**28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR B**

14th October 2012

**First Reading:**
Wisdom 7:7-11

**Responsorial Psalm:**
Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

**Second Reading:**
Hebrews 4:12-13

**Gospel Acclamation:**
Alleluia, alleluia!

**Gospel:**
Mark 10:17-30

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**YEAR OF GRACE—PRAYER**

Gracious God,

You have blessed this ancient land with many gifts, especially its people.

We thank you for the Year of Grace, a time to start afresh from Christ.

You invite us to contemplate the face of Jesus your Son, that we may experience a new wave of grace, and that the light of Christ may burn more brightly in our lives.

Attune our hearts and minds to the presence of your Holy Spirit, that our Church may be transformed, our relationship be healed, and our nation grow in compassion and justice.

We make our prayer through the intercession of St Mary MacKillop, who showed us new ways of living the Gospel.

Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us.


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### MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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**Baptisms:**
Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

**Marriages:**
(6 months notice)
Arranged by appointment.
[Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office]

**Reconciliation**
Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.
COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

WE PRAY FOR...
Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick, especially Vincent Kelly, Shannon Hanah-Merrit, Margaret Holgate, Ino West and Sam & Jack Barker and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries are at this time, and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

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COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection) [This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest's stipend.] $347
Church (envelopes) collection [This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.] $462

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES
These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She had much wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY'S world.

St Mary wants us to understand that, even in the darkness Jesus walked with us. 'The love of Jesus is too strong for me not to cling to.' 1873
The Little brown book by Sue & Leo Kane

GOSPEL REFLECTION
The author of the book of Wisdom says that he esteemed wisdom more than gold and riches; and that, praying for wisdom, he received all good things. When our hearts are set on earthly riches, we become hardened to the things of the Spirit. With a loving look, Jesus invites us to seek first the kingdom of God, then to follow him and our hearts will be at peace.

VOCATION VIEW
If we really believe in something, it does not seem to be a sacrifice to give up everything else to pursue that one dream. Jesus asks for total dedication, promising in return rewards that no one else can promise: “Go and sell everything you own...then come; follow me.”

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION
When our lives revolve around too many material possessions it is difficult to find the necessary time for God, for salvation and for God’s beloved poor.

MONDAY AT THE MANOR
Call in at Judy and John Will's house at Lot 6, Adam Close, around midday this Monday for a sandwich and a chat. Everyone welcome. Anyone needing transport can call Judy and John on 54272827.
REQUEST
I am looking for a new rental property as my current home is being sold. My Ministry offers accommodation and hospitality free of charge to individuals and families who need a break from the demands of life. So I need another 3/4 bedroom house in Woodend. Sr Virginia Mahony 0418278709

POSITIONS VACANT
Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced person for the position of:

- Venue Manager Catholic Leadership Centre—East Melbourne
- Pastoral Associate—Formation in Faith (Children and Young Adults, Parish of Port Melbourne and Middle Park)
- Pastoral Associate—St Clement of Rome, Bulleen Parish
- Registrar, Catholic Theological College—East Melbourne
- Room Attendant, Corpus Christi College—Carlton


CATHOLIC MISSION
Next weekend our Parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to stand in partnership with missionaries in the Philippines and across the world. By sharing the grace of our loving God, faithful missionaries reach out physically and spiritually to communities in distress—helping them restore hope in life. They desperately need your help.
catholicmission.org.au/hope

“FACING THE TRUTH” – October 10 Update
The Church backs mandatory reporting for clergy
Archbishop Denis Hart has announced that the Catholic Church in Victoria supports extending mandatory reporting under the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 to ministers of religion and other religious personnel, and the reporting of child abuse to police. The announcement was made following the publication of the Church’s Submission ‘Facing the Truth’ by the Victorian Parliamentary Inquiry.
Read more at www.cam.org.au and www.facingthetruth.org.au

SISTERS OF NAZARETH
Women of ages 18-35 are invited to share a “live-in” experience with the sisters.
2nd-4th November, Narareth House Camberwell.
Contact Sister Rosalie O’Malley CSN (03)53295259 or 0450355014

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES PRIMARY SCHOOL
The Camberwell Catholic Primary School is celebrating 125 years of catholic education prior to closing at the end of 2012. All welcome Sunday 25th Nov for Mass at 10.30am, refreshments and school open day.
RSVP 16 Nov, ph 98824605

THE 500 SUPPORTERS’ GROUP SPRING RACING LUNCH
Tuesday 30 October, 11:30am (arrive early and meet a special surprise guest)
The lunch will be hosted by Australia’s leading MC, Leon Wiegard, and our special guest list will be headed by: Robert Smerdon one of Australia’s leading trainers and Bryan Martin, legendary racing media identity. Since its formation in 2001, the 500 Supporters’ Group has donated nearly A$1 million to “The Christian Brothers Overseas Aid Fund”. The Spring Racing Lunch aims to raise much needed funds to alleviate the plight of some of the most impoverished people on the planet. In particular, it supports the tremendous work being done by the Edmund Rice Foundation at the Ruben Centre in the Mukuru slums in Nairobi, Kenya.
Where: Olympic Room, Melbourne Cricket Ground, Brunton Avenue, East Melbourne
(Enter the Stadium at Gate 3, near Light Tower 1, and take the escalator to level 2)
Cost: $100 RSVP: Friday 19 October Booking: www.trybooking.com/14917
More Info: www.the500supportersgroup.org/ Contact: Louise Allison 8359 0115 OR Foundation@edmundrice.org

RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY—14th October 2012
Here is the challenge for us—to be Good Samaritans with the heart of THE Good Samaritan, pouring his oil on the wounds of all those who have suffered the loss of an unborn child, no matter what the circumstances. To do this, we ourselves need to be united with him, to hear his Word and to be in communion with him, as we are once more in this Eucharist. And so we pray the suggested prayer for this Respect Life Sunday:
Heavenly Father, in this Year of Grace,
We pray that we might become more like the Good Samaritan,
So that we might have a heart that sees where love is needed,
And reach out to help all those carrying a secret sadness.
We pray for all those grieving for their lost children,
Help us to comfort them and bring them hope. Amen.
First Reading  Wis 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.

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 89:12-17. R. v.14
(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!
1. Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?
Show pity to your servants. (R.)
2. In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Give us joy to balance our affliction
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,
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The word of the Lord.

Second Reading  Heb 4:12-13
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
The word of God is something alive and active; it cuts like any double-edged sword,
it discerns the intentions of the heart.
The word of God discerns the thoughts and
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.

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

Gospel  Mk 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.’

Reflection by Greg Sunter
Jesus reminds us in this gospel that to join him in bringing about the reign of God requires absolute commitment and a willingness to give up that which is most precious to us. The rich man who approached Jesus was genuine in his desire to fulfill all the requirements of the Law to attain eternal life. Jesus quoted to him all the commandments that deal with right relationships with others. The man is able to tick these off and assure Jesus that he has been doing this since childhood – a pretty big claim in the first place! Then Jesus ‘looked steadily at him and loved him’ – he looked on him with the eyes of love; the eyes that see to the heart of a person, and in that look knew what was most important to the man. Jesus could tell by his dress no doubt that the man was wealthy and so it is this aspect of the man’s life that Jesus chooses to challenge him about. This gospel shouldn’t necessarily be read as a condemnation of wealth – rather, it is the man’s inability to surrender his wealth that Jesus challenges. Jesus sees to the heart of the man and asks if he is willing to give up that which is most important in his life. The man is unable to do what Jesus asks of him and goes away sad. Why sad? He’s sad because he knows that he has been tested and failed. He knows that what he genuinely desired was within his reach but he needed to let go of his position, his status, his wealth, to be able to grasp what he desired in both hands.
St Calistus I was born a slave and worked for a Christian master named Carpophorus. His master put him in charge of a bank, but Calistus lost the money to bad debts and fearing punishment he fled Rome. After his capture, Calistus worked in a treadmill and then the mines of Sardinia, before being released with a number of other Christians to become a free man. Pope Zephyrinus put Calistus in charge of the Roman burial grounds (known today as the ‘Cemetery of St Calistus’) and he became a deacon. In 217 AD, he was elected pope in a brief and controversial reign, which saw the readmission to communion for repentant murderers and adulterers. He also preached that differences in economic class should not be a barrier to marriage - a teaching which put him in conflict with Roman civil law and sparked riots that led to his death.