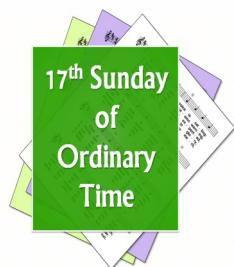


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**17th Sunday
Year A
25th / 26th
July 2020**

In a nutshell

The kingdom of God is our treasure. It is so Precious, that all earth's good things seem valueless in comparison.

When we have the kingdom of heaven within us, we then have all other treasures also.

The good things of this earth have their attraction, but they do not last and will not come with us, when we finally meet Jesus face to face at the end of time.

Today's Readings

1 Kings 3:5, 7-12
Romans 8:28-30
Matthew 13:44-52

You have asked for wisdom
God predestined us to become true images of his Son
He sells everything he owns and buys the field

“He sold all that he had and bought the field.”



The Scriptures

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:44-46

Jesus said to his disciples:

"The kingdom of heaven is like what happens when someone finds treasure hidden in a field and buries it again. A person like this is so happy, and goes and sells everything in order to buy that field.

The kingdom of heaven is like what happens when a shop owner is looking for fine pearls. After finding a very valuable one, the owner goes and sells everything in order to buy that pearl."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Entrance antiphon:

God is in his holy dwelling; he will give a home to the lonely, he gives power and strength to his people.

Response to the psalm:

Lord, I love your commands.

Gospel acclamation:

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

Readers		Ministers of Communion	
Saturday Vigil	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator)	Saturday Vigil	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
July	Sr Jan O'Neil	July	Michael Zador & others
August	John Betros		
Sept	Chelsea Albert		
Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	Sunday 7.00 am	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
July:	Peter Frost	July	Gary Keating
Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	Sunday 9.30 am	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
July 26th:	John Rouen Adele Cornale	July:	Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
		Sunday 6pm	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)
			Paula O'Connor.
Church Cleaners		Sacristy & Altar	
Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
Money Counters—Parish Office		Altar Flowers	
July 26th:	Group 4	August 2nd:	Group 1
August 9th:	Group 2	August 16th:	Group 3
		Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	

Mass Offerings:	<i>Your prayers are requested for the following:</i>
Recently Deceased:	Carmen Caruana, Jim Rigby, Betty Muntz, Cathy Burke, Patricia Gillis
Anniversary:	Domenico Benussi, Michael Hanna, Joseph Hanna Nola Ryan, Eileen Richards, Paul McMahon, Mary Ellen Lynch, Edmund Lynch, Eileen Packwood, John Gatley, John Vonwiller, John Dawson, Phillip Poat.
Other Deceased:	Negus & Ferguson Families, Joan O'Keefe, Noel Aisbett, Francis and Will Champion, June Ann Knight, McGlinn Family, Eileen McMahon.
Sick:	June Ferguson, Chris Simpson, Terry McMahon, Jakob Pohlmann, Paula Hudson, Bernice Ralston, Chaiel Blacombe, Elizabeth Khoury, Susan Behan, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Therese Warfield, Lyn Sweeney, Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Roslyn Powell, Jake Hudson, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Marian Moreno, Judy Chock, Faye Mather, Alex Campbell, Maximilian Naum, Chris Schneider.

Family Discussion
Talk together about how in the time of Jesus, people would sometimes hide their valuables by digging a hole in the ground and burying them. If the person forgot about them, the goods could stay buried for years. Legally they belonged to the person who owned the land, but might be discovered by someone else such as a farm worker. They might sell everything they owned to buy the field and so be the owner of the buried treasure.
In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that the kingdom of heaven is so valuable, worth more than all our possessions, and that we would be very happy if we could sell everything in order to have it. Have a chat about what we can do to find the treasure of God's kingdom for ourselves. What are the treasures of being a follower of Jesus?

St Brigid's Parish Information	
Mass Times	Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm
Morning Tea	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19)
Weekday Masses	Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am
Reconciliation	20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass
Sacrament of Anointing	During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
Baptisms	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i>after 9.30am Family Mass.</i>
Marriages	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
Parish Office:	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday: 9am to 3pm. Phone 9315 7562. (For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)

St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

This Sunday - Children's liturgy is during Sunday 9.30am Family Mass.

Happy Birthday to June Ferguson who is celebrating her 90th Birthday this weekend, we wish June a wonderful birthday with best wishes from all at St Brigid's Parish.

Welcome to First Reconciliation families this week—Tuesday and Wednesday 7pm.

The funeral service for Jim Rigby will be live streamed <http://www.funeralvideo.com.au/JamesRigby>

Planned Giving Receipts are available in the church foyer, thank you for your kind generous donations during 2019/2020.

Fr Phil

Reflection on this week's Gospel.

Today's readings seem to ask us to consider what is the most important, most precious thing in our lives, and what would we be willing to give up for it.

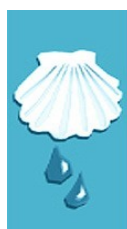
In the first reading when God tells Solomon, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you", it's as if Solomon has been given a blank check by a person whose checking account has no limit. God himself seems to know full well what Solomon could ask for: riches, long life, the death of enemies. Instead, Solomon requests the one thing that will help him most carry out the tasks God has given him. As the new king of the people of Israel, in order to rule the people fairly and justly, he asks for "an understanding heart / to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong." This is Solomon's "precious pearl," the one thing his heart desires.

While last Sunday's parables highlighted the growth and spread of the kingdom of God, the two we hear today point to its value above all else. Both the merchant and the man working the field go and sell everything they have to buy the object they have found. As with last week's parables, we might be shocked by what we hear. What merchant would sell all he has to buy only one item?

It seems that Jesus is telling us that when the kingdom of God is found, its value causes all else to diminish in comparison. It is worthy of all our time, our efforts, and our resources. Perhaps these parables call us to discern what is essential and what is superfluous in our lives.

What is your "precious pearl" and what would you be willing to give up to possess it?

Living Liturgy, 2020



Sacramental Dates

- Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th September—**First Communion weekend**. We will re-arrange Mass times on the same days to conform with Covid19 regulations.
- Friday 23rd October (7pm) & Saturday 24th (2pm) - **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Please see our website for registration details.

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St Brigid's Parish Coogee Safeguarding Officer is Sharon Waller.