



St Matthew's Catholic Parish



(Established 1831)

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Our Parish Mission Statement:

We believe and live out the mission of Jesus Christ as a community of worship and faith shared in service.

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Masses:



THE LEGION OF MARY RECITE THE ROSARY EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 7PM VIA ZOOM. ALL PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART, PLEASE CLICK ON THE LINK ON OUR WEBSITE .

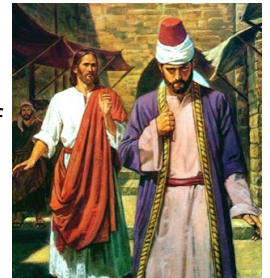


PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE CHURCH IF YOU

- ⇒ ARE EXPERIENCING COLD OR FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS
- ⇒ HAVE A TEMPERATURE
- ⇒ HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ANYONE THAT IS EITHER A SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASE OF COVID-19
- ⇒ **FACE MASKS ARE MANDATORY**

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B *10th October, 2021*

'Jesus looked at him and loved him.' Jesus was about to make an audacious request of the wealthy man and he knew that only in the gaze of love could the man respond to this invitation to totally transform his life. Till now he had devotedly kept the Law and avoided sin: no adultery, no stealing etc. and he would have understood his wealth as God's reward to him for such behaviour. Now Jesus challenges the ground on which he walks. No longer is his virtue to be shown by avoiding sin but by serving the poor with the very wealth he perceives as a blessing and then following Jesus. Devotion to the Law is to be superseded by love of Jesus.



It is a big ask: the man had been in control of his life, he had wealth, prestige, the ability to be devout. Now he is asked to give it all away and follow the poor Jesus who we know is on his way to the cross. How could Jesus expect him to respond positively- only in the gaze of love.

We, too, will find ourselves in that gaze with an audacious request asked of us- not every day, perhaps only once or twice in a lifetime. But at some stage we will be asked to move beyond everything that holds our world and our self-identity together. We will be asked to do the impossible. How can we prepare for such a moment? By allowing ourselves to bask regularly in the love of Jesus.

REST IN THE LOVE OF YOUR GOD.

When you are at rest, ask Jesus to look upon you with his gaze of love. Dwell there for some time. Ask him what you need to do to allow the fullness of God's love into your life. Realise that this is impossible for you to achieve and that it can only come about by divine grace flowing through you. If you feel challenged or overwhelmed, return to resting in his love.

**FIRST READING:**

Wisdom 7 : 7-11

*In Comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.***RESPONSE:**

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

SECOND READING:

Hebrews 4 : 12-13

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

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.**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS THE HOLY SOULS:****Recently Deceased:**

Please pray for the recently deceased John Edwards and Valente Lorenzo Tan as well as Chris, John and Maryanne Sultana family.

Sick:

Please pray for Roger Milosh, Jessica Moloney and Des Donoghue.

SCHOOLS AND YOUTH ENGAGEMENT TEAM AT THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

The link to the Vinnies Metropolitan Schools and Youth Term 4 2021 Newsletter is: [bit.ly/VinniesSchoolYouthNewsTerm42021]bit.ly/VinniesSchoolYouthNewsTerm42021
The 2021 edition of the Mini Vinnies Formation Program (MVFP) for students in Years 4 – 6 is available for those who wish to undertake Social Justice Formation in their own time. For more information please go to <https://bit.ly/VinniesMVFP>

YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE – WE ARE WITH YOU

“I am with you always” Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

**COVID-19 UPDATE FROM THE DIOCESE**

The NSW Government has recently published its pathway out of the pandemic and lockdowns, with the “roadmap” to easing various restrictions at the 70% and 80% double dose target for those who are vaccinated. There is a further lifting of restrictions to all citizens of NSW regardless of vaccination status from 1 December 2021. NSW has achieved its double dose vaccination target of 70% sometime last week and from next Monday 11 October, restrictions will start lifting for places of worship. Although we would be entitled to open our churches for public Masses from this date, the Diocese has decided that we will instead wait the estimated two further weeks until we reach the 80% target before conducting public Masses.

When 80% of the double dose vaccination target is achieved by the state (possibly 25th October)

At this stage of the roadmap, our churches are to open to our entire community. There is no requirement from the Government to check the vaccination status of people attending our churches.

For Religious Services:

- ◆ All religious services held at a place of worship (including weddings and funerals) will only be limited by the 4 square metre rule.
- ◆ Baptisms and confessions can be publicly scheduled again.
- ◆ Music is an important part of our liturgy. Although congregational singing is not permitted, a single cantor and musician are possible (as per previous Public Health Orders).
- ◆ COVID Safe practices for indoor venues including wearing masks, maintaining physical distancing and hygiene requirements and record keeping/sign in using QR Codes et cetera should continue to occur.
- ◆ Live streaming of Mass will continue, to allow for people who are especially vulnerable or who are vaccinated but remain anxious at this point, to continue to attend Mass online.

More information to come.