



The Catholic Community of HOLY TRINITY PARISH BLACKBUTT NORTH



St John the Evangelist Church
Dickson Street Lambton Est. 1873



Corpus Christi Church
Platt Street Waratah Est. 1917



St Therese's Church
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◆ TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME ◆ YEAR B ◆ 10 OCTOBER 2021 ◆

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LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS

Parish Mass Celebrations

In compliance with the [NSW Health](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/lockdown) lock down which is in effect as of 5:00PM Thursday 5 August, our church buildings are currently closed to members of the public.

You can join our **5:00PM Saturday Vigil, and 5:30PM Sunday Mass** via our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/holytrinityparishblackbuttnorth>.

Sunday Mass Celebration

Mass continues to be celebrated every Sunday at 9:30AM live streamed from Sacred Heart Cathedral Mass via <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/places/live-stream/>. Mass can be viewed at a later time via the same link. Please share the link with family and friends and continue to pray as a spiritual community at this time.

Mass on TV

Mass for You at Home is broadcast at 6:00AM every Sunday on Channel 10 (WIN), or on Catch Up TV at 10 play.

Sunday Obligation

The general dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass previously given to the lay members of the Diocese by the Bishop is withdrawn. HOWEVER, the obligation only applies when it is possible for it to be complied with, a situation that presently is not possible. Those who are still unable to attend are encouraged to keep Sunday holy through the use of the resources still available on the [Diocese website](https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update) and at <http://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/covid-19-update>.

Keeping the Sunday Holy and What we can do

<https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4197/keeping-sunday-holy-what-can-we-do.pdf>

Pastoral Visitation

If you would like a priest to visit your home, please enquire by phone or email at the Parish Office. If you know someone who would like a visit, please encourage them to contact us.

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions are available for anyone upon request. Simply contact the parish secretaries with your intentions. If you have names of sick, deceased or anniversaries for the bulletin, and Mass, these need to be in relatively early to make the bulletin. Remember you need the person's or family's permission for publication.

Rosary

All are invited to pray the Rosary at 8:30AM and from your home every day.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Is 53:10-11
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. R. v.22
Second Reading: Heb 4:14-16
Gospel Acclamation: Mk 10:45
Gospel: Mk 10:35-45

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 129:3-4

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

FIRST READING

Wis 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom
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.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14

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

1. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
2. 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 when we knew misfortune. (R.)
3. Show forth your work 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

Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
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.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 5:3

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

GOSPEL

Mk 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Cf. Ps 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

HOMILY

By Richard Leonard

John Calvin, one of the founding fathers of the Protestant Reformation, reacted against what he saw as medieval Catholicism's adherence to the sacramental law as a means to salvation. 'If you keep the law, the law will keep you.' He was right to condemn the preaching of some Catholic priests of his day. Calvin maintained that since time began God predestined those who, by faith, would be saved. Calvin argued that the rest of humanity would be lost. It was impossible to know for certain, Calvin argued, who was who. This was tough stuff!

Within a few years, however, his own congregation in Geneva wanted to know how anyone could be sure they were on the right path to salvation. Calvin's disciples taught that strict and right behaviour was an indication of who belonged to those elected by God to be saved. Not dancing, drinking, swearing or gambling, but working hard, saving one's money and the careful observance of the Ten Commandments became the benchmarks of the elect. Within a few generations of Calvin's death, it is easy to see that the observance of the strict, Protestant, moral code had replaced the seven Sacraments as the way of being assured of heaven.

The rich young man wanted to be assured of salvation too. He was a good man; an observant Jew and someone Jesus looked on with love. But he was hoping the law would save him. He wanted to be sure of gaining heaven by jumping through the right hoops, at the right time, for the right reasons.

Jesus doesn't reject the importance of faithful and good living, but he offers the young man a relationship that would make sense of the choices involved in following him. Without a loving relationship with God, who calls us to live the best life we can, the fulfilment of any law, civil or moral, is a tyranny. We do not believe in a tyrannical God.

We do believe, however, in a God who makes demands of us, who often challenges us in the places where we are most vulnerable. For the young man, his money was an obstacle.

He could not embrace a relationship with Jesus because this would have placed in peril his wealth and the comfort that his many possessions afforded him.

For the earliest Christian community today's Gospel highlights serious issues on which people left their company: the role of the law in following Christ; the divide between rich and poor; the commitment demanded of followers in the earliest community. In comparison to our forebears in faith, we have domesticated this radical edge of the Gospel.

We often comfort ourselves with the assurance that the law will save us, whereas Jesus tells us that salvation comes from a loving relationship with him, shown in the sacrifice of our lives. To the degree that any law enables us to deepen this relationship with Jesus and to serve his people, then it is helpful and good. If a civil or religious law gets in the road, then its moral authority over us is questionable.

In a world where the vast majority of the world's wealth and resources are held and used by a dominantly white, educated and, at least nominally, Christian First World, then the demands of today's Gospel should be as confronting to us as they were to the rich young man. 'There is still one thing you lack, sell everything and come follow me.' It has suited us to move away from this financially hard teaching of Jesus.

The law and money are in themselves neutral things. They can be used for good or evil. At their worst the law and money seduce us into pride, greed and power. At their best they can serve the liberation of all people and enable our world to better reflect the Kingdom of dignity, justice and equality Jesus taught and lived.

Given that all things are possible for God, let's pray in this Eucharist that we might stop domesticating the Gospel but allow it to lead us more deeply into a relationship with Jesus who looks on us, loves us and calls us to write the law of love on our hearts in such a way that there will be justice for all people.

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REFLECTION

By Dianne Bergant

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

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REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

By Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus gives us some harsh words: If you are rich, don't count on getting into the Kingdom of God. Don't count on entering heaven. Don't count on receiving all the wealth and riches you are looking for.

Are most teenagers you know more interested in making good money or in doing good things for the world? What are you most interested in?

Do you believe that money can buy happiness?

Do you think most teenagers would agree with you?

Why or why not? What does society's behaviour indicate?

We don't hear the name of this rich young man. The Gospel doesn't tell us that he went away, never to return to Jesus again. We don't know if he ever did sell his possessions and give the money to the poor, or if he ever came back to follow Jesus.

What do you think happened to him?

If you were telling this story, how would you write the ending? What would happen to this rich young man, and how would he spend the rest of his life? © St Mary's Press



REFLECTION

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The Loving Gaze

The man in this story is described (at the end) as a man of great wealth, so that when Jesus says 'There is one thing you lack', it would have got his attention. But he learnt to his shock that what he lacked was the big-heartedness which would enable him to give up the security and status and power which came with his possessions.

Jesus was not satisfied with the wealthy man's minimalist agenda of keeping the commandments. He is just as dissatisfied with us. We each know what is holding us back from being a wholehearted follower of Jesus Christ. At some stage in our lives, we have known, or know now, or will know, what it is we are hanging onto: the one thing we cannot, will not, give up, the one thing that is so much part of our personality we cannot imagine what it would be like to get rid of it.

There is only one thing that can give you, give me, the courage and trust that is needed. In this Gospel story, and the only time in Mark, it says: 'Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him.' This is not the glare of the critical eye but similar to the gaze of a parent on a newborn child, envisaging and encouraging a beautiful future for that child.

We could take a moment to pray, 'Lord, I know there is something I must give up to enable me to follow you more nearly. Give me the courage which can only come from knowing that you gaze steadily at me and love me.'

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REFLECTION

Reflection by Greg Sunter

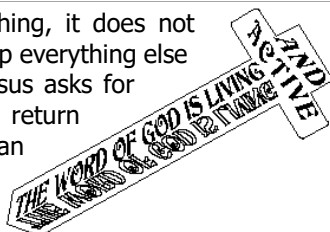
Jesus reminds us in this gospel that to join him in bringing about the reign of God requires absolute commitment and a willingness to give up that which is most precious to us. The rich man who approached Jesus was genuine in his desire to fulfil all the requirements of the Law to attain eternal life. Jesus quoted to him all the commandments that deal with right relationships with others. The man is able to tick these off and assure Jesus that he has been doing this since childhood – a pretty big claim in the first place! Then Jesus 'looked steadily at him and loved him' – he looked on him with the eyes of love; the eyes that see to the heart of a person, and in that look knew what was most important to the man. Jesus could tell by his dress no doubt that the man was wealthy and so it is this aspect of the man's life that Jesus chooses to challenge him about. This gospel shouldn't necessarily be read as a condemnation of wealth – rather, it is the man's inability to surrender his wealth that Jesus challenges. Jesus sees to the heart of the man and asks if he is willing to give up that which is most important in his life. The man is unable to do what Jesus asks of him and goes away sad. Why sad? He's sad because he knows that he has been tested and failed. He knows that what he genuinely desired was within his reach but he needed to let go of his position, his status, his wealth, to be able to grasp what he desired in both hands.

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A VOCATION VIEW

If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that one dream. Jesus asks for total dedication, promising in return rewards that no one else can promise: "Go and sell everything you own ... then come; follow me." For more information regarding Vocations phone 02 4979 1112 or email vocations@mn.catholic.org.au.



SAINTS

Saint John XXIII, Pope

Pope Saint John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli, in 1881; one of fourteen children born to a family of sharecroppers in the Italian region of Lombardy. He was ordained a priest in 1904 and served in many parts of the world including France, Greece, Turkey and Bulgaria. In 1953 he was made a cardinal by Pope Pius XII and named the Patriarch of Venice. On October 28 1958 he was elected Pope at the age of 76 and became the first pope in more than 500 years to take the papal name of "John". Soon after his election as pope, John XXIII called for a general council of cardinals and bishops, and after two years of preparations the historic Second Vatican Council was opened on October 11 1962. John XXIII died from stomach cancer on 3 June 1963 before the conclusion of the council. Affectionately known as "Good Pope John", John XXIII was canonized by Pope Francis on 27 April 2014.



SAFEGUARDING

Our Children and Vulnerable Adults: The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult please contact the Office of Safeguarding: P 02 4979 1390 or E childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or visit their website for further information www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au.

Our Parish Promoters of the Office of Safeguarding are Teleisia Lolohea and Paul Rosser.

Safeguarding Standards: During 2021 the Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has been actively implementing the National Catholic Safeguarding Standards and the NSW Child Safe Standards and preparing for an external audit of these standards. The Diocese is expected to proceed with the external audit in 2022 and so will continue the implementation processes for these Standards.

FEAST DAYS

- 18 Oct: Saint Luke, Evangelist
- 28 Oct: Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles
- 1 Nov: All Saints
- 2 Nov: The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed
- 9 Nov: The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
- 21 Nov: Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
- 30 Nov: Saint Andrew, Apostle
- 8 Dec: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

◆ PRAYERS ◆

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

Light a Candle

Light a candle to symbolize the Light of Christ and Light of the World.



Introduction: With open hearts, let us turn to the Father to pray for those in need, for everything is possible with God.

1. For those who have given up everything to follow the Gospel. Let us pray to the Lord.
2. For those who struggle with commitment and responsibility. Let us pray to the Lord.
3. For those who suffer with depression and sadness. Let us pray to the Lord.
4. For all of us gathered here today. Let us pray to the Lord.
5. That our Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle be guarded and guided by the goodness of God as we work together to build the Kingdom of God. Let us pray to the Lord.
6. For those who have died. Let us pray to the Lord.

Conclusion: Lord God, nothing escapes your knowing. Hear the prayers of those who follow you. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord.

All: Amen.

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WE REMEMBER

Please Pray for

Sick: Bishop William (Bill) Wright, Soane Tupou, Malia Piccione, Julie Cartwright, Cheryl Corbett, Giuseppi Piccione, Milan Parker, Sharon Arkinstall, Robert Watson, Donna Collins, Bernadette Coffey, Michael Payne, Fred Stanwell, Paul Mowbray, Shelley Smith, Dorothy and Jessica.

Recently Deceased: Marie Price, Sheng Joo Ping, Joyce Margaret Hoey.

Anniversaries: Fr Bernard McKiernan, Fr James Thomas McNamara, Fr Martin Joseph Brennan, Fr Eugene Sheehy, Fr Michael McAuliffe, Fr William Peters.

Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. + May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen



"Intentions" for publication need to be submitted by email or phone by midday Monday Reminder that you need the person or family's permission to enable us to publish names.

HAIL, HOLY QUEEN

Hail, holy Queen, mother of mercy;
hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;
to thee do we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy towards us;
and after this our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

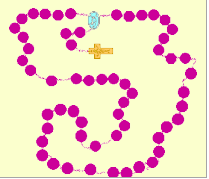
Amen.

◆ ROSARY ◆



Each year the month of October is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary. This is primarily due to the liturgical feast of Our Lady of the Rosary celebrated annually on 7 October. Please see page 1 of this bulletin to join in daily Rosary with each other. Some resources:

- 'Praying the Rosary' - as attached or from the Parish Office
- The Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart have produced a set of beautiful Rosary Reflections available on our Diocesan website via <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/media/4242/170233-clt-rosary-and-prayers-may-v3.pdf>
- Praying the Rosary at home - <https://www.rosarycenter.org/>



◆ SACRAMENTS ◆

SACRAMENTS IN HOLY TRINITY PARISH

Sacramental Program: This year's program has been completed.

Anointing and Viaticum: Pastoral Care of the Sick and Dying continues with appropriate care and precautions being observed. Visits to the sick and dying, and the celebration of Viaticum, are allowable. Communal celebrations of the Anointing of the Sick are not to take place, either in parishes or other places.

Baptism: The celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism is not available under the current Public Health Order. When available, baptism is only to be celebrated by the pouring of water which needs to be changed between each baptism. Baptism by immersion is not celebrated in the current circumstances.

Currently, limited number of Baptisms can take place on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of the month and are held between St John the Evangelist Lambton, Corpus Christi Waratah, and St Therese's New Lambton. Bookings are made through the Parish Office.

Funerals: A maximum of ten (10) people can attend a funeral or memorial service or gathering afterwards. In addition to the 10 people attending there may also be:

- a person conducting the service
- other people who are necessary for the preparation and conduct of the service.

Liturgical adaptations are required in the current circumstances.

Marriage Bookings: The celebration of weddings is not possible under the current Public Health Order.

Penance: To make enquiries regarding celebration of the First Rite of Reconciliation, please contact the Lambton Presbytery or the Parish Office.

The celebration of the Second Rites of Reconciliation is not possible under the current Public Health Order.

The Third Rite is not permitted.

Communion Ministry to the Sick: Taking Communion to the Sick is currently limited to the priests.

PARISH NEWS

Live Streaming Parish Mass

We are now live streaming Mass on [Facebook](#) Saturday at 5:00PM and Sunday at 5:30PM.

Reopening of Churches: In accordance with advice from the Diocese, our churches and other parish venues will reopen to the public from Monday 25 October, when it is expected that 80% of NSW will be fully vaccinated (Phase Two of the Government's 'roadmap'). We will reopen our churches and public liturgies to "mixed congregations" (i.e. to the fully vaccinated, the partially vaccinated, and the as yet unvaccinated) at this point. For details regarding this decision and the restrictions that are likely to continue at this phase, please refer to the attached Pastoral Letter from Fr Andrew Doohan VG.

Catholic Mission: As our churches will not reopen to the public until 25 October, our parish will be conducting its annual Catholic Mission Appeal on Sunday 31 October, the Sunday after World Mission Sunday. More information will be provided as the appeal date nears. To follow up on Catholic Mission, about any aspect of its work, or your support and contact details, call the Diocesan Director in Maitland-Newcastle, David on M 0488 115 401 or E dmcgovern@catholicmission.org.au.

The call to share our blessings – our time, talent and treasure – is not always an easy one to embrace. There are many demands on those aspects of our lives and we can become weary – and perhaps wary – of how charities constantly ask us to donate. As Christians, however, we know that building the Kingdom is a constant work in progress; the poor will always be with us and while ever we enjoy blessings from God, we must be mindful of them, and their needs. The Gospel is not a call to give away everything we possess – it is about having a heart for others and being willing to 'let go' and share with those in need that which God has given us. In this time of World Mission Month, let us pray for, and donate to, those who serve the poor, in places like Thailand. Please consider, at this time, your capacity to either make a major gift in this life or provide an eternal legacy, through a gift in your will. For more information about ways you can contribute to the vital, life-giving work supported by Catholic Mission, or about leaving a bequest visit <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/see-our-work-in-action/kusa>.

Advent Program: Sunday 28 November is the First Sunday of Advent, and in preparation, the parish has pre-ordered a limited number of Daily Reflection Books. If you are interested in purchasing a book for personal reflection, we invite you to place your order at the Parish Office, via email or phone. Books will cost \$7.00. Payment options yet to be advised. See [sample here](#).

Sunday Collections: We appreciate that many of you wish to continue regular giving during this time, especially mindful of the parish bills which still need to be paid. There are electronic options you may like to consider, including www.mn.catholic.org.au/about/parishdiocesan-payments/ to make a single payment, remembering to include your envelope number if you have one. Please refer to the 'Parish Contribution' insert of our bulletin for Sunday 12 September 2021. Alternatively, you may like to wait until we can gather again.

Musicians: We regret the Australian Distributors of *Respond and Acclaim* are no longer agents for Oregon Catholic Press Publications (OCP), the Publishers of this resource. No other Distributors here have taken up the distribution for Australia. Importing directly from the US would mean prohibitive prices.

Parish Office: Our office is closed in compliance with the NSW Government lockdown that remains in effect. Please do feel free to [contact us](#) by phone or email during normal office hours for all your enquiries, or by post any time.

Volunteer Roster: We will soon organise the 2022 volunteers roster. Please contact the parish office if you would like to become a volunteer; if you wish to add, remove or make other changes to your current volunteer duties; or to check your volunteer registration status. All volunteers must be registered.

DIocese NEWS

Praying the Gospels: Join in each Wednesday 5:00PM-5:45PM to connect and pray with each other across the Diocese from your own home. Zoom: <https://mncatholic.zoom.us/j/96144217758> Password: pray. Enquiries: rose.mcallister@mn.catholic.org.au

Young Adult Formation Group: A group meets for formation opportunities, 4:00PM – 5:00PM on the first Sunday of every month before the 5:30PM Youth Mass, at St Patrick's Church Wallsend. All are welcome! For more information, or alternative arrangements during lockdown, contact Rose on 0408 796 252.

Aurora: To view articles from the most recent Aurora editions, go to <https://www.mn.catholic.org.au/news-events/aurora/>.

Catholic Weekly: Available for free online during restrictions via www.catholicweekly.com.au/catholic-weekly-newspaper-online/

Diocesan Synod: After consultation with the Synod Working Party, the Council of Priests, and the Council for Mission, a decision was made to delay Session Three, originally planned for 20 November 2021, due to COVID-19 and the Bishop's ill-health. For more information go to <https://www.domnsynod.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/Advice-Delay-Session-Three-Diocesan-Synod-20-November-2021-1.pdf>.

OTHER NEWS

2021 Abraham Conference: The Abraham Conference brings Jews, Christians and Muslims together to discuss contemporary issues of concern for the members of the three religions and for the wider society. This year's theme is *Women Leaders in the Abrahamic Traditions: Role Models for Our Time*. The conference runs from 2:30PM to 4:00PM on Sunday 10 October. Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/2021-abraham-conference>.

ACU Graduate Certificate in Mission and Culture: Online information sessions Monday 11 October, 2:00PM – 3:30PM, and Thursday 14 October, 5:30PM – 7:00PM. To register visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/graduate-certificate-in-mission-and-culture-information-session-tickets-173996467117>.

Caritas Appeal: To provide much needed support to the Middle East Region and Haiti visit Caritas Australia's Emergency Response Appeal caritas.org.au or call 1800 024 413 toll free.

One Million Children Praying the Rosary: You are invited to join the prayer campaign 'One Million Children Praying the Rosary' for unity and peace in the world on 18 October. Join many others to be part of this prayer campaign! Register and learn more at www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

That Catholic Shop: This is an exciting development of *Aid to a Church in Need Australia*. It is a go-to shop for Catholic gifts and devotional items. From Sacramental gifts, statues, books, rosaries, Christmas items and more, there is something for everyone. The purchases you make at That Catholic Shop go to support the work of Aid to the Church in Need to keep the faith alive in those places where it is most at risk. To browse our full range visit www.thatcatholicshop.com.

Amoris Laetitia Family Year: The "Amoris Laetitia (The Joy of Love) Family Year" is an initiative of Pope Francis, which aims to reach every family around the world through several spiritual, pastoral, and cultural proposals that can be implemented within parishes, dioceses, universities, ecclesial movements and family associations. To facilitate the reading of the Apostolic Exhortation, with the aid of downloadable material prepared for personal and community reflection go to resource: <http://www.laityfamilylife.va/content/laityfamilylife/en/amoris-laetitia/iniziativa-e-risorse/10-video-amoris-laetitia.html>

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

Riches are nothing compared with Wisdom

Wis 7:7-11
Ps 90:12 & 14, 16-17abc, R. v.14
Heb 4:12-13
Mk 10:17-27

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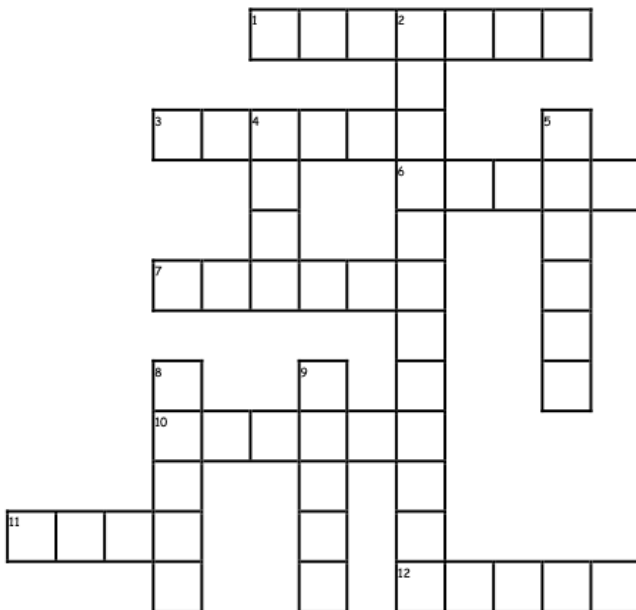
Try to find these words:

- active
- camel
- commandments
- hidden
- life
- light
- money
- needle
- sand
- sword
- teacher
- wisdom

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Across

- 1: someone who teaches
- 3: riches are nothing compared to this
- 6: Jesus told the man to give this to the poor
- 7: nothing is _____ from God - he sees through everything
- 10: what God has said is alive and _____
- 11: a man asked Jesus what he could do to have eternal _____
- 12: an object used for cutting and fighting

Down

- 2: God's laws are called the _____
- 4: compared with wisdom, gold is worth no more than _____
- 5: you thread cotton through this
- 8: this animal has a hump on its back and is ridden by people in the desert
- 9: the opposite of dark

Follow the Lord



28th Sunday In Ordinary Time, Year B

A man met Jesus on the road and asked him how we can have eternal life. Some of the things Jesus says we can do are written on the sign posts below. Fill in the missing words and pictures.

God tells us there are more important things in life than being rich or owning lots of possessions. Write or draw some things that are important in your life.

Complete the crossword - it uses picture as clues instead of words!