



### Prayer Seeking God's Guidance (St Benedict)

Gracious and holy Father, please give me intellect to understand You, reason to discern You, diligence to seek You, wisdom to find You, a spirit to know You, a heart to meditate upon You, ears to hear You, eyes to see You, a tongue to proclaim You, a way of life pleasing to You, patience to wait for You, and perseverance to look for You. Grant me a perfect end, Your holy presence, a blessed resurrection, and life everlasting. Amen.

### A reflection by the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

Covetousness is an inordinate love of the things of this world. It becomes inordinate if one is not guided by a reasonable end, such as a suitable provision for one's family, or the future, or if one is too solicitous in amassing wealth, or too parsimonious in dispensing it.

The sin of covetousness includes, therefore, both the intention one has in acquiring the goods of this world and the manner of acquiring them. It is not the love of an excessive sum that makes it wrong, but an inordinate love of any sum.

Simply because a man has a great fortune, it does not follow that he is a covetous man. A child with a few pennies might possibly be more covetous. Material things are lawful and necessary to enable us to live according to our station in life, to mitigate suffering, to advance the kingdom of God, and to save our souls.

It is the pursuit of wealth as an end instead of a means to the above ends, that makes a man covetous. In this class of the covetous are to be placed the young woman who marries a divorced man for his money; the public official who accepts a bribe; the lawyer, the educator or clergyman who puts profits above human rights and needs, and the politician who puts party power above the labourer's rights.

Covetousness is much more general in the world today than we suspect. It once was monopolised by the avaricious rich: now it is shared by the envious poor. Because a man has no money in his pockets is no proof that he is not covetous; he may be involuntarily poor with a passion for wealth far in excess of those who possess.

History bears witness to the fact that almost every radical economic revolutionist in history has been interested in only one thing: booty. The only poor people who ever attacked the rich and sought nothing for themselves were Our Lord and His followers, such as St Francis of Assisi.

Such covetousness is ruinous for man, principally because it hardens the heart. Man becomes like that which he loves, and if he loves gold, he becomes like it – cold, hard, and yellow. The more he acquires, the more he suffers at surrendering even the least of it.

The more the sinfully rich man gets, the more he believes he is needy. He is always poor in his own eyes. The sense of the spiritual thus becomes so deadened that its most precious treasures are bartered away for the trivial increases, as Judas sold his Master for thirty pieces of silver.

As St Paul tells us: 'The love of money is the root of all evil; in their desire for it some have strayed from the faith...' The Providence of God becomes less and less a reality, and if it still retains value, it is reduced to a secondary role; God is trusted as long as we have a good bank account.

To turn man's heart away from perishable things to the eternal values of the soul, was one of the reasons for Our Lord's visit to the earth. His teaching from the beginning was not only a warning against covetousness, but a plea for a greater trust in Providence.

The man who unduly loves riches is a fallen man, because of a bad exchange; he might have had heaven through his generosity, and he has only the earth. He could have kept his soul, but he sold it for material things. Camels will pass through eyes of needles more easily than the covetous will pass through the gates of heaven. It was easy, of course, to condemn the rich; our world is too full of those who are doing it now. But our economic revolutionists do it because they envy wealth, not because they love poverty.

It was not so with Our Divine Saviour. He earned His living with the two most primitive instruments used: wood and hammer. During his three years of preaching, not even a roof could He claim as His own. Then, at His death, He had no wealth to leave. He had given up everything in reparation for covetousness, keeping only one thing for Himself that was not a thing – His spirit.

When a man loves wealth inordinately, he and it grow together like a tree pushing itself in growth through the crevices of a rock. Death to such a man is a painful wrench, because of his close identification with the material. He has everything to live for, nothing to die for. He becomes at death the most destitute and despoiled beggar in the universe, for he has nothing he can take with him. He discovers too late that he did not belong to himself, but to things. Now discovers too late that by consecrating himself to filling his barns, he was never free to save the only thing he could carry with him to eternity: his soul.

Where our treasure is, there is our heart also. If we have lived for God, then death is a liberation. Earth and its possessions are the cage which confines us, and death is the opening of its door, enabling our soul to wing its way to its Beloved for which alone it had lived, and for which it only waited to die.

(The Cries of Jesus from the Cross)



## 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 13 OCTOBER 2024



"Earthly riches are like the reed. Its roots are sunk in the swamp, and its exterior is fair to behold; but inside it is hollow. If a man leans on such a reed, it will snap off and pierce his soul, and his soul will be carried off to hell." – St Anthony of Padua

**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

**A reading from the book of Wisdom**

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 good 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: 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 for ever? 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** Hebrews 4:12-13

**A reading from St Paul's letter to the Hebrews**

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** Matthew 5:3

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

**Gospel** Mark 10:17-30

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark**

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

**Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible**





# Sacred Heart Parish Church

## Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

### 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### October 13, 2024

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Monday 14 & Friday 18 Oct - 8am to 1pm  
Tuesday 15 Oct - 8am to 12pm  
**Administrator:** Fr Paul Chandler  
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**Holy Trinity Principal:** Mrs Jillian Rainger  
**Parish Secretary:** Peter Turner



#### MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**We pray for:** Repose of all those whose death anniversary occurs at this time; Repose of all souls in Purgatory.

#### the Recently Deceased:

Sr Mavis Dick (rsm), Shirley Gleeson, Brenda McPhee, Jeanette Keightley, Margaret Kahler, Kaylene Maybury.

#### the sick:

Julie Daley, Pat Gurr, Jim Hanlon, Craig Johnston, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, Danny Dickins, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, and all the sick members of our parish.

Please contact the priest on 67221103 for home visits to the homebound and the sick

#### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

**1st Collection:** Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550

Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

**2nd Collection:** Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB 082105 Account No. 001013072

Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you **please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.**

**Planned Giving Program:** If you wish to join the planned giving program, please contact the parish office.

#### OCTOBER - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

##### MONDAY 14th

Feast Day of St Callistus I, pope, martyr

**No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm**

##### TUESDAY 15th

Feast Day of St Teresa of Avila, virgin, doctor

**Rosary - 8.30am**

**Holy Mass - 9.00am**

**Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm**

##### WEDNESDAY 16th

Feast Day of St Gerard Majella, priest; St Hedwig, religious; and St Margaret Mary Alacoque, virgin

**Rosary - 8.30am**

**Holy Mass - 9.00am**

##### THURSDAY 17th

Feast Day of St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop, martyr

**Rosary - 11.30am**

**Holy Mass - 12 Noon**

**Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm**

##### FRIDAY 18th

Feast Day of St Luke, evangelist

**Rosary - 8.30am**

**Holy Mass - 9.00am**

**Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm**

##### SATURDAY 19th

Feast Day of St Paul of the Cross; Sts John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues & companions, martyrs

**Holy Mass of Sunday - 3.30pm at Ashford**

**Rosary - 5.30pm**

**Holy Mass of Sunday - 6.00pm**

##### SUNDAY 20th

**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / World Mission Sunday**

**Rosary - 8.30am**

**Holy Mass - 9.00am**

##### Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am

Tuesday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Friday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm (except First Fridays)

Saturday: 5.15pm to 5.30pm

(and at any time upon request)

##### OTHER MASSES:

*McLean Village* Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

2nd Saturday - *Bundarra*, St Mary of the Angels - 3.30pm

3rd Saturday - *Ashford*, St Patrick's Church - 3.30pm

4th Saturday - *Tingha*, St. Francis' Church - 3.30pm

5th Saturday - *Yetman*, St Joseph the Worker - 3.00pm

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

#### PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

##### A friendly reminder

Please maintain a respectful atmosphere of reverence before and after each Mass so those praying may do so without distraction. Any conversation should be conducted quietly. Also, please remember to turn off your mobile devices.

*"By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass you render the greatest homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord."*

*- St Leonard*

##### ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR OCTOBER

Maree Chie & Mary Middleton

##### HOME ROSARY



*"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening."* - Pope St John Paul II

Bernie & Colleen Graham

11 Diamond Street, Tingha

**Wednesday 16 October at 4.30pm**

##### UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 13 Oct 2024, after Mass

Pastoral Council - Wed 16 Oct 2024, 5.00pm

Liturgy Committee - Sat 19 Oct 2024, 9.00am

Finance Committee - Wed TBA 2024, 5.00pm

**Thank you** to the very generous parishioners who have enabled the parish to reach the target of \$3,000 for the new solar inverter.

We will conclude our fundraising efforts with the Prize Raffle. Tickets will go on sale at the front of the church on 26 October and the winners will be drawn after the 9am Mass on Sunday 10 November. All money raised will go towards the running costs of the parish.

**Advertise your business:** Do you have a business? Does someone you know have a business? Our Parish would like to support your business by providing advertising at a reasonable cost. This way we are helping your business and you are helping the parish in the printing costs of the Sunday bulletin. We would also like to be Catholics supporting Catholic businesses. If you could supply a business card size (approx. 9cm X 4cm) image of the details of your business, as in the example on the right, then for \$50 per month the advertisement will appear each Sunday. The ad can run for a mutually agreed period of months. Please contact the Parish Office for more details OR email your image and we will get started.

MASS ROSTER	12Oct-Sat 6.00pm	13Oct-Sun 9am	19Oct-Sat 6pm	20Oct-Sun 9am
Projector	N Turner	P Girle	J Kelly	R McGregor
Readers	S Szumowski	M Gaukroger	M Casey-Ransom	K Hutchings
Commentator	J Kelly	J Rainger	N McCosker	MJ Guest
Offertory	Volunteer	Guest Family	Volunteer	M Robinson
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Volunteer	G Johnson	A Michael	MJ Guest
Counters		B Baldwin & J Frater		G Chie & G Fleming

##### Prayer to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary

Queen of the Holy Rosary, inspire my heart with a sincere love of this devotion, in order that by meditating on the Mysteries of our Redemption which are recalled in it, I may be enriched with its fruits and obtain peace for the world. May I pray it worthily for the greater glory of God, for your own honour, and for the good of souls, especially my own. Amen.

##### Winners of the 2nd 100 Club Fundraiser:

First Prize of \$70 - Richard Wales

Second Prize of \$20 - Peter Moroney

Third Prize of \$10 - Clarry Horsy

**Janet Lowe, please collect your 1st prize from the 1st 100 Club Fundraiser from either Fr Paul or the parish office during office hours.**

**The winners of the 3rd & final 100 Club Fundraiser** will be drawn this Sunday after the 9am Mass.

**Prize Raffle.** Tickets will go on sale for the prize raffle on 26/27 October. \$5 per ticket. 1st Prize - \$300 voucher from House to Home—Inverell Garden Centre. 2nd Prize - \$100 voucher from Lennon Butchery. 3rd Prize - \$50 voucher from Campbell & Freebairn Chemist.

**The ALPHA Program** begins on Thursday October 17th at 6pm in the Meeting Room. Please inform the parish office if you intend to come for catering purposes.

**Mission Sunday Special Collection:** Next weekend there will be a special collection for the World Mission Appeal. Envelopes will be provided. Please donate generously.

**Morning Tea** will be held after the 9am Mass this Sunday. All are welcome.

