

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year C
First Reading

Ecclesiastes 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
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial 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.
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.
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.
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.
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Second Reading
Colossians 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.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation
Matthew 5:3
Alleluia, alleluia!
Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!
Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 12:13-21*
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
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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‘In our life as disciples,’ Pope Leo says, ‘we can always risk falling into a rut, a routine.’ Feeling too comfortable, we can adopt ‘a tendency to follow the same old pastoral plans without experiencing interior renewal and a willingness to respond to new challenges.’ The history of the Church, the pope reminds us, is a story of adaptation. He encourages us to look for apostolic ‘openness to change, to new events, encounters and concrete situations.’ The first apostles showed us the way. We should, Pope Leo says, try and recapture ‘their readiness to consider new approaches to evangelisation in response to the problems and difficulties raised by our brothers and sisters in the faith.’ ‘We need to ask ourselves’, he says: ‘Who is Jesus Christ for us today? What place does he occupy in our lives and in the life of the Church? How can we bear witness to this hope in our daily lives and proclaim it to those whom we meet?’ ‘If we want to keep our identity as Christians from being reduced to a relic of the past,’ the pope suggests, then, ‘as Pope Francis often reminded us, it is important to move beyond a tired and stagnant faith.’ We are not called to be hoarders of piety, but givers of hope.

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EIGHTEENTH
SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME
Year C



CHURCH EVENTS
Choir Practice
Second & Fourth Mondays
1pm
Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass
“Good News” Wednesdays
after Mass to discuss reading
for the following Sunday. CMR
Parish Sacramental Program
2025
First Eucharist
Commitment Masses
Saturday August 9th 5pm and
Sunday August 10th 9am.
Gathering: Celebrating Mary
MacKillop and Fr Tennison
Woods
Tuesday 5th August 9.30-3pm
CMR
BYO Pot Luck lunch to share

Wrap with Love
Tuesday 12th August BB
Library 10-11am
Wednesday 27th August
1—3 pm CMR

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation.

We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and Emerging.

"ALWAYS SOMETHING THERE TO REMIND ME"

Hi Lord,

Thank you for the reminders in today's Mass. In fact you constantly remind us and invite us through our Church's liturgy.

That first reading sort of sums up **Ecclesiastes**. Qoheleth ['the Peacher'] seems pretty down with the world generally. Nothing a person works for, or has, is worth much in the long run. All is vanity. He wouldn't want to be the host on *Antique Roadshow* (ABC TV) where usually very English sounding experts assess the value of all sorts of objects - from dolls, furniture, art jewellery to weapons. The eyes of the owners of these things light up if they receive a high monetary valuation. But the worth of these 'treasures' is not really in the pounds quoted, but more in the emotional, family or historical connection.

Sorry Lord, got distracted there, but Ecclesiastes offers us the reminder about our priorities. I think of things valued in life: school and sport results, latest car, lottery win, attractive house, art, partner, a brand new whatever, or the old antique. The dour author, Qoheleth, is looking at life's surface. And through him you remind us to look beyond the surface. But wait, there's more, as the saying goes. Lord, help me to see beyond the surface.

Your apostle Paul is on the same message, Lord, reminding and encouraging the Colossians (and me) of the **'true life'** that comes with Christ. It's not that I can't value and appreciate things of this world - there's just so much to be thankful for, Lord - but it is easy to forget the end game ('heavenly things') as Paul says. Another reminder - thank you Lord; yes, I am forgetful.

In our gospel today Lord, you have a man worried about his inheritance, possibly more than his concern for his brother. And then a parable (a favourite reminder tool of yours) about the rich man. He apparently hadn't heard the joke: *How do you make God Laugh? Tell him your plans!* I'm sure you're not against superannuation Lord, but the man in your parable was focused only on the surface (building bigger barns) and on himself and his possessions (**my** crops, **my** barns, **my** grains, **my** goods) with no thought of thanks or for others, no regard for the End. Our best 'super' plan considers the ultimate End. You're going to be reminding us about this in the next few weeks' liturgies.

Thank you Lord, and please keep reminding us.

John Mackay

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 4th—Sunday 10th August

Monday 4th: NO MASS

Tuesday 5th: Mass 5pm

Wednesday 6th: Mass 9am

Thursday 7th: Mass 9am

Friday 8th: Mass 9am

Saturday 9th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 10th: Mass 9am

ROSTERS

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The First Hymn is the story of an ancient scrap of papyrus uncovered in the deserts of Egypt that contains the remnants of the oldest known Christian hymn .

Screening at Perry Street Cinemas
Check their website for times.

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A Filipino breakfast and Aussie sausage sizzle will be provided.
ALL WELCOME !!!

Amen.

Ken Evenden, Sr Maria Goretti, Travis Roth, Piper Roth, Maya Roth, Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, those in hospital and nursing homes.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Ena Noronha, Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Judy Spruce, Zora Domitrovic, Rod Sanders, Colin Platt, Indy Roth, Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.



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- ◆ 10.30AM

- ◆ **THE MANOR**
- ◆ Third Wednesday of each month
- ◆ 2pm

- ◆ **MARANATHA**
- ◆ Fourth Wednesday of each month
- ◆ 2pm