NEWSLETTER 3 / 4 August 2019

18th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME C
READINGS: Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11
GOSPEL: Lk 12:13-21

>>> “I'll be with you always” Retreat <<<

We regret to let you know that the Retreat for the older members of our parish has been cancelled. While we are disappointed, we congratulate Sr Mary Franzmann, pbvm, who was to be our Retreat leader. Sr Mary has been elected as Congregational Leader and is now unavailable. We will let you know when the Retreat can be rescheduled.

Where is your treasure?

Today’s Gospel gives us some insight into the concerns of Luke’s community living towards the end of the first century. The issues of money, possessions and inheritance reflect the wealthier urban context of Luke’s community rather than the rural village life of Jesus’ mission. These same issues are very relevant for us today. How does a Christian live within the complex world of economics and global profit?

Jesus’ words offer much wisdom. Security, and I would add happiness, does not come in owning more and more possessions. Security lies elsewhere. Having possessions is not the problem in this passage; it is insatiable greed in wanting more and more. This is the point of the parable.

Sometimes life itself forces a person to reflect on the point of today’s Gospel – a person hears s/he has a malignant tumour, or a failing heart. At these crisis times we can quickly re-evaluate the priorities in life, sometimes regretting that this lesson is learnt with little time left. Today, with life and time still available, check up on your true wealth, your real security.

Using the images and terms of his age Paul addresses much the same issue in this section from Colossians. Paul says, focus on God – this is to be your treasure. Anything that gets in the way of this wealth needs to be cut out from your life. At the heart of both readings lies the question of where to find true happiness, and deep inner peace. These passages remind me of a story told by the Indian Jesuit priest Anthony De Mello – ‘The Diamond’

‘The sannyasi had reached the outskirts of the village and settled down under a tree for the night when a villager came running up to him and said, “The stone! The stone! Give me the precious stone!”’

‘What stone?’ asked the sannyasi.

‘Last night the Lord Shiva appeared to me in a dream,” said the villager, “And told me that if I went to the outskirts of the village at dusk I should find a sannyasi who would give me a precious stone that would make me rich forever.”

‘The sannyasi rummaged in his bag and pulled out a stone. “He probably meant this one,” he said, as he handed the stone over to the villager. “I found it on a forest path some days ago. You can certainly have it.”

‘The man gazed at the stone in wonder. It was a diamond, probably the largest diamond in the whole world, for it was as large as a person’s head.’

‘He took the diamond and walked away. All night he tossed about in bed, unable to sleep. Next day at the crack of dawn he woke the sannyasi and said, “Give me the precious stone!”’

‘Give me the wealth that makes it possible for you to give this diamond away so easily.”'


This parable by Tony de Mello expresses the heart of Jesus’ teaching that all one has and is, is gift. That real wealth lies in the abundant love of God – of living within and from that abundance. Such a person is never poor, and is always able to live generously. What does such inner wealth look like? Inner peace – generosity of spirit and goods – lack of envy – compassion for the neediness of others whose emptiness is insatiable and can never be filled – hospitality and freedom to act on behalf of the vulnerable and oppressed. Having nothing, the ‘poor in spirit’ have nothing to lose.

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**Parish Pastoral Council**
The parish Pastoral Council will meet on Wednesday 7 August at 7pm in St Bernard's Community Centre. Do you have any concerns / ideas for the enhancement of our Parish. Please speak to your PPC member at the Mass you attend this weekend. Who are they? Ask your Mass Coordinator!

**Social Justice Group**
You are invited to attend our meeting this Thursday 8 August at 7pm in the room at front of Fr Aspinall Centre. The focus for this month is the Catholic Social Teaching of Association where we focus on the diversity of our community. We are continuing to explore our options in assisting the people from South Sudan in the Refugee Camp in Uganda. We would be interested to hear from anyone who has links to shipping containers or contacts with exporting goods to Africa. Please contact Anne 0438 552 996.

**Come and See!**
You are invited to come and see what the Catholic Faith has to offer you! How? When? Where? Why? Who? What?
Register your name by calling the Parish office on 3849 7158 or just turn up on Monday 12 August, 7pm in St Bernard’s Community Centre, 4 Klumpp Rd, Upper Mt Gravatt.

**Multicultural Mass**
We will celebrate who we are and where we come from at all Masses on 17/18 August.
The following week all are invited to the Archdiocesan Multicultural Mass on Sunday 25 August, 2.30pm, at the Cathedral of St Stephen.

**Music Ministers**
Do you play keyboard, piano, or organ? Are you willing to share your talents with the community? Not sure what to do? You will be given liturgical support and won’t be thrown in at the deep end. Call the parish office if you would like to find out more about the music ministry.

**One God Many Voices**
Abrahamic Faiths Concert, Thursday 29 August, 7pm for 7.30pm, Griffith Uni, Nathan Campus (Bldg N35), Centre for Interfaith and Cultural Dialogue. Annual evening of Jewish, Christian & Muslim Sacred Voices and Music, Free entry. All welcome. RSVP 20/8/19 to 3735 7052 or E: icd@griffith.edu.au.

**All Saints Arts Conference!**
Approved by Brisbane Catholic Education as 5 hours PD for Accreditation to Teach Religious Education in a Catholic School. The All Saints Arts Conference offers opportunities to:
* develop your creative gifts for use in religious education, prayer and liturgy
* discover ways that the arts enhance religious celebration and education
* network and collaborate with colleagues and peers
* be refreshed and renewed to continue in your unique ministry.
Book here for 2019!
http://www.trybooking.com/BEEWS

**Parish Men’s Breakfast**
“Come hungry, Get fed”
ALL MEN WELCOME
Saturday 10 August 7-9am Aspinall Centre, Upper Mt Gravatt
Cost $10. Pay at the door.
Fellowship—Guest Speaker—Lucky Door—Joke of the Day—Raffle.
Bacon, Eggs, Tomato, Sausage, Baked Beans, Toast, Jam, Coffee, Tea, Juice.
RSVP by 8 August to Allan 0407 722 683 or mensbreakfastumgw@gmail.com.

**Baptisms**
Congratulations to Abel Dwyer, son of Daniel & Rebecca. He will be baptised this Sunday in St Catherine’s Church.
Congratulations also to Rayleen Fernando, daughter of Ruwan & Rasika; and Leyla & Leo Hvass, children of David & Nadja. They will be baptised in St Bernard’s Church.

**Readers Roster - 10/11 August 2019**
St Bernard’s: Evanne Cosico, Betty Breakspear, Joseph Cosico; Simon Hill, Irene Lam, David Stubbs; Fiona Cleary, Kay Cook, Sean Szetoo; Youth.
St Martin’s: Terry Booth, Margaret Cryan, Maree McLean.
St Catherine’s: Darryl Petersen, Novita Jurry; Lisa Quinlivan, Paul Robertson, Fay Lynn.
WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED
Especially Trevor Muller, Alcide Brozovich, Dalton Murphy, Agatha Waniganayake, who have died recently. Also Frank Testa, Eileen Esparon, Carlo Iocco, Giuseppina Brunetti, Tony Fernandes, Patrick Spranklin, John Tunstall, Monica Vass, Peter Vass, Claude Stevenson, Ascuncion Cabalse, Perfecto Lachica, James Buffini, Wolodymyr Walter Melnyk, Juliana, Rafael & Edgardo Llonera, Wallace O'Connor, Mary Bartlett, Francisco Di Giorgio, Agnes Corrie, Stuart Bray, Eddie Burton, Terri Reeves, Charles & Scott Sullivan, Simon Tinh, Rita Galea, Gus Sim, Laura Sim, Dr Hilary & Cleta Desouza, Lily & Bernard D'Souza, whom we remember.

THANK YOU
Many thanks to all for your masses, prayers, flowers, well wishes, love & support offered to me in so many ways. This is what pulled me through my recent brain surgery. May God bless you.
Joan Wilson

MEDITATION/PRAYER
You are invited to meditation/prayer in the Fr Rosenskjær Hall, St Catherine’s at 12.45pm on Tuesday 6 August.
Enq Maria 3216 8118.

CRAFT STALL
17 & 18 August after mass, St Catherine’s Church, Wishart. Come and browse the lovely items made by our members. Purchase gifts for relatives, friends and yourself. Profits to SVdP Wishart & UMG, and Rosies support of the homeless.

BRISBANE CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Meeting 4.30pm on Tuesday 6 August in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre, next to St Stephen’s Cathedral, 175 Elizabeth Street, Brisbane, for a special celebration. Following at 5.30pm is a presentation by Father Chris Hanlon on his extensive research into the early history of the Catholic Church in Queensland.

QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS & COLLEGES MUSIC FESTIVAL
The 29th annual QCMF will be held Thursday evening 15th – Sunday 18th August at Villanova College & St James Parish, Coorparoo. Come and hear schools and colleges from all over Queensland perform in choirs, bands and ensembles. Festival Passes are available at the door.
$10/Adult; $5/Concession. For more information, visit www.qcmf.com.au

CATHOLIC LEADER
• Moorooka Salisbury parish celebrates two church anniversaries, the centenary of St Brendan’s Church, Moorooka and the St Pius X, Salisbury 50th anniversary
• Catholic religious advocates seek lost wages for exploited workers underpaid by a Queensland labour-hire firm
• Key Plenary Council 2020 topics emerge from the final report of the council’s Listening and Dialogue phase
• St Mary’s Church, Maryborough commemorates 150 years of sacramental care

SENIORS BUS TRIP
Ipswich Railway Workshops Museum
Wednesday 28 August 2019
Trip departs St Catherine’s 8am Enjoy morning tea at Queens Park in Ipswich, a chance to see the Japanese Garden, followed by an 11am tour of the Railway Museum. Listen to the informative commentary and look at aspects of railways and the Workshop. The Workshops are long established in North Ipswich. Later we’ll be having lunch in the Strand Hotel North Ipswich, at 12.30pm. Bookings & enquiries: Ros & Arthur Phone: 3349 9218 E: arthur.simpson@bigpond.com

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL BRISBANE
Join us for Praise & Worship in the CBD. Monthly Prayer Meeting St Stephen’s Chapel (in the grounds of the Cathedral in Brisbane City) Wednesday 7 August 10.45am - 12.15pm (after 10am Mass in Cathedral). Followed by tea & light lunch in CWL tea rooms. Everyone welcome! Contact Maureen 0403 002 199 or Helena 0405 321 901.

A DAY OF REFLECTION
Sunnybank Charismatic Prayer Group invites you to a day of reflection, Holy Mass & anointing with Fr Ray Sanchez. Saturday 31 August, 9am-5pm, Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Jacaranda Room, 121 Mains Road, Sunnybank. Morning & afternoon tea provided. BYO lunch. RSVP Marta 0433 526 703; E: mrodriguez31@optusnet.com.au

Can you scroll back up?
ENTRANCE PROCESSION: Sing Out, Earth and Skies
1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O Righteous One
   Come and bring our love to birth: In the glory of your Son.
Refrain:
Sing out earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!
Raise your joyful cries! Dance to the life around you.

2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with righteousness;
   Teach us all to sing your name: May our lives your love confess. Ref.

3. Come, O Justice, Come O Peace: Come and shape our hearts anew;
   Come and make oppression cease: Bring us all to life in you! Ref.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 89 [90]
Response: In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

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

COMMUNION: The Bread of Life
Refrain:
I am the bread of life, those who believe in me shall not hunger.
Those who believe, will never thirst. I am the bread, the bread of life.

1 Take and eat of my body. Take and drink of my blood poured out for you.
   I have come to give life. Refrain

2. Take this bread freshly broken. Grown from grain scattered on the
   ground to die. Death gives way to new life. Refrain

3. Take this cup of salvation. Take and drink of this fruit crushed from the
   vine. Death gives way to new life. Refrain

4. Food and drink for the journey, strength and comfort for the lonely, lost
   and lame. I have come to give life. Refrain

5. Many parts of one body gathered here as the people of God.
   Sharing in Jesus the Christ. Refrain

SONG OF PRAISE: Returning Our Gifts
Returning our gifts to the Giver of life, the circle now will go on.
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RECESSION: The Fullness of God
1. Deep in Christ I pray you know the power He can give!
   May your hidden self grow strong!
   And may you live strong in faith and built on love until you know:
   How high and long, how wide and deep the fullness of God.

2. May the God of Jesus Christ, the Father we serve,
   Fill your mind that you may see, deep in your heart what hope his call
   now holds for you: His promise true:
   To fill your heart with power to live the fullness of God.

3. Know the way you learnt from Christ: to live life anew!
   Let your heart be drawn to Him; let Christ renew the hope in you
   To grow into Goodness and Truth!
   And living so you'll come to know, the fullness of God.
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MASS TIMES
5 - 11 August 2019
Monday, 5 August 2019: 9.15 am St. Catherine’s
Tuesday, 6 August 2019: 9.15 am St. Bernard’s
Wednesday 7 August 2019: 7.00 am St. Catherine’s
Thursday 8 August 2019: (Feast of St Mary of the Cross)
   7.00 am St. Bernard’s
Friday 9 August 2019:
   8.00 am St. Bernard’s
   9.30 am St. Martin’s
Saturday 10 August 2019:
   5.00 pm Sunday Vigil
   St. Bernard’s
   6.15 pm Sunday Vigil
   St. Catherine’s
Sunday 11 August 2019:
   7.00 am St. Bernard’s
   8.00 am St. Martin’s
   8.30 am St. Catherine’s
   9.30 am St. Bernard’s
   6.15 pm St. Bernard’s

RECONCILIATION
St. Bernard’s - Saturday 4.15 pm

THIS WEEK
Mon. 5 August 2019
HeartFIT - 11.30 am
St. Bernard’s, Aspinall Centre
Baptism Preparation - 7 pm
St. Bernard’s Aspinall Centre
SVDP Meeting - 5 pm
St. Catherine’s Community Centre

Tues. 6 August 2019
Craft Group - 10 am
St. Bernard’s Community Centre
Meditation 12.45 pm
St. Catherine’s Community Centre

Wed. 7 August 2019
NO Beside Restful Waters
Pastoral Council - 7 pm
St. Bernard’s Community Centre

Thurs. 8 August 2019
Seniors Bus Trip St B 8.00 am
Play Group - 9.15 am
St. Bernard’s Community Centre.
Social Justice - 7.00 pm
Aspinall Meeting Room

Friday 9 August 2019
Play Group - 9.30 am
St. Catherine’s Fr Rosenskjar Hall
HeartFIT - 10 am
St. Bernard’s Aspinall Centre

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