

# Mt Barker/Strathalbyn Catholic Parish



C/- 7 Mann Street, Mount Barker  
South Australia 5251



*We are a Community learning to be disciples of Jesus.*

## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 14 October 2018

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

**Our Lady of Mercy  
Mt Barker**

**SATURDAY VIGIL 6.00 PM  
SUNDAY MORNING 9.00 AM**

**The Good Shepherd  
Strathalbyn**

**SUNDAY MORNING 10.45 AM**

### Weekday Masses This Week

Tue 16/10	9.30am	Our Lady of Mercy
Wed 17/10	12 noon	St Ignatius of Antioch
Thu 18/10	9.30am	St Luke, Evangelist
Fri 19/10	9.30am	Our Lady of Mercy
Fri 19/10	7.00pm	St James the Less
Sat 20/10	9.30am	The Good Shepherd

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will follow Mass on Thursday and Saturday mornings for half an hour.

Reconciliation will be available during and after Exposition, or by appointment.

### *Jesus Teaches us to be 'Invasive' in Prayer*

The Pope at Thursday's homily at the Casa Santa Marta said we must be courageous when we pray for something. In the Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples of a man who, at midnight, knocks at a friend's house to ask for something to eat. The friend replies that it is not the right moment, that he is already in bed, but then he gets up and gives it to him anyway. It is a surprise visit from the needy friend and his is an insistent request because he has confidence in the friend who has what he needs. The Lord wants to teach us to pray with "intrusiveness". The friend is God: he is a rich friend who has bread, he has what we need. As Jesus said: "In prayer be intrusive. Do not get tired ". But do not get tired of what? Of asking.

"Prayer is not like a magic wand", it is not that as soon as we ask, we obtain. Prayer requires effort: it asks us for will, it asks for constancy, it asks us to be determined, without shame. Pope Francis recounted a real-life story from Buenos Aires: a man's daughter was dying. The doctors had given up hope and the man travelled 70 kilometres to go to the Shrine of Our Lady of Luján.

It was night time and the sanctuary was closed, but he prayed all night long, imploring Our Lady: "I want my daughter, I want my daughter, you can give her to me." And when morning came he returned to the hospital, where his wife told him: "You know, the doctors took her to do another test, they cannot explain why she woke up and asked for food, there's nothing wrong, she's fine, she's out of danger".

Think about children when they want something. They cry and cry, saying: "I want it! I want it! "And eventually the parents give up. It is Jesus himself who told us: If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" He is a friend: he always gives good things. He gives more: I ask you to solve this problem and he solves it and also gives you the Holy Spirit. More.



#### The Parish Team:

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Our Lady's Rosary Garden

8391 1471

St Francis de Sales College

Gavin McGlaughlin - Principal

8393 1000

## *Please Pray For...*

### **Sick**

Win Mott, Ashlee Lloyd, Bill Weir, Patricia Jones, Helen Meijer, Rose Carr, Susie White, Ingrid Szandro, Peter Szandro, Alida van Dijk, Rina Papini, Pauline Hoskin, Geraldine Griffin, Noelene Kane, Leanne Sersli, Brian Hockings, Margaret Nykiel, Tanya Jane Vallejo, Bill Jeffrey, Judy Jury.

### **Recently Deceased**

Mark Wedmid, Felicia (Felicetta) Wells, Gerald O'Callaghan, Cynthia Hunt, David Larkin.

### **Anniversaries**

Margaret Hardy, Maria Lamerichs, Peg Duffield, Milton Duffield, Cec Bassford, Stephen Longbottom, Alan John Dean-Freeman, Jean Steward, Czeslawa Skrzat, Jan Brevker.

### **Vocations**

Olek Stirrat, Anthony Beltrame, Gavin Maitre, Chris Buaya, Russell, John Gonsalves.

## *Parish Pastoral Council*

Neil McGoran (Chair), Fr Richard Morris (Ex Officio), Gavin McLaughlin (Ex Officio), Sue Eckert (Secretary), Sandra Lloyd, Yesamma Hendry, Jo Manalo, Mike Galea, Navin DeSilva, Jan Sobotta, Andrew Wajwoda, Catherine Wajwoda, Gerrard Doyle.

## *Parish Finance Council*

Tom Hardy (Chair), Michelle Muller (Minutes Secretary), Fr Richard Morris, Noel Duffield, Jim Mann, John Barton, Hilary Raimondo, Denis Roberts.

### **Collections Last Week**

<b>1st Collection</b> (supporting our priests)	\$ 862.50
<b>2nd Collection</b> (supporting the parish)	
Envelopes	\$ 738.00
Loose plate	\$ 599.95

## *Parish Meetings this Week*

Mon 9.45am	Arty Crafty Ladies	OLOM Foyer
Tue 11.30am	Prayer Group & Lunch	The Rosary Garden
Tue 7.30pm	Parish Pastoral Council	OLOM Foyer
Wed 1.15pm	Legion of Mary	The Rosary Garden
Thu 10.30am	Christian Meditation	Parish House

## *On the Noticeboard*

Oct 14 Justice for Refugees Film night at Goodwood  
Oct 19 Community Prayer Breakfast  
Oct 31 Saints and Angels Night at the Rosary Garden  
Nov 6 Melbourne Cup Luncheon at the Rosary Garden  
Nov 9 Making It Through the Fake Stuff in the Digital Age  
Nov 10 Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend  
And much, much more - check your Church noticeboard!

## *Ecumenical Prayer at Strathalbyn*

Come, join in, and help begin what God wants to do here. Sunday 14 October at A2A (Emmanuel) in the Catholic Church Hall.



## *Reflection on the Scripture Readings*

'Lord, what should I do?' - a question essential to a Christian life well lived. The alternative – drifting along without responsible reflection – is a wasted life. The response given by Jesus reflects a constant pattern in his teaching: he wanted to lead his hearers to the Father. Like the young man, we will only find the answer to the question of what direction our life should take in the presence of the One Jesus called his 'God' and 'Father'. The life of all who live 'in Christ' is one and the same; there are, however, different forms of discipleship. This paradox has given rise to some confusion in the Church's life when 'states of life' have been compared. The first response of Jesus in this incident is to urge fidelity to 'the commandments' – the pattern of life to which most of the Lord's disciples are called. However, this man was seeking a way that went beyond what had been recommended. Jesus 'looked steadily at him and loved him', and he urged him to 'sell everything he owned and give the money to the poor', and to join Jesus in the radical detachment that was Jesus' own way of life - for the sake of the Kingdom. For many centuries, the comparison of the two ways of life indicated by Jesus has been expressed in misleading terms. The radical following has been spoken of as a 'higher' form of Christian life. But life in Christ, as has been said, is one. The life that is better for each person is the life that they are called to by God – there they will find the way to the greatness that is to be theirs in the designs of God. Since Vatican II this confusion has been left behind. Today, however, it is being suggested that as we have recovered an appreciation of the fact that no baptised Christian is in an 'inferior' state of life, we have obscured the fact that the Lord's call to individual disciples involved different means of living discipleship. As far as means are concerned, a life lived according 'the evangelical counsels' – the radical renunciations of Christ himself - has a heroic excellence that needs to be more clearly affirmed, if we are to foster the 'vocations' the Church so sorely needs.



The reaction of the young man leads Jesus to develop a theme important for all forms of discipleship: earthly possessions can prove a great obstacle to growth of life in Christ. The disciples were amazed, because many texts of the Old Testament seemed to imply that material wellbeing is a sign of God's blessing on a good life. Our reading from Wisdom shows that old Israel was already looking beyond this point of view. The whole life of Jesus is a corrective of this superficial interpretation of God's ways. His final words have a lesson for disciples, whatever the form of following to which they have been called – authentic fidelity is a gift of God, 'Everything is possible to God'. Our reading from Hebrews can serve as a commentary on the call of Jesus to make our life decisions in the presence of the Father. The 'Word of God' is a theme of great importance in the Old Testament. It is a Word that confronts believers with the ways of God. In Jesus we know the Word of God in person, a Word giving expression to the boundless love and generosity of the Father who calls each one of us.

John Thornhill SM

## Question of the Week

Jesus said, 'It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God'. (Mark 10: 25)

Adults: How can the pleasures and comforts of this world become barriers to your relationship with God?

Young People: What might Jesus tell you to drop if you asked him how you could follow him more closely?

Children: What favourite toy, game, DVD, etc. of yours would you be willing to share with someone this week?

## First Collection Renewal

The first collection renewal aims to raise awareness of the importance of the First Collection and the need to increase our contribution. Thank you to those many generous parishioners who support our priests and deacons through the First Collection. We offer support to our priests by our prayers and encouragement as well as by ensuring their well-being.

## World Mission Day: You are Mission

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual World Mission Day Appeal.

This year we are invited to consider how we can answer Pope Francis' call to be a part of mission, and how we can support mission globally. Please come prepared next weekend to give generously. Freecall: 1800 257 296

[catholicmission.org.au/youaremission](http://catholicmission.org.au/youaremission)



## Morning Tea

Stay for a cuppa and a chat after the 9am or 10:45am Mass this Sunday. Keep your eyes out for any newcomers to help them feel welcome and included.

## Organ Fund: Target \$16,000

Received so far: Ross Windsor Organ Recital \$1,508.80, cash donations \$7,770.

**\$8,230 to go!**

## Saints and Angels: Kids' Fun NIGHT!

Our Lady's Rosary Garden is planning a Kids' Fun Night for All Hallows Eve, 31st October. Come dressed as your favourite saint. Check out the noticeboard for further information.

## The Plenary Council 2020

Thank you to everyone who participated in small groups and gave their voice to the Plenary Council 2020. If you want to #shareyourstory and contribute to the agenda, visit [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) to read about getting involved. Subscribe to the Plenary Council e-newsletter **PlenaryPost** for the latest updates and news of what's happening across Australia. Visit [plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) for more information.



**Plenary Council 2020**  
'Listen to what the Spirit is saying...' LEV 22

## Parish Finance Council Report

The Parish Finance Council supports Fr Richard and our community by discussing and making decisions about parish property, maintenance and finance matters. Issues discussed this month:

- Specifications for upgrading Our Lady of Mercy's toilets.
- Retouching the Stations of the Cross at Our Lady of Mercy.
- \$300 donation towards *Christmas Where the Angas Flows*.
- Toilets have been repaired at St James the Less.
- The Kids Fun Day budget was increased to \$300. Please consider donating towards future Fun Days for our children.
- The Mt Barker Council advised (after the meeting) that it will assist with planning and funding the garden upgrade around Our Lady of Mercy.

We need your help to remain a viable parish.

Committing to the planned giving program, organising a regular direct debit and leaving a bequest can all make a big difference in the life of the parish. Our parish account for regular direct debits is BSB 085 005 Account 48 973 6784.

Contact Fr Richard or Michelle at the office for more information - ph 8391 1053.

## Wood Oven Pizza and Silent Auction

You are invited to attend a night of wood oven pizzas and silent auction to raise money for Variety, the Children's Charity.



The enormous generosity of the Variety community has changed the lives of thousands of Australian children with special needs for over 40 years. Together we've created a place where children and their families can turn to for help when times are tough and when there is nowhere else to turn.

**WHEN:** Saturday October 27, 2018.

**WHERE:** 34 Bald Hills Road, Blakiston.

**WHAT:** All you can eat gourmet wood oven pizzas and sweets. Soft drinks, tea and coffee will also be available, with the highlight of the evening being a silent auction. BYO drinks.

**TIME:** 6.30pm onwards.

**TICKETS:** Adults: \$30pp and children under 10: \$10pp.

**BOOKINGS:** Contact Lawrie Caruana on 0407 886 899.

**ALL MONIES RAISED FROM THIS EVENING WILL GO DIRECTLY TO VARIETY**

## We were assisted in our Liturgy by...

	<b>Saturday 6pm</b>	<b>Sunday 9am</b>
Commentator	Maureen McLaren	Delia Hughes
Readers	Damien Lloyd	Stephen Handrick Andrew Baker
Eucharistic Ministers	Jenny McEvoy Sandra Lloyd	Anne Bagshaw Robert McNamara Theresa Jordans
Altar Servers		Shantan de Silva Mackenzie Cushnie-Stock Aagie Kurian
Musician	Hilary Raimondo	Pat Knappstein

... and many wonderful people at Strathalbyn. :-)

## 14-Oct-18 - 28 ORDINARY

### 1ST READING (JB): WISDOM 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

### RESP 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 when 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.**

### 2ND READING (JB): HEBREWS 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ACCLAMATION: MATTHEW 5:3

*Sung antiphon*

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

*Sung antiphon*

### GOSPEL LONG (JB): MARK 10:17-30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

*Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.*

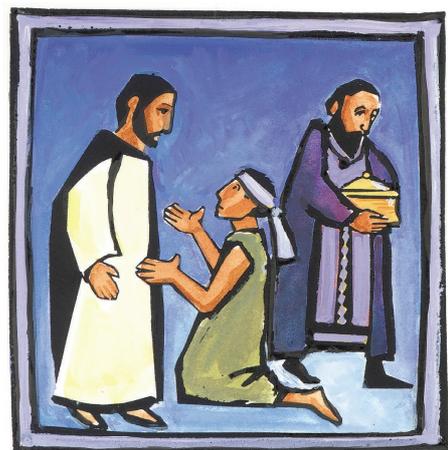
Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; 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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**October 21st, 29th Sunday in Ord Time, Year B**

*The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.*

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

Psalm 32:4-5. 18-20. 22

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45