



Weekly Bulletin

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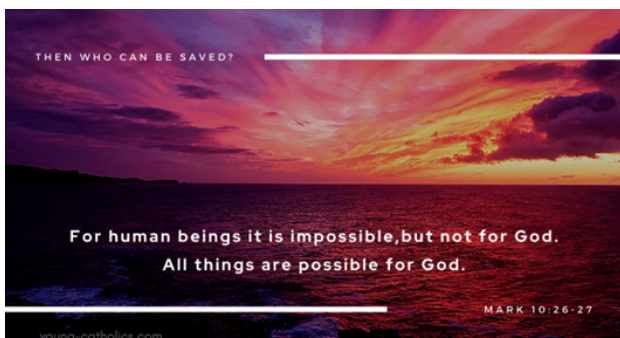
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

Sunday, 13 October 2024

“LIFE IS A MATTER OF CHOICES, AND EVERY CHOICE YOU MAKE MAKES YOU.”

—JOHN C. MAXWELL



Today's gospel is not about money. It's about making choices. Yes, the man who comes up to Jesus has money. He has many possessions. But they are not his tragedy. His tragedy is thinking that he can choose everything. This man is already a good person. He follows all the commandments. He has resources by which he can accomplish many good things. But what he wanted to do was simply add something more to the good things he already had: being a disciple of Jesus. Jesus says to him, "You can be my disciple. You can inherit eternal life. But first you have to let go of something you already have."

The man could not do this so he walked away sad. His failure is a reminder to us that we cannot have it all. In order to say yes to some things, we have to say no to others. Unless we are willing to pass on some very good things, we will not be able to attain the best things.

To say yes to the intimacy and support of marriage, we have to be willing to say no to the freedom that the single life affords. In order to say yes to any man or woman to be our spouse, we have to be willing to say no to every other man and woman in the world. In order to say yes to a challenging job that would stretch us, we have to say no to the comfort of an ordinary job that places few demands upon us. In order to say yes to a circle of friends that will support us our whole life long, we have to say no to many wonderful people for whom we do not have the time to develop relationships. We cannot have it all. This is why we must determine what is most important in our life and then be willing to let go of those things which hold us back from attaining it.

Now this is not an easy movement. We could be overwhelmed like the Apostles in the gospel when they say, "Then who can be saved?" That is why Jesus' words are so important: "All things are possible for God." When we have to let go of something we love for a higher purpose, when we have to say no to a good thing in order to attain something that is better, we might not have the strength to do that on our own. But we are not on our own. God is with us and all things are possible for God.

So, first we must look at our lives and discern what is really important. And then we must pray, "Lord, you have shown me what to do. Give me the strength to let go of whatever holds me back from choosing it. Show me how to say yes by learning to say no. (Source duly acknowledged).



A little child was playing one day with a very valuable vase. All of a sudden, he put his hand into it and could not withdraw it. His father too, tried his best, but all in vain. They were thinking of breaking the vase when the father said, "Now, my son, make one more try. Open your hand and hold your fingers straight as you see me doing, and then pull." To the dad's astonishment the little fellow said, "Oh no, father. I couldn't put my fingers out like that, because if I did, I would drop my penny." Many of us are like that little boy, so busy holding on to the worthless pennies of the world that we cannot accept liberation. The rich young man in today's gospel is just another example. He wanted eternal life but will not let go "the peanuts" of riches (John Pichappilly in 'the Table of the Word).

A man who wants to lead the orchestra must turn his back on the crowd.

Max Lucado

When the sage reached the outskirts of the village and settled under a tree for the night, a villager came running up to him and said, "The stone! The stone! Give me the precious stone!" "What stone?" asked the sage? "Last night in a dream I was told that if I went to the outskirts of the village at dusk a sage would give me a stone that would make me rich forever." The sage rummaged in his sack and, pulling out a stone, he said, "It is probably this one. I found it in the forest yesterday. Here, it's yours if you want it." The man gazed at the stone in wonder. It was the largest

diamond in the world. Later that night the man tossed about in bed. At break of day, he woke the sage and said, "Give me the wealth that makes it possible for you to give this stone away." (Fr. Anthony De Mello S.J.)

God's blessings

Fr. Vince

This Sunday's Readings



Entrance Antiphon:

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

First reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

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

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

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**

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 we knew misfortune. **R**

Show forth your works 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**

Second reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

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 : **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

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.'

Communion Antiphon:

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.

PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

welcome!

Welcome to **Maritza Graciela** who has been appointed our new Parish Secretary effective 8th October 2024.

Please make her welcome to our community and extend your cooperation and support so that she will be able to discharge her duties and responsibilities towards the betterment of our community.

Fr Vince

It's sad to see **Cheryl Percan**, the parish secretary leaving us for personal reasons. She has done a commendable job in the parish within a very short period of time.

On behalf of the parish, I extend a "Big Thank You" and I wish her good luck in the future.

God's blessings to her and family .

Fr Vince



Our **Heartfelt thanks** to all our generous parishioners who donated to the altar server albs and chasubles. A total amount of **\$2300** was collected.

Kindly keep praying for the completion of the intended project with God's grace and guidance.



FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday 15 - **St Teresa of Jesus** virgin, doctor

Thursday 17 - **St Ignatius of Antioch** bishop, martyr

Friday 18 - **St Luke** evangelist



Congratulations to **Helen & Anthony Wong** on their **49th Wedding Anniversary**.

Let us pray for ...

Sick

Maria Corazon Abello
Edmund Chavernia
Louela Davis
Tom Nayler
Robert Power

Maree Buttenshaw
Brendan Cleary
Romenda McGregor
Aileen Pelias
Danilo Delos Reyes

Recently Deceased

Viktor Blazevic
Monsignor Vince Redden

Anniversaries

Serena Arda
Thelma Fernando
Raymond Malkoun
Annie Nolan
Gordon & Mary Solomon
Frank Talia

PARISH ROSTERS

19/20 October 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Mark Salter	Lynette Rodrigues Anne-Marie Hewkins	Oscar G Isabella W	Susan Boulos Kathy Saad	Geoff & Barbara Rosario Francis Mathew	Thomas & Sophie Russo	Maria Greenfield Lily Hon O.Ham
Sun 8.00am	Pamela McKay	Gail Dick Ron Della Vedova	Daniela M Cristian A	Barbara Rosario Helen Wong			
Sun 10.00am	Delilah Rodrigues	Marco Tapiador Astrid Kossim	Theo M Chloe & Olivia G	Elaine Gade Sheila Tapiador			

26/27 October 2024

	Computer Operators	Lectors	Altar Servers	EMHC	Counters	Cleaning Ministry	Altar Society
Sat Vigil 5.30pm	Sue Farrar	Eli Ogrizek Sr Maureen	Harriet S Matilda s	Sr Maureen Sue Farrar	David & Sue Boulos Frank Camilleri	Thess Davidson & family	Therese Ball Lesley Long
Sun 8.00am	Christopher Younis	Anton Fernando Anne-Marie Lyons	Maya R Tara C	Helen Wong Lina Flores			
Sun 10.00am	Elizabeth Yeo	Lynette Rodrigues Lorna Argal	Priscilla M Angelina B Joanne J Chloe & Olivia G	Lynette & Dominic Rodrigues			

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Morning Tea to Celebrate our Parish Youth



Following the **10am Mass** on **Sunday, 10 November**, we will be hosting a morning tea to celebrate the young people in our Parish and to kick start our

Youth Group! While all are welcome, we are working to engage young people aged between **12** and **35** to help form and establish our group.

Come and meet the Youth Group leaders and get to know your fellow parishioners over a bite to eat. Look forward to seeing you all there.



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Information Evening for Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults

We will be hosting an information session for all those who are interested or know someone interested in joining the Catholic faith on **Tuesday, 22nd October** at **6:30pm** in the church **Meeting Room**.

The session will explain the course contents, RCIA program and general information to assist in better understanding what to expect. We also invite all those who are interested in joining the RCIA team.

For further information, please contact **Nazli Guler** (RCIA Team Leader) on **0426 243 016**.

Catholic Mission - Weekend of 19/20 October

In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.

Join Us for Our Monthly Parish Lunch!

Dear Parishioners,

We're excited to invite you to our Monthly Parish Lunch! This is a wonderful opportunity to gather once a month on **Sunday after 10am Mass** to enjoy great company and good food.

Each one pays for their own meal and drinks.

When: Sunday Oct 20, Nov 17, Sunday Dec 22

Where: The Family Inn

Everyone is welcome—bring your family and friends! This initiative aims to foster fellowship and strengthen our community ties.

For more details and/or to RSVP contact **Allison** on **0411 013 032**.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue - Wed - Thu - Fri - Sat 9:15 am

*Novena to our Lady of Perpetual Succour
Every Wednesday 7:00pm*

ROSARY at **3:00pm** on the last Saturday of every month at Ermington Shopping Centre (near the Post Office).

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday (Vigil) 5:30 pm
Sunday 8:00 am & 10:00 am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8:30 am - 9:00 am

ADORATION (EXPOSITION)

Saturday 8:30 am

BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month 11:30 am

PARISH TEAM

Fr. Vincent Savarimuthu
Parish Priest

Maritza Graciela
Parish Secretary
Mon / Tue / Wed / Fri
9am to 5pm

Deacon Leon
Finance Secretary
Thur
10am to 2pm

Sacramental Coordinator
Childrens Liturgy Coordinator
Lectors Coordinator
Senior Server Coordinator
Finance Chairman
St Vincent De Paul President
Rydalmen Coordinator

Diane O'Shea
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