Integrating the Catholic Communities of West Footscray, Maidstone & Braybrook in the Archdiocese of Melbourne

Greed is like a monster which feeds both on the greedy person and the victims of his greed. Once the desire for material things takes control of our hearts, we lose interest in important values like honesty and family ties. God is replaced by mammon, the idol of wealth. Jesus warns us that the greedy person has no place in the Kingdom. Such a person is a fool who thinks that by amassing riches, he can grow rich in the sight of God.

1st Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Response: O that today you would

listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

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

Alleluia: Happy the poor in spirit;

the kingdom of heaven is

theirs!

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Prayer: Listen to the prayer of

your Church, Lord.



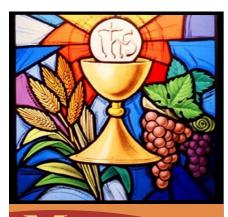
Repercussions of our Gifts

Fr. Luis Rodriguez, SJ

In today's gospel reading the Lord introduces the parable of the rich farmer with a remark that is particularly appropriate for our society: ...though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions. In our society having is equated with being and having more is interpreted as being more. The reverse side of this coin is that having less is interpreted as being less and the glaring inequality in having is echoed in the glaring inequality in respect offered to those who have less.

The parable itself offers two points worthy of consideration. The first point is the rich man's self-centeredness. The wealth resulting from his abundant harvest will be enjoyed by him alone. An abundant harvest would most likely require a larger work force, but the idea of sharing with the labourers the benefits of the bumper crop never crossed the rich man's mind. We may not be rich farmers ourselves, but we have all been blessed with a variety of gifts, an abundant crop. We need to be willing to share with others the benefits of that crop.

The other point in the parable is the abundance itself. The Lord refers to us as God's field. The Church is God's field and it has been yielding harvests in the course of the years. At the present moment we are blessed with a well prepared laity that is already contributing significantly to the Church's harvest. This abundance is itself a rich crop that in terms of preparedness was not equally available to the Church in the not too distant past. But, even as it is a great gift, such abundance is not given for the enjoyment of the Church alone. It needs to have a repercussion beyond the Church's boundaries and, thank God, it is already having such repercussion.



Mass Schedule

SUNDAY

 St. John's
 8:00 am

 Christ the King
 9:30 am

 Our Lady's
 10:00 am

 Vietnamese Mass
 3:00 pm²

 Filipino Mass
 3:00 pm²

 Christ the King
 5:00 pm

 Our Lady's
 6:30 pm

MONDAY

Christ the King 8:00 am Our Lady's 8:00 am

TUESDAY, FRIDAY & SATURDAY

Christ the King 8:00 am Our Lady's 9:00 am

WEDNESDAY

 Christ the King
 8:00 am

 Our Lady's
 9:00 am

 7:00 pm³

THURSDAY

Christ the King 9.15 am
Our Lady's 8:00 am

SATURDAY (Vigil Mass)

Our Lady's 5:00 pm Christ the King 6:30 pm

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday after the morning Masses and 30 mins. before the evening Masses.

BAPTISMS

3rd Sunday of the month

MARRIAGE

3 months-notice required.

- ¹ Sunday Masses in Vietnamese are held at Our Lady's Church every 2nd and 4th Sundays and at Christ the King Church every 1st and 3rd Sundays.
- ² Mass in Filipino is held at Our Lady's Church every 1st Saturday and third Sunday of the month at 3:00 pm.
- ³ The Wednesday evening Mass incorporates the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Next Week's Readings

Wisdom 18:6-9 Hebrews 11:1-2,8-19 Luke 12:32-48



Mass Intentions for the Week

Special Intentions & Thanksgiving

Dallimore Family and Lawley Family. Healing & Special intentions: Richard Hayden.

Eternal Repose

<u>RECENTLY DECEASED</u>: Peppi Hili, Elena Palumbo, Gladys Trevillian.

ANNIVERSARIES: Felix Brincat.

Comfort & Healing

Cesare Bettoni, Nip Frogosa, Jack Considine, Rutillo Llovito, Sabrina Janz, Roselyn David, Carozon Robles, Remedios Laplana, Jose Mastruzzo, Glad Trevillian, Nell Monagle, Fortunata Scalzo, Jamie Dumapias, Cesar Banzon, Sydonia Maslanyk, Margaret Horley, Leonie Drayton, Pauline Drayton, Allan Arias, Pat Roddis, Billy Frankland, Roger Joseph Ochoa, Josephine Grima, Barry Hyett, Loretta Mills, Cassandra O'Keefe, Carmen Micallef, George Tawaf, Denver D'Cruz, Grace Pulvera Skellern & Col. Roger Camacho, Carmelita Andrade, Hazel Ford, Raul Cruz, Pauline Walker.

Vocation View

Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is more intent on things of heaven rather than on things of earth. God is everything: the only thing.



10-11 August 2019

6:30pm

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MINISTRIES & SERVICES

Jesse Lipana

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				Comntr	Lector/s	Eucharistic Ministers	Choir
	SAT	5:00pm	OL	Leanne Ma	Lyette Almeida	Benjamin & Yvonne Jose	Mary's Choir
		6:30pm	СТК	Quang Son Ho	John Ho	Coral La'Toille & Hoa Ton	CTK Church Choir
	SUN	8:00am	SJ	Anna Nguyen	Antonietta Pezzano	Kath Crowley	-
•		9:30am	СТК	Anne Maria Balauca	William Chu	George Tawaf, Samia Tawaf & Lucy Inocencio	CTK Church Choir
		10:00am	OL	Christine Medina	Claire Lawson	Lorraine D'Silva & Guiseppina Genovesi	OL Church Choir
		3:00pm	OL				Nu Vuong
		5:00pm	СТК	Kelly Maglalang	Brendon Sarabia	Helen Delmo	Mother Teresa

Julieta Uy

William Napiza & Teri

Napiza

EXXMOZ

SUPPORT OUR YOUTH WITH A 'TAP'

The Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) — Australia's largest gathering of youth will be held in Perth from Sunday 8 to Tuesday 10 December, 2019. Please support our 15 youth delegates to ACYF. You also have the option to offer your support via the new CDF sponsored, Donation Point Tap device (pictured here).

You may also avail of the Spring Dance tickets slated for 21 September from our Parish Office to support our delegates to ACYF.

Our Lady's Church through the years...

Last Sunday seven long-time Parishioners of Our Lady's came together to share stories of the 1950s and 60s, and for us to acknowledge their work. A massive effort by ordinary Parishioners at St John's, the first church of the Parish, raised the funds to purchase the Our Lady's site, and construct the buildings - an extraordinary achievement that took over 10 years. Many of them were factory workers, with young families to support on one income. The story will be recorded for all to hear or read. We should be forever grateful for the Church, Presbytery and Halls, with ample parking, that they obtained for those who were to follow them.

"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."

- Luke 12:15

The Gospel message today is contrary to our modern culture where advertising continually tries to convince us that our value lies in the things we possess. Jesus showed us that our true value lies in the way we live our lives. He challenges us to not hoard material possessions, but rather to live a grateful and generous lifestyle and become more "othercentered" and less "selfcentered."

















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St. John's Church

Presbytery \$80.40 Church \$203.00

Our Lady's Church

Presbytery \$1,777.25 Church \$2,033.40

Christ the King Church

Presbytery \$626.20 Church \$899.00

The first collection (Presbytery) supports the Parish Priest, his Assistant, the sick and retired Priests and the Archbishop

The second collection (Thanksgiving Envelopes) supports the Parish and the expenses of the Archdiocese.

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Send O Lord, Holy Apostles into Your Church!





This week's

MONDAY 5th August

10.00 am Italian Prayer Group O/L

WEDNESDAY 7th August

7.00 pm Novena Mass O/L

FRIDAY 9th August

6.00 pm **Exposition and Adoration**

SUNDAY 11th August

3.00 pm Vietnamese Mass O/L

Alight Family Fiesta

Saturday 21 September St Bede's College Mentone

At a time when living Christian family life can feel like swimming against the tide, Alight is an event that will strengthen everyone – especially parents – to be renewed in their mission. Fr Leo Patalinghug, a priest and chef, will serve up a creative presentation of faith and food that will have the whole family wanting more. Rides, food and live music will help to make this a joyful celebration for the whole family! To register or for more info, look for the Alight flyers in your parish or visit www.cam.org.au/alight19 or contact the Life, Marriage & Family Office on Imf@cam.org.au or 9287 5587.





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Cleaning Roster Our Lady's (Maidstone)

28 July - 3 August Thi Cuc Vu

4-10 August K. Nguyen

11-17 August Legion of Mary



Christ the King (Braybrook)

Wednesday, 7 August - Group 1 Helen (O'Keefe), Allen, Rita, Anil, Thu (Tran), Huyen, Nhan (Le)

Wednesday, 14 August - Group 2 Mai (Lam), Norie, Allen, Anna (Du Silva), Huyen, Nhan (Le)

Wednesday, 21 August - Group 3 Allen, Norie, Dung, Huyen, Nhan (Le), Phuoc



To find out more ways on how you can help improve our Parochial Community please contact Huong or Tram at ((03)9317-9258 • (03)9317-9298 from Tuesdays to Saturdays, between 9:00am to 12:00 noon with email: maidstone@cam.org.au or visit our website at www.hfp.org.au



