

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

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.

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Breaking Open the Word

THE SEARCH FOR WISDOM

When the author of Ecclesiastes declares that all is vanity it is important to know that the Hebrew word *hebel* refers to much more than vanity since it includes ideas of what is transitory, just a breath, and without substance. We all seek wisdom and meaning in a world that is often unjust and full of inconsistencies and paradoxes. As Christians, we look for that time when God will heal the wounds and injustices of our world and renew all creation. This was not the case when Ecclesiastes was written. At that time, there was no concept of an afterlife. The people believed that what was unresolved during our lives would stay that way, and understandably that provided a powerful and painful challenge for the people of Israel.

In both the first reading and in the parable of the rich fool, we can see that the saying holds true that 'you can't take it with you'. For all his wealth and fortune the wealthy man does not have the key to eternal life and his self-focus is shown to be sadly mistaken as he learns that the riches that endure to eternal life are of another kind altogether.

Paul reminds us that we have been raised with Christ and that our lives must reflect this. True wisdom is to be found in living lives with integrity, reflecting our identity as followers of Christ by the quality of our thought and actions. We have been brought into a new creation where our old prejudices and divisions must be left behind as we put on Christ anything that will not endure into eternal life.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

31 JULY 2022

FIRST READING

Ecc 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.

RESP 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: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

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.



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Sat. 5pm - 5.15pm

Also available by appointment



Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Roger Minshull, Peter Byrne, Susan Ball, Alan Martin, Aand all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the sick and dying, the poor and the homeless (that they continue to walk in the light of God's love, mercy & compassion), the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane.

Anniversary: Sam Capizzi, Stephen Kennedy, Vincent and Lilian Hinks, Fay Davis, Anthony Moore, Eileen Stubley, Manuel Alvaro da Cruz, Dulce Cruz, Raymond Carmichael, Jesuina Sarmento, Beatruz Araujo, Archbishop Rush, Teresa Sousa, Chinnappa Kandur, John Reverado, Jenny Moy, Moyah Buckley, Jim Tomlinson, Brian Hetherington, Alex Pekin, Rebecca Soriano,

The Sick: Eva Pethes, Kevin Roberts, Angelo Portelli, Anton Snashel, Ellie Carter, Mary Lau, Lilly Weekes, Brian and Colleen Maguire, Max Fenech, Marc Bakusic, Fran Evans, Ernie Ross Metilda and Jacintha Mary. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes and those suffering from Covid.



Where will Fr John be celebrating Masses next weekend?

Saturday, - 6 August, 5.00pm St Andrew's (Livestreamed)
Sunday - 7 August, 10.00am St Agnes' Supply Priest

Please scan the QR code to watch on Youtube.



SCAN ME



Greetings to all parishioners and visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes Twinned Catholic Parishes, Malabar—Matraville.

This Saturday 6 August, 2022 at 10.30am in St Mary's Cathedral, Deacon Bijoy Joseph will be Ordained to the Priesthood. Deacon Bijoy has only been here at Malabar-Matraville a very short time and some of you may not have met him. You are invited to participate in his ordination, as he will be ministering to us in our parishes as Father Bijoy till the end of September, when he will return to Rome to complete his studies. It would be a honour to say that you were there when he was ordained. If you can't be present, you can watch it on livestreaming from St Mary's Cathedral website, or watch it later as will be recorded. You may wish to obtain an ordination greeting card from the Piety Stall to wish our new Father Bijoy well in his Priestly life ahead.

This Thursday evening 4 August 2022 at 6.30pm in St Andrew's Catholic Church, 6 Prince Edward Street, Malabar our 1st Eucharist (Holy Communion) Parent/Carer information evening will take place. If you child is in Year 3 in either St Andrew's or Agnes' or Year 4 in the State Schools and are Baptised and have also received the Sacrament of Penance (Reconciliation), if you wish your child/children to receive First Holy Communion, you are required to attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend, please contact the Parish Offices 9311 2062. It is essential to the program to attend this meeting.

We welcome Years 1 & 2 for their Grade Mass this Saturday 30 July Mass 5.30pm St Agnes' War Memorial Church, Matraville.

This Sunday 31 July, I will be blessing an Air Force Banner out of the parish and Father Peter Guy MSC will be celebrating our 9am St Andrew's Mass in my place.

Please keep special prayers for Deacon Bijoy as he prepares for his Ordination to the Priesthood this coming Saturday 6 August 2022.

God Bless and keep you all.

Fr John



CWF AUGUST PARISH APPEAL—Next weekend. The CWF support, social, charitable and pastoral works that the Church in Sydney attends to, throughout the year.
CWF Donations are 100% Tax Deductible.



We welcome **Amelie Westwood and Ethan Capizzi** into our Parish Community, who will receive the sacrament of Baptism at St Andrew's, this weekend.

Can you undertake an Overseas Mission? Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#). The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills. You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. **The stories will inspire.**

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or afeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Please see Parish Website for other notices