

First Reading

Wis 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

Psalm 89:12-17

*Fill us with your love, O Lord,
and we will sing for joy!*

Second reading

Heb 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

Mk 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.'

Reflection: A SAINT FOR THE UNDER-DOGS

Today in Rome Pope Francis will Canonise as a Saint Arch Bishop Oscar Romero. It is appropriate that this comes on the Sunday when we hear Jesus tell us to leave everything behind and follow him. Because that is what Archbishop Romero did. He gave up his earthly possessions to follow Jesus; gave up his comfort to speak out for peace and for the poor. And ultimately gave up his life for these same causes.



In his ministry in San Salvador he lived out the principle of Catholic Social Teaching to make a preferential option for the poor. He can teach us how to live simply and faithfully.

Some saw in Archbishop Romero's 3 years as Archbishop some akin to the three years of Jesus' public ministry – in his preaching, teaching, prayer and solitude. Also in his closeness to the poor, his deep love of the vulnerable and poor, in his courage and resolution, in the insults he received, the evil plotting against him, and ultimately in the death threats received and in the public execution endured by both him and Jesus.

Saint Oscar Romero – pray for us.

- Deacon Tony
- Pastoral Director

21 October – 29th Sunday in Ord Time

MINISTRY ROSTER

Welcomers: Reyes family

Acolyte: John Missio, James Irudayaraj

Servers: Tissa Thomas, Feba Abby

Readers: Elvie & Bobs Reyes, Luanshya Naidoo, Genesis Raymundo

Eucharistic Min: Marietta

Hospitality: Nina Nunez

Children's Liturgy: Lavanya Ambrose, Sinta Velasco, Rowena Fernando

If you are not able to fulfil your ministry role, or if you would like to volunteer for

a vacant role, please email
marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

**We welcome this week as our
Celebrant: Fr Ever from Quakers Hill**

OUR COMMUNITY PRAYER

O God

You show us in St Luke, our patron, a person of faith who desired all people to come to know and love you in the community of your Church. Teach us to embrace what St Luke pioneered: discipleship of Jesus Christ.

Trusting in your love and grace and nourished by Word and Sacrament may we grow in our relationship with you and together make our Catholic Faith Community a community of communities, a sanctuary where the thirsty come to drink in the midst of their journey, and a center of constant missionary outreach.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

St Luke, pray for us.

St Mary of the Cross MacKillop,
pray for us.

Mary, Mother of God, pray for us.

**LOW GLUTEN HOSTS ON REQUEST –
PLEASE SEE ACOLYTE BEFORE MASS**

Plenary Council 2020

Pope Francis has approved the Australian Bishops' decision to hold a Plenary Council in Australia in 2020 and 2021. To prepare the agenda for the Plenary Council, all of God's people are invited to reflect on the question: *"What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?"* Find out more about the Plenary Council 2020 at the new website, now online:
www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au

Position Vacant

Parish Secretary (part-time, maternity leave role) – Holy Spirit Parish, St Clair. More details at: holyspiritstclair.com.au

Volunteer Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Dob Bosco

We are seeking volunteers for January 2019 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Zambia & Solomon Island. Applications close October 15th. Send us an inquiry
- www.cagliero.org.au

Our Lady of the Nativity Lawson 90th Anniversary: 21 October

Our Lady of the Nativity Catholic Community, Lawson cordially invites you to our "Back to OLN Lawson" 90th Anniversary of the Laying of OLN Foundation Stone, 1928 on Sunday, 21 October. Mass at 8.30am presided over by Bishop Vincent followed by 90th Anniversary photograph to be taken of attending parishioners prior

to a "special" morning tea. There will be a Photographic, Memorabilia, History display.

LIFTED Live in the Forecourt! 27 October

Celebrate the close of the Year of Youth with Catholic Youth Parramatta, Bishop Vincent and over 1000 other youth and young adults in the St Patrick's Cathedral Precinct on Saturday 27 October from 7-10pm. There will be live music, food stalls, rides and entertainment. \$5 entry on arrival - <https://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-live/>

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass: 28 October

All married couples are warmly invited to the 'Celebrating the Journey' Mass at 11am on Sunday 28 October 2018. Bishop Vincent Long will celebrate this Mass of blessing at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta and warmly invites you to join him for a photo and light lunch in the Parish Hall after Mass. Significant Wedding Anniversaries will be acknowledged with a certificate for 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50 years and any year over 50 years. To register your attendance and number of family members attending please contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or email lmf@parracatholic.org

Palms Australia – Information night 5 November

Vulnerable communities overseas are seeking qualified and/or experienced professionals, trades and business people willing to volunteer as mentors to local personnel. They have asked Palms to find and prepare volunteers to live and work in communities, building the capacity of local people and organisations through skill-transfer. This has proven most effective in developing communities sustainably, improving opportunities and reducing poverty. Assignments available in Asia, Africa, or the Pacific. Information evening to be held on 5th November at the Aquinas Academy, Level 5, 141 Harrington St, Sydney 5.30pm-7pm. For more information phone 9560 5333.

Seminar for Couples Hoping to Conceive: 11 November

Waiting for Gabriel is an information afternoon for couples hoping to conceive. You'll hear testimonies and learn about natural options which assist fertility. For more information contact Natural Fertility Services, Diocese of Parramatta catherine.bourne@parracatholic.org 0400 427 605. Sunday 11 November at the IFM 1.30pm-4.00pm.

**Sacred Heart Westmead Shopping Trip: 11
November** Come shopping with us on a Full Day, Fundraising Shopping Trip on Sunday

11 November 2018. Raising funds for Sacred Heart Parish Westmead. Includes: coach travel, tea & bistro lunch, lucky door & raffle prizes. Tickets: Adults \$62, Seniors/Students \$52, Children (5 – 17 years) \$22. Tour departs: 7.00am Seven Hills Train Station & Sacred Heart Parish Westmead (14 Ralph Street). For Details, Individual or Group Bookings: 9635 9262; office@sacredheartwestmead.com.au. Bookings are essential & close: 28 October 2018

YOU'RE INVITED

TO OUR COMMUNITY/WELCOME
NIGHT
ON SATURDAY 20TH OCTOBER
6.30pm – 8.30pm
AT ST LUKE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE
FRONTIER AVE, MARSDEN PARK
PLEASE BRING: A PLATE OF FOOD
TO SHARE
RSVP 19TH OCTOBER: 8605 2623 OR
marsdenpark@parracatholic.org

Can you support St Luke's to grow?

St Luke's Catholic Faith Community is Australia's newest Catholic worshipping community. Please consider helping us with your time and talents by volunteering for one of our many ministries. And please support us by sharing some of your treasure through our giving program to help facilitate our weekly worship and form part of the foundation of a future church building. You can find donation envelopes on the Welcome Table in the foyer Sunday. please pass these to Dcn Tony or include them on one of the collections during Mass.



Sunday, October 14, 2018

28th Sunday in Ordinary
time

SUNDAY MASS

Every Sunday 10.00am in The Hub

St Luke's Catholic College (Enter via
Frontier Ave Marsden Park)

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