

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father. Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

Alleluia!

BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.



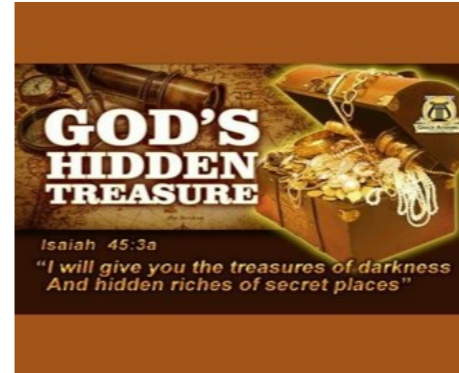
Parish Bulletin

17th Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr A

29/ 30 July 2023

LITURGY OF THE WORD

He sells everything he owns and buys the field



FINDING A TREASURE

A treasure is not something we earn but something we find. We can spend a lot of our lives wishing and hoping that some treasure will come our way. We can forget that we already possess a wonderful treasure in our loved ones and in the gift of life itself. And the greatest treasure of all is the kingdom of heaven which Jesus freely offers to us. May we have the wisdom to seek our treasure in God, and not in the glittering goods of a passing world.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 67:6-7, 36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell
in his house;
he himself gives might and
strength to his people.

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Response : Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. **R**

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. **R**

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. **R**

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. **R**

SECOND READING

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God cooperates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

NOTICE

On Friday 4th August 2023, the Holy mass will be at 8:00am. Due to the Clergy gathering we are unable to organise Holy mass at 9:15am. Sorry for the inconvenience.

GOSPEL Mt 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 102:2

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And never forget all his benefits

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Mass Times

Sunday 9:30 am
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

Confessions

Saturday 6:00 pm

Rosary

Tues to Fri 8:45am

Adoration of the Eucharist

Friday before Mass 8:30am

Novena to St. Joseph

Wednesday after Mass

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Vinnies Assistance Hotline

1300 729 202 - 9:00am to 4:30pm

Rosters—5/6 August 2023
18th Sunday Ordinary Time

Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Anne Marie Platten Chris Platten Giulia Giuliani
9:30am	Stephanie Roach Antonetta Bartley Mikayla Bartley
Children's Liturgy	Tania Montin Angela Mealey
Count team	Ron Hoogland Sheila Hoogland Peter Rees Indira Seimon
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	22/23 JULY
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$1433.00
Open Plate	\$313.70
PARISH TOTAL	\$1746.70

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$621

Blessing of Milestone Wedding Anniversaries
Sunday September 17

Celebrations for milestone wedding anniversaries in the Archdiocese will be held in local parish communities to recognise couples in their life-long commitment. There will be a digital form for parishes to nominate married couples who are celebrating significant anniversaries to receive a certificate for presenting in their parish. For more information contact, Archdiocesan Events on 8210 8220 or events@adelaide.catholic.org.au



Please remember in your prayers

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

Anniversary of death:

K.G. Antony,
Alfredo Carusi

*Eternal rest grant to them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

Sick:

We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are house-bound of in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.

Pope Francis @pontifex



Many countries are experiencing extreme climatic events. I reiterate my appeal to the leaders of Nations, that something more tangible be done to limit polluting emissions: it is an urgent challenge and affects everyone. Let us protect our common home! .

National Vocation Awareness Week - August 6 - 13

Over the weekends of August 5-6 and August 12-13 throughout the Church in Australia we celebrate National Vocations Awareness Week. In the first week, we acknowledge the unique call or vocation that God has for each of us through our baptism. In the second week, we acknowledge the unique calls to the Consecrated Life of Sisters and Brothers, to the Diaconate and to the Priesthood.

Parish Announcements

LOCAL WORLD YOUTH DAY CELEBRATIONS

The Catholic Officer for Youth and Young Adults ,is organising a local World Youth Day
Saturday August 5: World Youth Day Adelaide celebration from 1:30pm-9:30pm at Sacred Heart College Marcellin Campus, Somerton Park
Sunday August 6: World Youth Day celebrated at Masses, local parishes and communities across the Archdiocese of Adelaide
Details for WYD Adelaide 2023 can be found on www.cathoyouthadelaide.org.au/world-youth-day or by contacting Julian Nguyen, Coordinator of the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (email: julian.nguyen@cesa.catholic.edu.au; phone: 0472 577 112).

St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship for Lay Ministry

The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and applications forms are available on the website pallottine.org.au/svpscholarship
Closing date: August 4 2023.

Together on the Way: Journey to the Synod –Second Session

You are invited to join the second of three gatherings with Archbishop Patrick O'Regan as we journey toward the Global Synod in October. This gathering will explore the Synod theme of *mission* – August 1, 7pm at the Monastery, 15 Cross Road, Urrbrae and online via Zoom. Bookings via www.trybooking.com/CJDRC

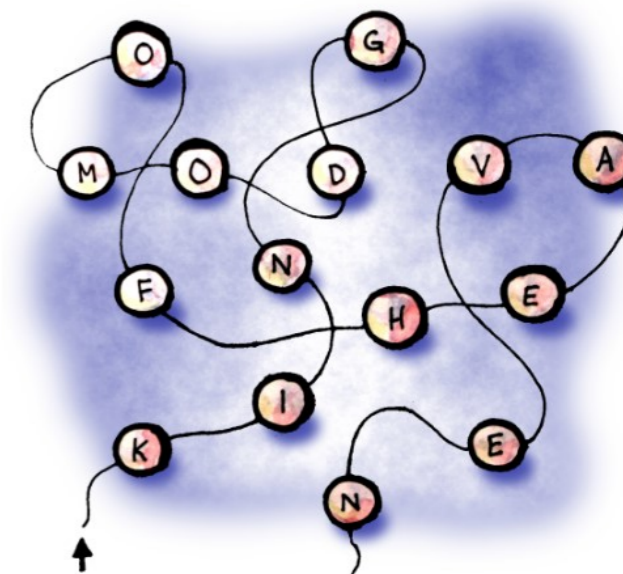
Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Worldwide Marriage Encounter invites couples, priests and religious for a virtual marriage encounter weekend to enrich and revitalise your sacrament of service. It allows you to grow in your relationship with your spouse or community.

What: Virtual weekend via Zoom
When: August 18 – 20
Time: Commencing at 6.30pm Fri ,concluding at 4pm Sun
Booking: <https://www.wvme.org.au>
Enquiries and bookings: Joy and Charlie on 0411 289 462
Email: sabookings@wvme.org.au or wvmeccentral@gmail.com

The Kids' Bulletin

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 30th, 2023



What did Jesus say was like a buried treasure or a pearl of great price?
Use the letters on the string of pearls to fill in the blanks and find out!

The _____

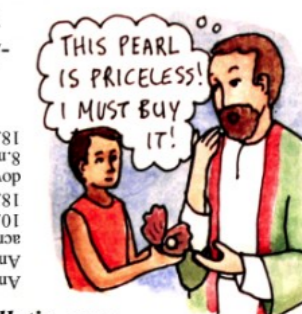
The Kingdom of Heaven is Like...



In today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the disciples what the Kingdom of Heaven is like. He says it is like a buried treasure, that when a man finds it, he sells everything he has and buys the field where it is hidden. He also says it is like a pearl of great price, that when a merchant finds it he sells all he has and buys it.

These parables tell us how precious the Kingdom of Heaven is. Jesus is explaining that it is more important than anything else in our lives. The men in the parables sold EVERYTHING they had to get the treasures.

But what is the Kingdom of Heaven? Is it a country with a king and subjects? Well it is, sort of, but you can't see it. Jesus is the King and His people are the people who choose Him as their King. The laws of the kingdom are God's laws, and the enemy is the devil who is trying to take all the souls. Always remember that belonging to God's Kingdom is more important than everything else in your life!



Answers to Cross-word:
across: 2.judge 4.act 6.who 7.wisdom
1.mene 12.wrong 15.God 17.heart
18.servant 22.numbered 24.king
18.servant 22.numbered 24.king
down: 1.how 3.understanding 4.able 5.to
8.man 9.people 11.right 14.govern 16.give
18.serv 19.said 20.Lord 21.task 23.me