



Our Lady, Queen of Apostles Parish, Stafford

A Parish of the Brisbane North West Deanery

Vision: "To follow the example of Jesus by serving others."

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year B 9th/10th October, 2021

Reflection on the readings

Comparing variant accounts across the Gospels may point to things lost and gained in transmission and translation. The encounter with the rich man today, Mark 10:17-22, is paralleled in Matthew 19:16-22 and Luke 18:18-23, but only Mark's form is in the Sunday Lectionary; Matthew's is read on the memorial of St Anthony (17 January), and Luke's is not used at all. Some differences are minor: in Mark and Luke the man calls Jesus "good teacher" and Jesus asks why he is called *good*, whereas in Matthew the man asks "What good must I do?" and Jesus asks why he is asked about *the good*. As to the man himself, Mark and Matthew say he had *many possessions*, Luke that he was *rich*; Matthew

refers to him as a *neaniskos*, which may mean a *young man* or a servant, while Luke says he was a *ruler*, but of what or over whom we are not told. All three have Jesus quote five commandments from Exodus 20, but Mark adds "You must not defraud" (Leviticus 19:13) while Matthew adds "Love your neighbour as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). Since one cannot de-

fraud oneself, it may be said that there is correspondence between those two variants, but every sin against another is a failure to love the other as oneself. This opens the way to conjecture that the man's wealth was fraudulently gained, or even that all wealth is fraud, or "Property is theft" as it would later be put. Perhaps Mark's "Do not defraud" and Matthew's and Luke's references to him as a servant or ruler equally hint at his having gained possessions less than honestly, defrauding his master or whoever he ruled, and this notwithstanding his belief that he kept the commandments. Could it be that this is what lies between the lines in the three accounts? It can remain only conjecture, but it is interesting to note that the commandments mentioned all pertain to other people, and none pertain directly to God. Could it then be that the man did observe the commandments towards God, but he failed to practise those towards people? We then note Mark's second and most important unique feature: Jesus, before offering his advice, "looking at him loved him". Whatever the man's shortcoming was, Jesus sees him and loves him and offers him a way of resetting his life in following Jesus himself. At that point Mark and Matthew say the man left saddened or troubled. In Luke,

however, though sad or troubled, the man stays, and Jesus then looked at him before commenting to him on how difficult it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God. Mark and Matthew have the comment made to the disciples after the man's departure.

The following saying about a camel passing through the eye of a needle is nearly identical in all three accounts, but given the impossibility of such a feat there has been much speculation on how to rationalise it. Some have suggested, with no evidence, that it refers to a small gate, others to the word for camel being mistaken for an Aramaic word for a rope, but a similar saying with an elephant and a needle is reported in the Talmud. The various speculations are best left aside and it

be accepted as an example of idiomatic hyperbole. Its application to the rich is what the disciples find astonishing. And then again Jesus looks at them. This looking directly at his interlocutors is most conspicuous in Mark, who has it twice, each preceding the giving of his summation. The second time is before the comforting statement that what is impossible for people is possible for God; there is ultimately only one thing worthwhile: trust in God. It is by coincidence that a similar reference to seeing appears in the second reading, Hebrews 4:12-13, where nothing is hidden from the word of God, and our inmost selves are open to one who sees and to whom we are accountable.

Text: Homily Help - Rev Dr Barry Craig - 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

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Please welcome Fr Stephen Byrnes as he pastors to our community this weekend.

We thank Fr Stephen for celebrating Mass with us, while Fr Denis is on leave for the month of October.

Thank you



29th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

1st Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11

2nd Reading: Hebrews 4:4-16

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45



[Daily Mass Readings](#)

Novena for Citizens Experiencing

Loss of Democracy—(composed by our Social Justice Group)

(You may like to pray this over the next 9 days)

Mother Mary MacKillop, I ask you to pray with me as I seek help from our Creator God for the citizens of Afghanistan and Myanmar.

Mary, you are a woman of action and compassion. Your great love brought action, healing and dignity to those in need. Please pray with me to the God of peace, so that the clamour of weapons might cease for the citizens of Afghanistan and Myanmar; that there will be conversion of mind and heart, so that the weary populations of these countries — men, women, elderly and children — can live in peace and security, in total mutual respect.



Please join with me as I advocate their cause to God.

Let us ask Jesus' mother, that she will also bring their plight and their future to Jesus.....

- ♦ Hail Mary
- ♦ Glory Be to the Father

Mother Mary MacKillop, you said "Never see a need without doing something about it". Please advocate for the citizens of Afghanistan and Myanmar, in Jesus' name. Amen

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Catholic Leader Article

ONE of the youngest participants in Australia's historic Plenary Council meeting is taking seriously the advice "to listen deeply for the voice and to be alert to the leadings of the Holy Spirit".

23-year-old youth ministry worker, Thomas Warren, from Albany Creek in Brisbane is one of 278 Catholic members – bishops, priests, deacons, members of religious orders and laypeople – spending this week in prayers, reflection and discussion about the serious challenges facing the Church in Australia today.



"I think my big passion is 'where does the Church fit in to society,'" Mr Warren said.

"How are we helping the poor, how are we helping those less fortunate than us, how we are continuing Jesus' ministry.

"And I guess I see quite a few members really liking to focus on other things... like adoration. I guess I'm already seeing that happening and there's already a focus on that.

"So I'd love to see more focus placed on the inclusive side – how do we get more women into the Church, how do we include indigenous spirituality and learn from that, and how do we focus on the poor."

The Fifth Plenary Council assembly – the first meeting of its kind since 1937 – began meetings on Monday.

Pope Francis sent greetings and blessings from Rome. In a message read out during the opening session Francis said the Plenary Council "represents a singular 'journeying together' of God's people in Australia along the paths of history towards a renewed encounter with the Risen Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit".

Some of the biggest challenges Plenary members are expected to grapple with include how the Church moves forward after the damning findings of a child sex abuse royal commission, shrinking church attendances, a shortage of priests and how to increase the role of women.

Perth Archbishop Timothy Costello reminded the hundreds of members meeting virtually across Australia "to listen deeply for the voice and to be alert to the leadings of the Holy Spirit".

Break Open the Word for 2022 is available for pre-order now.

The cost is \$24 and I will be placing the order in the first week of November to allow time for delivery and labelling of each book. To place your order simply contact me by phone or email to add your name to the order form. Payment can be made using this link. Thank you, Debra



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Bring and Buy stall update

Congratulations! Thanks to the continued generosity of our parish, the Care for Creation fundraiser to offset our power carbon footprint was a huge success. You raised \$313.30 which is more than double our target, thus offsetting two and a half years of carbon produced to power our church and parish office.

We will donate this money to The International Small Group Tree Planting Program. That's 313 new trees to reforest in African and Asian communities, supporting employment, education and dignity of our fellow man.

<https://program.tist.org/>

Sound the Bells for Climate Change

On Sunday 17th October, immediately following Mass, our parish will join Christian Communities around Australia to pray for action on Climate Change.

We will process from the church to the garden, where a short liturgy will take place. We will ring bells... a symbolic act of alert and alarm, to emphasise our need for national and global climate action. Bring your bells!

https://www.arrcc.org.au/day_of_action

Milk Bottle Top Collection

Please, please, please wash your lids before donating them. A simple rinse is not effective in removing all milk residue. We have some lids that have dry milk or mould which isn't pleasant to see in the church. Also, remove the padded inserts of the lids before washing and donating. Many thanks to all for supporting this great cause.

Latte Ladies are a group of parishioners who gather for coffee and conversation on a regular basis. They will meet again this Thursday 14th October at 9.45am at Mocha Bella Café, North West Plaza, Flockton Street, Everton Park. All Welcome.



"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

Through the Listening and Dialogue phase, along with the **Listening and Discernment** phase, parishes and faith communities right across the Archdiocese of Brisbane have been integral to the Plenary journey.

If you wish to remain close to the Plenary First Assembly and pray together with us, **you are welcome to attend the Plenary Council First Assembly Opening Mass at 12.00pm on Sunday October 3 in St Stephen's Cathedral, as well as the Closing Mass at 10.00am on Sunday October 10 at St Stephen's Cathedral. All are welcome.**



Please remember to **wear a mask** to comply with COVID requirements. A return to ticketed seating and registration will better help us accommodate the expected numbers. Please **book for free via the following booking systems for the Mass you would like to attend:**

Opening Mass on Sunday 3 October at 12 noon
<https://plenarycouncilopeningmass.eventbrite.com.au>

Closing Mass on Sunday 10 October at 10.00am
<https://plenarycouncilclosingmass.eventbrite.com.au>

The Holy Spirit will Teach You

John 14:24-39

Parish archive sorting will continue next

Wednesday at 10am in the Parish Meeting Room.

All are welcome to come along. This is not an exclusive group! This an opportunity to stroll down memory lane and enjoy a cuppa with old friends and new friends too! Every one is most welcome to join in the working bee of sorting our parish archives of photos and other relics.

What's in the diary this week at Stafford?

Mon 11th		
Tues 12th	8.30am	Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Wed 13th	10.00am	Parish archives gathering in the meeting room
Thurs 14th	9.45am	Latte ladies
Fri 15th	9.00am 12.00pm	Liturgy of the Word with Communion Anna's Group
Sat 16th	5.00pm	Mass with Livestream Zoom
Sun 17th	9.00am	Mass with Livestream Zoom

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BAPTISMS in this Parish occur at 10.30am on the Third Sunday of each Month (**except** during Lent and OCTOBER).

For BAPTISM BOOKINGS please contact the Parish Office.



AN OINTING OF THE SICK

If you are **going to hospital unexpectedly** for an op, let Fr Denis know and we can celebrate this Sacrament beforehand.



You may add a **sick person's name to the list by phoning the Parish Office** (3356 7155). **To keep the list 'fresh'** the last names will be removed. If their illness continues, let us know and we'll add them to the start of the list.

Let Us Pray

We pray for those who are unwell:

Timothy Wilson, Graham Evans, Fr Paul Glynn, Bruce Willson, Veronica Nicholson, Don Al-lerta, Fay Robertson, Maurice & Alison Drake, Bob Devine, Jose Pitts, Brian Wellman, Luca de Pascalis de Moraes, Rose Ann Takas, Nicki Goodman, Cait-lyn Lengkeek, Fay Barrett, Norm Ward,

We pray for those recently deceased: David Connors, Marcelle Zarrouk, Mary 'Monica' Harland, Peter Glasby, Francisco Aliviano, May Smith, Pat-rick Sommerville, Peter O'Donnell, Jim Henry, Tom Lynch, Kay Dunn, Ari Vargas, Angel Bathan, Jill Barrett,

And those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Barbara Maffei, Eduardo Mijares, and all de-ceased parishioners, their families and friends, and all our brothers and sisters in Christ maimed, killed or dispossessed because of their faith.



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