>JULY 26</b> Mass at 5pm	<b>AUG 2</b> Mass at 10am
<b>Reader &amp; Prayers</b>	I Dart	C Kennedy
<b>Offertory Procession</b>	S Lawler	Paul & Leah
<b>Monthly Collector</b>	R Picone	R Picone
<b>Counter</b>	A Munro	J Kennedy
<b>Cleaning</b>	A Munro	C Kennedy

**PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS**

Mary, Help of Christians, we fly to you today as your beloved children. We ask you to intercede for us with your Son. Pray for us, loving Mother, and gain for our nation and world, and for all our families and loved ones, the protection of God's holy angels, that we may be spared the worst of this illness. For those already afflicted, we ask you to obtain the grace of healing and deliverance. Hear the cries of those who are vulnerable and fearful, wipe away their tears and help them to trust. In this time of trial and testing, teach all of us in the Church to love one another and to be patient and kind. Help us to bring the peace of Jesus to our land and to our hearts. We come to you with confidence, knowing that you truly are our compassionate mother, health of the sick and cause of our joy. Shelter us under the mantle of your protection, keep us in the embrace of your arms, help us always to know the love of your Son, Jesus.

**Plenary Council Discernment Papers**

released Here in the Diocese, for the month of July we will look at **HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH IN AUSTRALIA THAT IS MISSIONARY & EVANGELISING?** 'Mission' is God's initiative and proceeds from the Trinity, whose love overflows in creation and redemption. The Word and Spirit are present and active in the unfolding of the universe and in all human history, as evidenced in the goodness and truth found in all cultures and societies. The incarnate Son of God through his life, ministry, death and resurrection revealed God to us and redeemed us in a unique and unsurpassable way through his paschal sacrifice. His evangelising activity gave birth to the Church which is the visible manifestation of the Gospel command to "Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations" (Mt 28:19). Have a read of the discernment paper, think about our parish and the Diocese. Look up [jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:jane.collins@ballarat.catholic.org.au) and visit the Missionary and Evangelising theme's page.