



**TWENTY - EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR B**

**SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER 2021**

### **REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm**

Not too many of us commit murder or adultery. Not too many take hostages or give false testimony in a court of law. Most are ready to honour and care for their parents in their old age. In other words, most of us are basically decent and honest and could make the same claim as does the wealthy man who runs up to Jesus, namely that we have kept the commandments from our youth.

The man's question is actually a strange one. He wants to know what he must *do* in order to inherit eternal life. He seems unaware that inheritance depends, not on what one does, but on who one is. Jesus responds to his greeting, "Good Teacher", with a reminder that God is the source of all goodness, and then lets him know that keeping the commandments is not enough. Interestingly, Jesus adds a commandment that is not actually numbered among the "ten" but is to be found in an Essene document from Qumran: "You shall not defraud". This prepares the way for what follows.

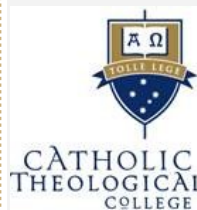
First-century Mediterranean societies were "limited goods" societies. If a person acquired wealth, it was invariably understood to be at the expense of others. The wealthy were therefore looked upon with suspicion. Although Jesus looks at the man lovingly, he may nonetheless be hinting that this person's wealth has been acquired fraudulently. Jesus offers a challenge that the man is unable to meet: to sell what he has, give the proceeds to the poor, have "treasure in heaven", and "follow" him. The man retains his possessions and acquires a burden, the burden of sorrow. To share one's goods with those in need is too hard for some, Jesus admits, but not for those who are open to the power of God at work in their lives.

The concluding verses are puzzling. In declaring that those who have left everything and followed him are to have an abundance of this world's goods as well as eternal life, is Jesus modifying his earlier position? Is he reverting to a tradition that saw wealth as God's reward for righteous living? Is he suggesting that those who share their goods find they have more than enough? It is hard to know. The twist in the tale is that they will do it hard:

"not without persecution". It is likely that Mark is describing his own experience within a persecuted community of believers some forty years after the death of Jesus. The happy ones were doubtless those who took the risk of sharing their goods with those in need.

Our privileged country has still to learn that lesson, even with respect to global vaccine accessibility. Welcoming the stranger and sharing our wealth with the dispossessed may demand of us a simpler way of life.

Who knows what blessings it will bring if we dare to take up the challenge?



Catholic Theological College is offering a **free online Open Day Information Session for "Minor Thesis and Higher Degrees by Research"**

in October for anyone interested in beginning or extending their study journey. We would like to invite you to consider a **Minor Thesis** as a pathway to a Higher Degree by Research. CTC offers two higher degrees by research – the Master of Philosophy and the Doctor of Philosophy degrees. Normal entry requirements are through a Coursework Master's degree, or a Graduate Diploma or the Graduate Certificate in Research Methodology, all of which must include the Research Methodologies online unit and a 16,000 word Minor Thesis completed with a grade of 75 and above. Candidates who have a prior research or honours degree and an appropriate thesis may also be considered for enrolment.

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The session will take place on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October, 7.00pm-7.30pm** – bookings for the session are via [our website. www.ctc.edu.au](http://our website. www.ctc.edu.au)



### **ANXIOUS ABOUT COVID OR TIMES AHEAD?**

We know that many people have experienced and will continue experiencing anxiety as a result of COVID, but it's normal to feel anxious about the end of Covid restrictions too. Change, and the unknown, can be scary. But you're not alone.

Speak to a friendly counsellor today to learn how you can ease anxiety and improve your mental wellbeing.

**For more information:**

**Please go to CatholicCare website; [www.ccam.org.au](http://www.ccam.org.au)**

### **ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS**

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[www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au](http://www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au)

(Cathedral is listed as Melbourne Cathedral Parish)

TODAY’S LITURGY—YEAR B

Entrance Hymn CWBII 645 V.1,2,3,5

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

John L. Bell & Graham Maule

Entrance Antiphon

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

1st Reading Wisdom 7:7-11

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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:12-17

Response: 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 forever?  
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.)

2nd Reading Hebrews 4:12-13

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.

Gospel Acclamation Matthew 5:3

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

Gospel Mark 10: 17-30

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; 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.’

RECESSIONAL HYMN CWBII 455 V.1,2,5

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Text: Irish c. 8<sup>th</sup> century, trans. Mary Byrne 1880-1931.  
Versified Eleanor Hall 1860-1935 alt.



### THE NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven, **(All bow)**  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man. **(Continue)**  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

### PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

#### TO THE FATHER

St Joseph set aside his own  
plans to embrace your dream  
for us.  
You invited his help in caring  
for Jesus your Son, our Saviour,  
and the Revealer of your  
wonderful love.

Enable us to live by your loving  
plan and to reflect to the world  
the light  
of Christ.

*St Joseph, man of dreams and  
trusting steward,  
pray for us.*

Image: Saint Joseph and the Christ by Bartolomé Esteban Murillo (1617–1682)



### MUSIC AT THE CATHEDRAL

**Sunday 11.00am Mass**

**Organist:** Dion Henman

**Cantor:** Larissa Cairns

Entrance Hymn	CWBII 645 v.1,2,3,5 Will you come and follow me?
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 89 (90): 12-17 CWBII431 Response: Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!
Gospel Acclamation	<b>Alleluia, alleluia!</b> Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! <b>Alleluia!</b> Colin Mawby
The Lord's Prayer	CWB 14a & 15
Setting of the Mass	Mass of St Benedict Paul Taylor
Communion	Awakening Christopher Willcock
Recessional Hymn	CWBII 455 v.1,2,5 Be thou my vision

### ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL FOR MASSES.

Please note that the Cathedral will remain closed until  
Covid Restrictions allow us to welcome worshippers.  
Thank you for your patience.

MASS TIME TABLE (in lockdown)

Monday to Friday 1.00pm Mass

- live streamed on CAM

Saturday 8.00am - live streamed on CAM

Sunday 11.00am - televised Mass on C31 and  
live streamed on CAM. Link:

[www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)

We look forward to welcoming you back to the  
Cathedral as soon as possible.

With warmest regards,

Fr Werner Utri.

Dean

St Patrick's Cathedral.

### LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 11 October - St John XXIII

Thursday 14 October - St Callistus

Friday 15 October - St Teresa of Jesus (Memorial)

Saturday 16 October - St Hedwig,  
St Margaret Mary Alacoque  
and Blessed Virgin Mary

### St Patrick's Cathedral Gift Shop

In line with the Victorian Government's decision to  
introduce a lockdown, Cathedral Shop will be closed un-  
til further notice.

Online order and delivery remains available throughout  
this time, but please understand delivery delays may be  
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A weekly series bringing 'light' to this time of lockdown...

Well and truly done with sourdough starters? Not interested in another DIY project? To help fill the void during lockdown, each week we'll suggest some inspiring content to bring 'light' to this difficult time. Pop on the kettle and check out the recommendations below.

#### PODCASTS FOR CHRISTIAN LIVING

*Quality podcasts navigating marriage and family life*

##### The Irreplaceable Role of Parents

The role of parents cannot be underestimated. And while parents have a natural role—to protect and provide—we can sometimes forget the irreplaceable role parents have in the spiritual and emotional lives of their children. Find out more here [www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a](http://www.bit.ly/ChristianLiving6a)

#### GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE

*Resources to help you explore the Bible*

##### Understanding Mary in the Bible

Getting started: Why do Catholics call Mary their mother? Isn't that taking away some of the respect due to Jesus and giving it to Mary? On the contrary, in this video, Fr Mike Schmitz discusses how a relationship with Mary can strengthen our faith life. Watch at [www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGettingStarted6)

Going deeper: How are Mary and the Ark of the Covenant from Exodus connected? What relevance does that have today? In this video, Dr Brant Pitre explores Mary's role as the new Ark of the Covenant—the dwelling place of the Lord on earth. View here [www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6](http://www.bit.ly/BibleGoingDeeper6)

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#### Volunteer in Australia and Overseas The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2022 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Australia. When it is possible and safe to do so, we will recommence sending volunteers to work with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste & the Solomon Islands. Applications close October 30th. Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au)

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYER

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.

We pray for all who have died recently, especially Fr Noel Oliver PE and Rev. Charles English and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Eva Hogan, Mario and Josephine Zammit.

May God welcome them into the eternal kingdom.

#### Archbishop

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

#### Dean of

St Patrick's Cathedral

Very Rev Werner Utri

#### Transitional Deacon

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<https://www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements>

EXTRAORDINARY FORM LATIN  
MASS AND HOLY HOUR HELD  
EACH WEEK IN THE CATHEDRAL.  
ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL  
FURTHER NOTICE.