



## The Test of Time

**D**o we view an episode in the Gospels as the whole story of Jesus' relationship with a person or just a chapter, albeit very significant, in that story? At the end of today's Gospel, the rich man went away sad. It was step too far for him at that moment to sell everything he owned and follow Jesus. But was that the end of the story of this man's relationship with Jesus? Did he die a rich and unhappy man?

There is much in this story to give us hope that at a certain moment he did manage to let go of his attachment to wealth and give himself totally to following Jesus. Firstly, he was clearly a very good man who faithfully kept all the commandments. He was also a seeker.

Somehow or other he knew that keeping the commandments, while important, was not the whole picture. Something was lacking. And thirdly, he didn't say 'no' to Jesus' request. He simply went away sad, perhaps to ponder Jesus' words, and Jesus' loving gaze which surely touched him deeply. His initial conviction that Jesus was a 'Good Master' remained.

A 'yes' given on the spot is often a superficial 'yes' that doesn't survive the test of time. We have all had the experience of having something huge asked of us, and finding it difficult, if not impossible, to say 'yes'. We needed time to process the request, to understand its implications and whether we can do it, before giving a heartfelt assent. This was quite possibly also the case with the rich man in today's Gospel.

*God's Word Sr Carmel Jones rsj*

## Other Claimants

**F**riends, I want to say something about our becoming disciples in God's family. Once we make the decision to follow Jesus, then every other claimant to supremacy must fall away. As I've argued many times before, every one of us has something or some set of values that we consider greatest. Perhaps it is money, material things, power, or the esteem of others. Perhaps it is your family, your kids, your wife, your husband.

None of this is false, and none of these things are bad. But when you place any of them in the absolute center of gravity, things go awry. When you make any of them your ultimate or final good, your spiritual life goes haywire. When you attach yourself to any of them with an absolute tenacity, you will fall apart. Only when we make Christ the cornerstone of our lives are we truly ready for mission. Keep in mind that every encounter with God in the Bible conduces to mission, to being sent to do the work of the Lord. If we try to do this work while we are stuck to any number of attachments, we will fail. Period.

*Word on Fire Bishop Robert Barron*



**Feast Days  
This Week**

**St Teresa  
of Jesus**  
15 October

**St Ignatius  
of Antioch**  
17 October

**St Luke,  
Evangelist**  
18 October



**Nursing Home  
Mass**

Mass and  
Anointing  
will be held at  
Nareen Gardens  
Bateau Bay  
on Tuesday  
at 10:30am.



**MEN'S GROUP**

**Men's Group**

Join us for lunch  
and a yarn.  
Wednesday 16  
October 12 noon  
at Diggers Club.  
Enquiries: Lui  
4388 9510.



**Offertory  
Procession**

Children are  
encouraged to  
take part in the  
Offertory  
Procession. Come  
to the Offertory  
Table when  
invited by the  
Acolytes.

## He Sees Us

**J**esus looked steadily at him and loved him. In this statement, as so often in the Gospels, we understand that Jesus sees with his eyes, with his heart and with his soul. Jesus can see beyond the surface, to the true nature and intentions of others - whether he is addressing the Pharisees as hypocrites or describing Nathaniel as a "man without guile". Jesus saw the piety of the young man, his good intentions, his naiveté and his conflicted heart. So here, echoing *Psalms 33*, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear [respect] him. And the gaze of the Lord is benign. Jesus challenges the young man to the next level of faith - letting go of the idea he can earn his own salvation; he must abandon his wealth - his security - to rely more radically on the power of God to save. Here, as elsewhere, the benign gaze of the Lord discerns, and seeks to help, those willing to accept the will of God. The young man went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth; but even as all his material needs were met, his spirit was hungry. Jesus held up, as it were, a mirror to his spiritual emptiness.

The gaze of the Lord is benign, just as it is also discerning: the Lord sees us just as we are, in our weakness and in our loveliness, in our failure and in our success. So, we do not fear the scrutiny of the Lord - we know his gaze is a loving gaze, seeking to know us, to affirm us, and to save us. Our familiarity with the four Gospels sometimes dulls our perception of the radical nature of the teaching of Jesus - "he looked steadily at the young man and loved him". The Lord who can see us to the deepest level of our being still loves us! The gaze of the Lord is benign, discerning, and challenging. When we see ourselves through his eyes, we see what is beautiful, what is in his image, and also what is in need of forgiveness. So, knowing we are in this gaze, we are challenged to become our better self, to become the holy people we are created to be. Just as the gaze of God is benign, discerning and challenging, it is also saving - we are not simply passive recipients of a passing glance of the Almighty - we are drawn further into a relationship that saves us, makes us whole, welcomes us into heaven. How wonderful this is!

The all-seeing eye of God is for our benefit. If we can live knowing that we have a God who watches over us, wills us constantly to be wonderful, forgives us when we fail, inspires us when we don't know our next step, encourages us to be a better neighbour, wants us to walk in the footsteps of Jesus - then little by little, day by day, our life will be transformed. In practical terms, we can audit our efforts, track our progress - even if it is just for one week - we can watch, notice and even record how we behave consciously, in the benign, discerning, challenging and saving gaze of God.

Being in the watchful, all-seeing eye of God is not a solitary experience - we are conscious of being in a community, a communion of people whom the Lord is seeking to shape into a body that testifies to God's love, that is a light to the nations, an inspiration to all.

*Sunday Living Word* Majellan Family Media

## Quote for the Week

**S**ome people are kind, polite and sweet-spirited, until you sit in their pews.

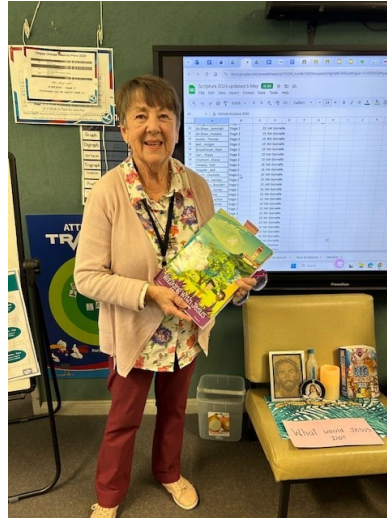
## Catechist Corner

The Catechists are rested and rearing to go for Term IV. They will soon be preparing the children in the State Schools for their Christmas assemblies, where they reenact the story of the Birth of Jesus.

Featured here is our Catechist, Patricia Yeo, who takes great joy in bringing the faith to the primary children.

Catechists have many resources and use an easy-to-follow curriculum, backed up with books for the children to use and keep, sacred space materials, posters, and the smart board to show presentations.

For enquiries call Leanne on 4332 2216.



## Night of Light

You are invited to our Night of Light on Thursday 31 October at 5:45pm in the Church grounds, for a BBQ, snacks, activities, games and prizes for the best Saint costumes! Halloween (All Hallows Eve), is the evening before the feast of All Saints, in which we celebrate the glory of God in his Saints. Make this a memorable night for your children - encourage them to dress as their favourite Saint or in white. Everyone else attending please wear something white as a reminder that this is a Night of Light! Make the Light shine on Halloween again! RSVP (free) by 27 October to 4332 2216.

## Parish Volunteers' Thank You

Fr Brian would like to thank all of our Parish Volunteers, from Readers to Cleaners, Choir to Bereavement Team, and all in between. Your hard work is appreciated and all you do to make this a great parish community. Come along on Friday 8 November at 5pm to the parish centre for drinks and nibbles. You know you deserve it! Please RSVP by Friday 1 November to the sheets on the church tables or call the parish office on 4332 2216.

## Please Note

### Maronite Mass

The Maronite Divine Liturgy will be celebrated in our Church each Sunday evening from 20 October at 5pm. Confession should be available before the Liturgy, while the Rosary is being prayed. If you have any queries please contact Fr Yuhanna Azize on 0435 764 824.

### Encounter Young Adults Evening

Join us for our next Encounter Evening: Young Adults Event at St Agatha's Parish Pennant Hills on Friday 18 October at 6pm. We're excited to have Seminarian Matthew French as our special guest speaker, sharing on the topic: "The Top Ten Things You Didn't Know About Mass." Starting with a Holy Hour at 6pm, Dinner 7pm, and followed by Talk and Discussion. RSVP by 15 October to: vocations.ministry@bbcatholic.org.au or 0418 522 449. Don't miss out on this amazing night of faith and fellowship!



### Christian Meditation Group

All are welcome to join us in the Benedictine style of meditation each Friday from 10:30-11:30am in the Reynolds Room.

### Parish Morning Tea



The Simply the Best Family Group is hosting our Morning Tea this Sunday 13 October in the Parish Centre after 9:30am Mass. All Welcome!



### Central Coast Atrium

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is for 3-6 year olds Saturdays 9-10:30am. Call 0466 255 033 or centralcoastatrium@gmail.com

## The Catholic Weekly

### The Catholic Weekly

Now on sale on the Church tables. \$2 to the poor box please.



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## Mass & Devotions

**Sunday Masses** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)  
**Weekday Masses** Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am  
**Reconciliations** Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm  
**Liturgy of the Hours** Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am  
**Cenacle Prayer Group** Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday

**Genesis 2:18-24**

**Hebrews 2:9-11**

**Mark 10:2-16**

**Entrance Antiphon:** Within your will, o Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

**Responsorial Psalm:** May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

## Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

**Recently Deceased:** Fr Vince Reddan, Terry Stapleton, Yvonne Woodrow, Eleanor Matthews, Bill Mahony, Rosemary Allen, Steven Whitehead.

**Funerals:** The funeral of Yvonne Woodrow was held during the week. Please pray for Yvonne and her family.

**Anniversaries:** Ivan Naraj, Dennis Farrell, Phyllis & Frank Malone, Gino Lucchese.

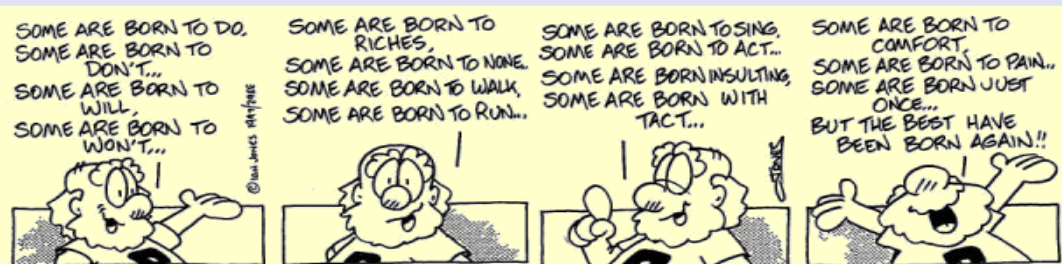
**Remembrances:** Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Sam & Carmen Ghirxi, Martin Ghirxi, Anne Allen, Charles Gatt and all the Holy Souls.

**Sick:** Dino Gava, Margaret Ayres, Marilyn Wall, Pam Elliott, Glenda Way, Jacob McCarroll, Beau Davis, Max Leete, Frano Stitic, Jonah Langley, Anne Clancy, John McClement, Anne & Trish Knoke, Paul Smith, Emma Horton, Linda Read, Kelly Will and all with serious illness.

**Welcome Newly Baptised:** Kaycee Ross, Elsie & Matilda Tisdell.

**Sacramental Programme:** Please pray for the 103 children and their families who are preparing for Confirmation.

## Pearly Gates Revisited



## Our Lady of the Rosary

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## God's Word 2025

Anyone who would like to order the 2025 *God's Word* please let Leanne in the office or Gift Centre staff know.

The Gift Centre is open weekends before and after the 5pm Vigil Mass on Saturdays, and before and after the 9:30am Mass on Sundays.

**Enquiries 4332 2216**