

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Reflections on the Gospel

TRUE AND FALSE SECURITY

We human beings are very insecure creatures. We are afraid for the future and, in that fear, desperately clutch at what would seem to offer protection and security against all manner of threats.

Wealth seems to offer the most obvious source of security: with wealth we shall not go hungry, we shall have a roof over our heads; we shall gain influence and power, the likelihood of good health, and the enjoyment of life's better things.

But the deep fear that feeds our insecurity also feeds the desire for wealth, so that the desire itself can become insatiable and eventually take over our lives, making us increasingly insensitive and to other, deeper values.

The parable in today's Gospel addresses this issue. The rich landowner, whose chief problem was finding space for his harvest, thought he could look forward to many years of the good life because of all the 'security' he thought he had stored up.

But, 'this very night' the demand is made for his 'soul'—that is, for his worth as a human being, a prerequisite for eternal life. It is exactly this deeper question that the man's preoccupation with his wealth has caused him to neglect.

The only security that is really lasting consists in being 'rich' in one's relationship with God, because this is the only relationship that transcends death.

But a preoccupation with wealth also poisons human relationships, and erodes the concern for others that is the basis of community. Attachment to wealth in this sense is incompatible with living, sharing and celebrating the hospitality of God.

Brendan Byrne, SJ



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

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FIRST READING

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes

What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

3. 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.**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Col 3:1-5,9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth,



because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church Inverell

Saturday 5.30pm from May to August

Sunday 9am

Monday, Tuesday & First Saturday	9.30am
Wed, Thurs and 1st Friday	12noon
1st Friday Mass & Benediction	12 noon
First Wednesday Anointing Mass	12 noon
McLean Village Each Friday except 1st Friday	11.00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 4.00 to 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am—8.30am

<i>Tingha</i>	St. Francis' Church	Saturday	4.30pm
<i>Ashford</i>	St Patrick's Church	Sunday	11.00am
<i>Bundarra</i>	St Mary's Bundarra 2nd & 4th	Sunday	8.00am
<i>Yetman</i>	St Joseph the Worker	5th Sunday	10.30am

Baptisms, (Saturday only) Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK Jeanette Rennie, John Lennon, Danny Dickins, Peter Chapman, Katrina Newbigin, Bob Kneipp, Brian Barker, Linda Redondo, Marie Ward, Margaret Wales, Dorothy Ball (Dot), Mary Porchedda, Denise Taveira, Gregory Stephen, Joanne Essey, Bob Kneipp, Terry Kelleher, , Graham Tom, Peter Stieger, Fred Boight, Bob Sullivan, Mary Jordan, Agnes Hannigan, **and all the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.**

We Pray for the souls of Recently Deceased and the anniversaries of our loved ones

John Rees, Joseph Hanna (nephew of Eileen) Elih John James Andrews, Phillip McMullen, John & Barbara Baldwin (Gunnedah) Kath Leahy, Anne Szacsavay, Pietro Ivan, (father of Rosie Long) Terry Friday, Beverley Tufrey, Geoff Smith, Tony Illes, Sandra McSavaney, Elaine Alldridge, Margaret Palmer, Phillip Kenny, Sr Helen Coleman, Neville Lavender, Michael Turner (brother in law of June Turner) Pietro Musio, John Mulroy, Malcolm Williams, **Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION:
We as a PARISH, try to live out our VISION: To continually form a Christ-centred community based on the Gospel Values expressed through SERVICE in peace, justice and love.

MISSION: *To know Christ more, His life and His teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and service. To try to share generously what graces and blessings we have and to be instruments of the Gospel message.*



Mass Intentions for the Week

For the happy repose of the SOULS of:

Andrew Murray, Serra Salvatore , Manchinu Doloreta, Doretta Manchinu



Mass Schedule

MONDAY:	Rosary	9:00am
	Mass at the Church	9:30a
TUESDAY:	Rosary	9:00am
	Mass	9.30am
	Feast of the Transfiguration	
Wednesday :	Rosary & Angelus	11:30am
	Mass	12noon
	No Home Rosary this week	
THURSDAY:	Rosary	11.30am
	Mass at the Church	12 noon
	St Mary of the Cross	
FRIDAY	Secondary Mass	9.15am
	St Mary of the Cross	
	McLean Mass	11.00am

Team 1: P.Croft, R.Kenny, M.Aiton, C.Cottell

National Vocations Awareness Week – God calls us. He continues to call us and to ask something of us. In this time, in our Diocese of Armidale, God is calling us to heed His request, “The harvest is abundant but the Labourers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to His harvest” (Matthew 9:37). **How can one respond to this call?** The 31 Club is an initiative that helps us: priests, religious and parishioners answer God’s call to pray for more vocations. It entails picking a day of the month to attend and offer Mass or spend an hour in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for more priests in our diocese. **We still need priests in our community.** Today is the feast of St John Vianney, the patron of parish clergy. Pray for your priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in your community. Next Thursday is the feast of St Mary of the Cross McKillop, our first Australian saint. Pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that these saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

VOCATIONS SUNDAY /C

Training and Re-Commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers

We are very grateful to all who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and are keen to maintain all current volunteers on our rosters. One of the responsibilities with this ministry is to undertake periodic formation and training. Many thanks to those who have already attended one of the refresher sessions. We will be holding one more refresher / training session after 9:00am Mass on Sunday 11th August. We will then re-commission our Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist at Masses on 17/18th August.

Collections Last Weekend

1st Collection : \$ 885.10

2nd Collection : \$ 960.00

Loose Collections : \$ 180.00

Direct Debit : \$ 335.00

Thank you for your continued Generosity ...

ALTAR SOCIETY FOR AUGUST

MARGARET ALLAN AND JAN FRATER

Women's Breakfast August 9 at 8:00am, 2nd Friday of the month at the Bridge Coffee Lounge. Please phone Ann Barry on 67222858 or Marj Manuel on 67224772. *Everyone welcome.*

Men's Breakfast: August 10, Saturday 7:30 am at the **New Australian Café** Corner Otho & Evans St.

Contact Bernie Cook at 67224387 by Wednesday Night August 7 **ALL ARE WELCOME!**

	MEETINGS	
Committee	Date	Venue
Parish Pastoral Council	August 5 at 5pm	Meeting Room
Liturgy Meeting	Saturday, August 10 8.30am	Meeting Room

Bon Voyage, Fr Raj
Have a great holiday

ROSTER ...	JULY 27—SAT 5.30PM	JULY 28—SUN 9AM	AUGUST 3—SAT 5.30PM	AUG 4 —SUN 9AM
GREETERS	ANTHONY & ROSIE MICHAEL	P.CONSTABLE, VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	P.CONSTABLE, VOLUNTEERS
PROJECTOR	SIMON SMITH	P.GIRLE	S.SZUMOWSKI	MARY JANE GUEST
READERS	JO KELLY, PAT MATHER	R.LONG, J. MONIE	N.McCOSKER, T.MORRISON	DAVID McMAHON, JOHN THIVAKON
COMMENTATOR	NOEL McCOSKER	M.ROBINSON	JENNIE MONIE	CHRIS BRUSE
GIFTS	TRISH & ROD TRAVES	DIZON FAMILY	VICKI & ALBERT TALAMPAS	GASCON FAMILY
COMMUNION MINISTER	N.TURNER, J.HARRIS, A.MICHAEL, VOLUNTEER	C.BRUSE, D.HANNIGAN, J, SAINT, VOLUNTEER	N.TURNER, A.MICHAEL, T.PEVY, J.TURNER	J.SAINT, ROBERT & TERI BENARES, M.NEWBIGIN
ALTAR SERVERS	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER	VOLUNTEER
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CANTOR		A.TUBB	A.TUBB	
COLLECTION	K.MIDDLETON	B.DEMPSEY	F.NOBLE	A.KINNEAR
MORNING TEA		HOLY TRINITY GROUP		VILLANUEAVA & ROA GP
COUNTERS		B & C GRAHAM, A. & H McARDLE		B.BALDWIN, R.TUTT, B.GARDNER, R.WITHERDIN

