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18th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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July 30th/31st, 2022

BECOMING RICH IN THE SIGHT OF GOD

The key to understanding this parable is in verse in Luke 12:15, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”. Jesus refuses to arbitrate their dispute and gets to the heart of the matter: covetousness! Jesus warns this person, and all within earshot, that our lives are not to be about gathering wealth. Life is so much more than the “abundance of possessions.”

As God continued to bless the people, instead of using their increase to further the will of God, all he was interested in was managing his increase and accumulating his growing wealth.

See we are not to devote our lives to the gathering and accumulation of wealth. You see it all the time in people who are singularly devoted to the accumulation of wealth. What happens to all that wealth when they die? It gets left behind to others who didn’t earn it and won’t appreciate it. Furthermore, if money is your master, that means God is not.

This Parable teaches us that we are not blessed by God to hoard our wealth to ourselves. We are blessed to be a blessing in the lives of others, and we are blessed to build the kingdom of God. The Bible says if our riches increase, we are not to set our hearts upon them (Psalm 62:10). The scripture also says there is one who gives freely and grows all the richer (Proverbs 11:24). Finally, the Bible says we are to honour God with the first fruits of our increase (Proverbs 3:9–10). The point is clear; if we honour God with what He has given us, He will bless with more so that we can honour Him with more. We are blessed by God, so we can in turn “abound in every good work” and be a blessing in the lives of others.

PARISH SUMMIT....

The Parish Pastoral Council has had a meeting with EB to identify the ministries. At present we have landed to focus on children and family ministries and welcome and hospitality ministry. We are looking forward to employing someone as a co-ordinator who can support us in Children's Ministry in our parish and will be a liaison with the schools, Outside School Hours Care, Children's ministry and Children's Liturgy on the weekends and build the relationship between the schools and parish.

The second area to build up is in welcoming and the hospitality ministry. Currently we have hospitality served on the fourth Sunday after the 9:00am mass at St Agnes and the second Sunday evening after the youth family mass as well at St Joachim's after the Mass of Anointing on the first Friday of the month. We would like to increase the hospitality events in our parish across both churches. To enable this, we have to build teams for this ministry.

Running an ALPHA program is another recommendation for the parish. The EB team will support us in this process. ALPHA is an opportunity to explore life, faith and God in a friendly, open and informal environment. So dear friends let's keep praying and dreaming about our parish and faith life.

With God's blessings,

Fr Jason

Readings: 19th Sunday Ordinary Time

Wisdom 18:6-9

Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Luke 12:32-48

READINGS FOR 15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

1st Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

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.'

Parish Diary

Monday, August 1st

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, August 3rd

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, August 4th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, August 5th

Mass of Anointing
Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, August 6th

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

19th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Saturday, August 6th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, August 7th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's
Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'
Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

SOME PEOPLE
ARE SO POOR,
ALL THEY HAVE
IS MONEY

**PRAY
DISCERN
LIVE**



Jesus calls us to be generous with the gifts that he has given. When we share our treasures with others, we will have a true treasure in heaven. (Luke 12:12-21)

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Sr Marcella Toohey OCD and Alan Brooks. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

COUNTERS

Robyn's team.

WE REJOICE

With the Ebby and Jesly as they celebrate the baptism of Esa-Marie in the parish this weekend

COFFEE AND CHAT

On Monday, August 1st please join other parishioners for morning tea and fellowship at BrizStar Café, Mt Gravatt Plaza (Coles end of plaza) commencing 10:00am. If you would like to attend or need more information please contact Barbara, 3349 6334 or just turn up. Everyone is welcome.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

A baptism preparation evening for families who are having their child baptised in the parish will be held on Wednesday, August 3rd commencing 7:00pm in the Parish Centre. Ring the parish office to register.

MASS OF ANOINTING AND HOSPITALITY

The mass on Friday, May 6th will include an Anointing of the Sick. This will be followed by hospitality.

YOUTH AND FAMILY MASS

A Youth and Family Mass is held on the second Sunday on the month. Our next mass will be held on August 14th at the 6pm mass at St Agnes Church, this will be followed by hospitality.



Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Archbishop Mark Coleridge invites you to a special celebration of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, patron of the Archdiocese, on her feast day, Monday August 8th. Mass will be celebrated at the 10:00am mass in the Cathedral followed by morning tea in the surrounding grounds. To RSVP call 3324 3200 or email rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

HEALING MASS - BARDON

Would you like to receive personal prayer for healing? Come to the first Friday of the month Healing Mass at St. Mary Magdalene's, 24 Cecil Road, Bardon, Friday, 5th August, 2022 at 7.30pm. Fr. Thomas Varkey, PP Booval Parish, will be the celebrant. Personal prayer for healing will be offered after the homily as well as prayer petitions. Sponsored by CCR Bardon. For further information, contact Len Airey on 0421 977 849 or by email to lenpatairey@gmail.com. Follow us on Facebook : <https://www.facebook.com/CatholicCharismaticRenewalBrisbane/>

MEN'S QUO VADIS RETREAT

Friday to Sunday, August 12 - 14th. The annual Quo Vadis Weekend is for men between the age of 18-35 to learn more about the priesthood in an environment that will equip and inspire a better understanding of your personal calling. Experience what it's like to study, pray, discern and live at the Holy Spirit Seminary through dynamic talks, small group discussions, prayer experiences through the Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, personal prayer and a guided retreat. Spend quality time with those on the same journey of discernment around good food, conversation and sporting activities. Feel empowered to make an active decision to follow Jesus with the Quo Vadis Weekend from August 12-14. Day and overnight experiences are available. \$80 overnight experience OR \$30 Day only experience. RSVP 1st August by registering at <https://bit.ly/3oyuKtGquovadisformen>

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A weekend experience for married couples, priests and religious, away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset and revitalise your Sacrament. This is a unique opportunity to reconnect, rekindle and refresh your relationship. It gives you the opportunity to grow in your relationship with your spouse or your community. Our COVID-SAFE live-in weekend will be held from **Friday evening 14 October to Sunday afternoon 16 October (including Mass)** at Santa Teresa, Ormiston. Our virtual weekend will be held online via Zoom (stay home and participate from your lounge) from **19 to 21 August**. For bookings/details contact Maria and David M: 0481307821 E: gldbookings@wwme.org.au W: www.wwme.org.au. Watch Archbishop Mark Coleridge's support video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4o_Wp6qGB44.

ENGAGED ENCOUNTER

Catholic Engaged Encounter (CEE) is a marriage preparation weekend that facilitates honest and constructive dialogue for engaged couples. **22 to 23 October**, Contact: M - 0481307821 E - cee.brisbane@gmail.com W: www.engagedencounter.org.au

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 ACBC 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. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire.

Position Vacant – Parish Secretary Booval Parish

Applications are open for a position at the Booval Parish. A person with excellent administration and secretarial skills is required for a part time 2-year contract position of Parish Secretary for 20 hours per week, 5 hours on a Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. For additional information, please visit the Archdiocese of Brisbane website <https://clientapps.jobadder.com/68451/aob-internal-career-opportunities>. Closing date – 21 August 2022

Please note that short listed applicants may be interviewed prior to this date. Interested applicants are therefore encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane has standards of conduct for workers to maintain a safe and healthy environment for children. Our commitment to these standards requires that we conduct working with children checks and background referencing for all persons who will engage in direct and regular involvement with children and young people (0 - 18 years) and/or vulnerable adults. The organisation is fully committed to child safety and has a 0 tolerance to abuse of children or vulnerable adults.



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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This means that everyone in the church must ensure that the fundamental rights of children, young people and vulnerable adults are respected. This will be achieved through the development of respectful relationships and a commitment to safety embracing appropriate boundaries, behaviours and practices, in accordance with the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour and adherence to legislative imperatives of the State. This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.