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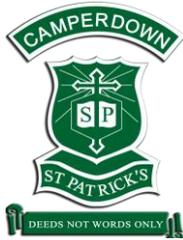
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Dear Friends, Today's gospel invites us to work for the heavenly treasures in our life. Through this parable Jesus gives us a lesson of the rich man who has an abundant harvest, and said, though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions. It is not bad to work for a living, to earn money and gain possessions. Money and possessions are good servants, but they are dictatorial as masters. Jesus tells his disciples that they cannot serve God and money. Once money and possessions take hold of our hearts, then they become not our possessions but our possessors. Hence, we forget the most important things in life, namely the love of God and our brothers and sisters. That is why God calls the rich man 'You fool'. In making his plans for the future, the rich man thinks only of himself, his storage place for the grain, his food and drink. He has no place for God and his neighbour. He has forgotten the most important thing that really matters in life, the commandment of love. Many people who live in luxury mansions are driven in very expensive cars and eat in five-star hotels while earning lots and lots of money and buying all the things they want and end up being called the richest person in the world. Here we all have to remember the words of Jesus: Thus will it be for the one who stores up treasure for himself but is not rich in what matters to God. In our celebration let us ask our heavenly Father to give us his wisdom to read the signs of the time and to live accordingly to work for the heavenly treasures in our life. -Neville.



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

(Lay led assembly will be held on the other weekends)

Next Weekend Masses

Sat: Cobden 6.30 pm

Sun: Simpson 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Next Weekend Readings:

Wis 18: 6 – 9, Heb 11: 1 – 2, 8 –

19; Lk 12: 32 – 48.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St Alphonsus Liguori

Tues- St Peter Faber

Wed- St Dominic

Thu- St John Vianney

Fri- Dedication of the Basilica of

St Mary Major.

Sat- St

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill:

Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler,

Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford,

Devin McKlaren, Brian Wain, Mary

Hickey, Bernd Menz, Teresa

Gittany and Peter Karlsen.

Recent Death:

Margaret Darcy

Anniversaries: We pray for those

who died recently & those whose

anniversaries occur at this time:

Rupert Gstrein, Norman Meagher,

Margaret Russell, River Sinnott,

Ryan Edith, Jill Ashmore, Mark

Cecchini, Mary O'Brien,

Please consider making your Planned Giving contributions and Sunday collections via bank transfers. This will help running the parish which still needs to cover its costs while the current situation continues. **Parish bank details:** BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8126 (Envelopes). **Presbytery:** BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8142. Thank you.

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved. At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. 31/07/2022

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19): Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$155.00 & Presbytery \$359.25. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.

Praying with Pope Francis: The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. **Pope's intention for July: For the elderly:** We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

Safeguarding Essentials Online Learning

Over the past few months Michael Myers, Professional Standards Co-ordinator, has been requesting parishes to provide names and email addresses of staff and volunteers who will be asked to undertake the new online learning module. There are still a number of parishes yet to provide this information. We request that all parishes ensure this information has been sent to Michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au as soon as possible.

The New Priests' Appointment from the Bishop

Hello Everyone, Following the ordination of Father Matthew Restall and Father William Lowry, I am pleased to announce some new parish appointments.

From August 4, Father Matthew Restall will become Assistant Priest in Saint Paul VI Parish, Wimmera-Mallee, and Father William Lowry will become Assistant Priest in Star of the Sea Parish, South West Coast. At the same time, Father Jim McKay, currently Assistant Priest in Saint Paul VI Parish, will become Assistant Priest in the Ballarat Cathedral Parish.

I thank Father Jim for his ministry in Saint Paul VI Parish. I thank Fathers Jim and Matthew and William for their readiness to take up their new appointments.

May these appointments bring blessings to them and to all the people they serve.

God bless you all. Bishop Paul

Catholic Earthcare a program of Caritas Australia

Catholic Earthcare launched its Earthcare Parishes program in December 2021 and since then, the network has grown to sixty parishes across 17 dioceses. Your parish is encouraged to join the network and begin your own parish's journey towards the 7 Laudato Si' Goals and to becoming living Laudato Si' communities. Please contact Jillian Hogbin, Diocesan Director Caritas, who can lend support on how to be involved and to sign up. More information is available from the Catholic Earthcare Ballarat diocese webpage <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/DD-Letter-to-Parishes-re-Earthcare-Ballarat.pdf>

Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner – Friday, August 19, 2022

After missing out the last two years due to COVID-19 restrictions, the 22nd annual Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner will be held on Friday, August 19, 2022 at Moonee Valley

We are a Child-safe, Welcoming and Environmentally-friendly Parish

Racecourse commencing at 7.00pm. The Guest Speaker is Emeritus Professor Greg Craven AO, most recently of Australian Catholic University, the compere will be recently retired race caller Bryan Martin, and the Auctioneer will be real estate agent Bryan Cain. Since inception the Fund has raised in excess of \$1.3 million to assist the education of our seminarians and priests in Victoria. Even during 2020 and 2021, without being able to host the dinner, the fund raised \$60,000 each year for the seminarians. Cost is \$150.00 per ticket. RSVP by August 5 to Carmine Miranda, ph. 0412817995 or email carmine@vicinsurace.com.au or Andrew Vaccaro, ph. 0404390824 or email avaccaro@internode.on.net

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v.1

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand Years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.)
2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)
3. 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.)
4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:

Second Reading: Col 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation: (*Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation*) Mt 5:3

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

Gospel: Lk 12:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived! The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life.

Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity!

31-July-2022 18th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	G Kelson		
9 a.m. Lismore	A Coutts	A Mahony		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	S Gillett	M Smart		T O'Leary
Counting Team: P & L Hickey	Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney			
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt	Altar Cobden: Sue Ralph			
Marian Statue: M McKenzie				

07-August-2022 19th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	A Horan		
9 a.m. Lismore	L Johnstone	G Keating		A Bignell
11am: Camperdown	St Pat's School	St Pat's School	St Pat's School	G Lucas
Counting Team: M & K McKenzie	Altar Camperdown: S Swayne G Lucas			
Church Cleaning: M Sinnott	Altar Cobden: Marg Walsh			
Marian Statue: P & J Dwyer				

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We, the Parish community wish to pledge ourselves for our children's safety and well-being