



## **ST PASCHAL'S PARISH**

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MASS 10.30am – Sunday

RECONCILIATION – On request after Sunday Mass

**SUNDAY 13TH OCTOBER 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**TWENTY EIGHTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Wisdom 7:7–11

Psalm 90

Hebrews 4:12–13

Gospel Mark 10:17–30

**“Good teacher, what must I do to share everlasting life”**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Frances Chaplow

COMMENTATOR: Stephen Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Dot Chipman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Laurel Blakey

COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Laurel Blakey & Fel Aralar

DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**SUNDAY 20TH OCTOBER 2024**

**READINGS—YEAR B**

**TWENTY NINTH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Isaiah 53:10–11

Psalm 33

Hebrews 4:14–16

Gospel Mark 10:35–45

**“The Son of Man came to give his life as a ransom for all.”**



### **MINISTERS**

GREETER: Phyllis Hayward

COMMENTATOR: Frances Crooymans

PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Ros Foster

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Dot Chipman

COLLECTOR: Stephen Crooymans

MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:

Stephen Crooymans & Kate Main

DATA PROJECTOR: Dot Chipman

### The gift of wisdom

The first reading tells us that wisdom is preferred above gold and silver. "I prefer wisdom to sceptres and thrones. I consider wealth as nothing compared with wisdom." Every object that is created in the world is perishable. We need to seek true wisdom rather than things that vanish; like political power, social influences etc. When Solomon chose wisdom rather than wealth, power and fame; God gave him everything along with wisdom. Likewise, when we place Jesus ahead of everything in life, he will grant us everything needed.

The second reading too warns us that we are accountable to God in the use of our blessings and gifts. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges us regarding wealth and possession and tells us not to be prisoners of possessions. We give much priority to things of the world than the values of Jesus; thus, we violate the very first commandment. Jesus invites each one of us to be his follower. But in this materialistic world we become devotees of wealth and riches because the society in which we live measures success in terms of the wealth we amass. Today's Gospel is a call to detach from everything and be attached to the values of Jesus.

Let us pray: Eternal Father, we thank and adore you for the gift of your Son to the world who showed us the way to eternal life. Help us place our trust in you alone and instil in us the values of the gospel.

#### DAY OF PRAYER TO SUPPORT LIFE

13th October 2024

The theme is 'Infinite Dignity = Infinite Love'.

To quote directly from the Vatican document *Dignitas Infinita*: 'Every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter.'  
**'Every Life Matters ... Always!'**

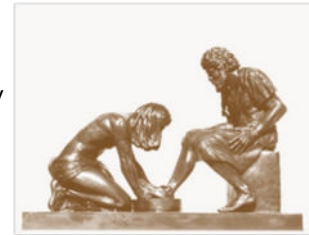
Wisdom is a gift that **allows a person to understand things from God's point of view**. In other words, Wisdom allows a person to recognize truth. A person with the Gift of Wisdom is able to take this truth and use it to glorify God by choosing Godly solutions to problems.

#### ROSARY IN OCTOBER

During the month of October there is the opportunity to pray the Rosary each Sunday before Mass at 10am



On three occasions Jesus has told his disciples of his approaching passion and death. Here James and John enthusiastically, if somewhat naively, commit themselves to following him in drinking the cup and undergoing the baptism which Jesus faces. Do they really understand the cost of discipleship? Their question to Jesus would indicate that they have still not fully grasped what it means to follow Jesus. They want him to do their will rather than them doing the will of the Father. They still seem to be thinking in terms of a political and earthly kingdom where power and riches will come to those who are in special places of favour at the right and left hand of the ruler. Instead, Jesus offers them a share in his suffering and death. The other disciples too display their human weakness in their indignation that they may be left out. Jesus tries again to make it clear to his foolish disciples that their view of the world, locked as it is in their earthly experience, is not how God plans things to be. Christianity is not a state where power and authority is lorded over others. Instead it is a call to service and humility and may come at a great cost.



**WORLD MISSION DAY  
3RD NOVEMBER 2024**

World Mission Sunday is a special day that unites Catholics worldwide in prayer, solidarity, and support for the Church's mission efforts. This year's theme, chosen by Pope Francis, is rooted in the Gospel of Matthew: "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet," reflecting the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone. Join us in this universal mission to spread the Gospel and invite all to experience the joy of Christ's message!

Please support by offering money in the collection today which is distributed by The National Mission Office to help in the running expenses of a diocese for 12 months in a missionary country.

**SAVE THE DATE -9TH NOVEMBER  
You are welcome to come along to the  
St Francis Parish Retreat**

Retreat director: Sr Jill McLoughlin r.s.j.  
Date: 9th November Time: 10 – 3pm  
Theme for the retreat is Joy and Hope  
Leading to Courage.  
Cost: Koha Morning / afternoon tea  
provided.  
Bring your own lunch.  
Any queries contact  
Sr Paula On 07 868 6310

**The 'cup' and the 'baptism' to which Jesus refers are his suffering and death on the Cross. These images evoke for us the sacraments of baptism and Eucharist by which the death and resurrection of Jesus are kept at the heart of our faith and our worship.**

**MINISTERS – 27TH OCTOBER 2024**

GREETER: Moya Lynch  
COMMENTATOR: Robert Hicks  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: F Chaplow  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: John Reynolds  
COLLECTOR: Robert Hicks  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Alice Douglas & Eileen Leonard  
DATA PROJECTOR: Frances Croymans

**MINISTERS – 3RD NOVEMBER 2024**

GREETER: Eileen Leonard  
COMMENTATOR: Dot Chipman  
PROCLAIMER OF THE WORD: Simon Main  
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION: Ros Foster  
COLLECTOR: Ross Brydon  
MINISTERS OF COMMUNION:  
Simon Main & Frances Chaplow  
DATA PROJECTOR: Erin Aralar

**READINGS – 27TH OCTOBER 2024  
THIRTIETH WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126  
Hebrews 5:1-6  
Gospel Mark 10:46-52



**READINGS – 3RD NOVEMBER 2024  
THIRTY FIRST WEEK ORDINARY TIME**

Deuteronomy 6:2-6  
Psalm 18  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Gospel Mark 12:28-34



**FLOWERS**

W/E 19/10 Alice Douglas  
W/E 26/10 Eileen Leonard  
W/E 2/11 Moya Lynch



**LINEN**

OCT Phyllis Hayward  
NOV Alice Douglas



**CUP OF TEA AFTER MASS  
THE FIRST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH  
NEXT —3RD NOVEMBER**



Oct 16 Ros Foster  
20 Declan Tully

We pray for all those who are in need of our prayers: Mary Speedy, Robert Hicks, Ray Karl, Michael Lynch, Frank and Nick Walsh.  
If anyone needs Father Rob to visit them phone the presbytery on **07 868 6169** and leave a message. He will get back to you.

And those whose anniversaries occur during the month of October: Mick Welsh, Valda Green, Ita Hayward, Angelo Tuyay, Tom Keane, Maureen Smedley.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord.