



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

SUNDAY 31 JULY 2022

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Our tradition tells us that “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God” (Psalm 24), and yet there remain seriously deep disparities in access to the goods of the earth. The COVID 19 vaccination statistics provide a stark reminder of the present global divide between rich and poor in our common home. While some 85% of the Australian population has been fully vaccinated, the percentage in Sudan and Somalia is just a little over 10%. While not the whole explanation, hoarding as opposed to sharing is a factor in this disparity. Those who seek to be “rich toward God” or “rich in God” find life. Those who seek to be rich in material possessions will simply be left, at life’s end, with a question: “To whom will this hoard belong?” The question is rhetorical and expects the answer of Psalm 24: “the earth and all that is in it belongs to God”.

Jesus is addressed as “teacher”, and is asked to force a decision in an inheritance debate. He demonstrates that he is “teacher” rather than “divider”. He tells a hard-hitting story. He knows that story-telling is more effective in bringing people to life-giving decisions than is any attempt to bring down a definitive ruling, especially for those who surely know the Law. His story is about a landowner who is blessed by an abundant harvest. The estate manager as well as the peasant workers and their families might reasonably expect a share in the profits, even a remission of the debts they inevitably carry. In this instance, the blessing of abundance turns the land-owner inwards rather than out towards others and so “toward God”. First person singular pronouns predominate: “What am I to do? I have no place....I will do this....I will I will I will” The futility or senselessness of stockpiling for personal gain is highlighted by the shift to second person singular, “You fool...”, and by the divine judgment on the landowner’s self-focus and greed. Greed appears in today’s reading from the letter to the community at Colossae. For the author of that letter, greed is simply idolatry, worship of a false god (Col 3:5).

In these times of planetary vulnerability, there is some urgency about the call to place our trust in the goodness of a generous God, to reduce our ecological footprint and to acknowledge that the good things of the earth belong to God and to all of God’s people, not just to the privileged few. In refusing to “store up treasure” for our own selfish ends, we become forever “rich toward God”. This applies to nation-states as well as to individuals. We have some responsibility for what is done in our name, for the size and deployment of our foreign aid budget for instance. The command to “be on your guard, be ever vigilant” in this respect is a demand for gospel justice.

Take a break from Melbourne’s cold winter and gather together with young people from across Melbourne for a night of prayer, live music, food and fun.



WINTER FIESTA

& LAUNCH OF WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

Join Archbishop Peter for the SIX30 Holy Hour followed by a Winter Fiesta in the grounds of the Cathedral. This will be a great opportunity to shake off the winter chills with some live music, delicious food and great company. We are looking forward to great night of prayer, music, food and fun, and Archbishop Peter will also use this opportunity to launch our pilgrimage to WYD 2023 to Lisbon in Portugal.

More information: <https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/events/winter-fiesta>

NVAW Week - 7 August

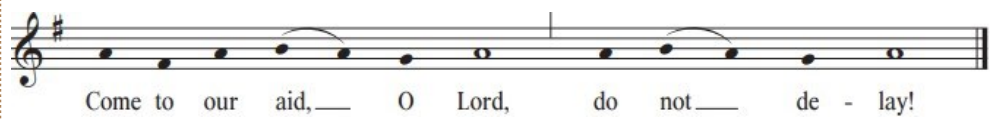
National Vocations Awareness Week – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



TODAY’S LITURGY—YEAR C

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.



Entrance Hymn CWBII 642 v1,2,3,5

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice show?
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

Leaders in wealth and trade, for whom the worker toils,
think not to win God’s aid if greed your commerce soils.
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.

How shall our life fulfil God’s law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy we’ll humbly walk with God.

Text: Based on Michah 6:6-8; Albert Frederick Bayly
1901-1984, alt; (c) 1988, Oxford University Press.

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

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.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17

Response: 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.)

2nd Reading Col 3:1-5, 9-11

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Lk 12:13-21

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.’

CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm
(1.00pm live streamed - Link: www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)

Saturday 8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am , 11.00am and 6.30pm.
(11.00am televised on C31. and live streamed on CAM)
Link: www.youtube.com/user/archmelb

Reconciliation will be held Monday to Friday at 1.30pm
(After 1.00pm Mass) and on Saturday mornings at 8.30am
(After the 8.00am Mass)

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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,
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.*
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.

Communion Hymn CWBII 533

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and
with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly minded
for with blessing in his hand, Christ our Lord to earth
descendeth our full homage to demand.

King of Kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth He stood, Lord of hosts,
in human vesture, in the Body and the Blood.
He will give to all the faithful
His own Self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven spreads
its vanguard on the way. As the light of light
descendeth from the realms of endless day.
That the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the Presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluya, Alleluya,
Alleluya Lord most High Amen.

Text: From the Liturgy of St James, c. 4th cent., tr. Gerald Moultrie 1829-1885,alt
Music: c. 17th cent. French melody, arr. Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

Hymn after Communion/
Recessional Hymn CWBII 455 v1,2,3,5

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.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armor, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

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. 8th century, trans. Mary Byrne 1880-1931.
Versified Eleanor Hall 1860-1935 alt.

Mass Setting - 11.00am Missa brevis in C, K220- Mozart
- 6.30pm Missa O quam gloriosum- Victoria
Offertory – 6.30pm O salutaris – Alain
Organ Postlude – 6.30pm – Choral Dorien – Jehan Alain



Wedding Congratulations
Czarina Saldana and Reece Cerato

HOLY HOUR HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL
EVERY THURSDAY AT 6.30PM

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Monday 1 August - St Alphonsus Ligouri (Memorial)
Tuesday 2 August - St Peter Faber (Memorial)
Wednesday 3 August - St Dominic (Memorial)
Thursday 4 August - St John Mary Vianney (Memorial)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Each Friday at the conclusion of the 1.00pm Mass,
in the Sacred Heart Chapel Exposition until 2.15pm.

EXTRAORDINARY FORM LATIN MASS

In the Sacred Heart Chapel at St Patrick’s Cathedral
every Wednesday at 5.30pm

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

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

We pray for all those who have died recently, especially
Denise Farmer and Con O’Donoran and those whose
anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Anne
Poole

May they share fully in the glory of God’s promise.

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How has the pandemic offered us an opportunity to reflect?
Where do we find lasting hope?

Sunday 7th of August, 4pm

Ecumenical Worship Service

St Paul's Cathedral

All Welcome!



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SAFEGUARDING.

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We hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community. Commitment Statement display at the Cathedral's entrance & parish office.

Further information refer to website (<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>).

St Patrick's Cathedral Young Adult Group (SPYAG)

Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at
Albert Room, CKC Centre,
383 Albert St, East Melbourne.

Last Sunday of each month:
6pm Rosary, 6:30pm mass,
followed by meal.

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