

# Eighteenth Sunday in Ord Time Yr C - 31 July 2022

**First Reading** **Ecdl 1:2; 2:21-23** *A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

**Responsorial Psalm** **Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17. R. v.1**

(R.) In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

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| 1. You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night. (R.) | 3. Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants. (R.)                     |
| 2. You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades. (R.)          | 4. In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands. (R.) |

**Second Reading** **Col 3:1-5, 9-11** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

**Gospel Acclamation** **Mt 5:3**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

**Gospel** **Lk 12:13-21** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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Dear People of God,

## Stop Talking to Yourself!

Conversation is what makes us human: we are word animals. Anyone who has been in hospital for some time knows that it is the lack of conversation which starts to tell. We need mouth to mouth resuscitation.

Did you notice in today's Gospel that the rich landowner is constantly murmuring to himself. He poses questions which *he* answers. He is so bound up with his possessions that there is no room in his life for real conversation with people or with God.

In muttering to himself, the rich man was becoming dehumanised and in danger that at the moment of death, he could find himself monologuing for all eternity, and that is a Hellish existence. He, and we, need to learn the language of Heaven and we begin that on earth.

There are two partners of conversation we need: With God we call it prayer. The Our Father is the conversation of the children of God with their heavenly Father. With other people, real dialogue might reveal something about them such that we need to respond wholeheartedly.

And then, draw closer to Our Lady who was the greatest conversation partner with God: 'Be it done unto me according to Thy word.' She is constantly trying to draw us into her conversation with God.

We could pause for a moment to ask Our Lady to help us to learn and practise the language of Heaven: 'now, and at the hour of our death.' Amen.

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**MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH**  
Week Day Mass

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7.00 am  
Wednesday 6.00 pm  
Saturday Morning 9.00 am



Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm  
Sunday 8.30 am sometimes live streamed

St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont 1st Sunday of each month - 9.00am  
Next Mass at St John's 7th August 2022

Rosary

Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 6.30 am  
Saturday at 8.30am. Sunday 8.00am

Divine Mercy Prayer Thursday 7.30 am

Adoration in Church Wednesday 5.30pm followed by 6.00pm Mass

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Saturday 9.30 am

Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church Saturdays 8:15am & 5:15 pm and  
Wednesday 5:15 pm

Mass at Earle Haven - 2nd Friday of Month—9.15am  
Next Mass 12th August 2022

**We remember** all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus

*We pray for the recently deceased :* Bryan Allen

*We pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur at this time:*

**We also remember** their families—may they be comforted in their loss by this Community of Faith.

**We pray for those who are sick or in hospital:** Sandra Miller

*Our prayers are also offered for those who are elderly and in Nursing Homes.*



**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

*"Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one's life does not consist of possessions."* Luke 12:15

The Gospel message is contrary to modern culture that continually tries to convince us that our joy comes from the material things we possess. That the more we acquire, the happier we will be. Jesus shows us that our true joy comes from our "invisible" gifts like love, mercy and forgiveness. True joy comes from "emptying" ourselves, giving of ourselves rather than always taking. We are called not to hoard but to share. True joy comes from living a grateful and generous lifestyle; become more "God-centered" and less "self-centered." [archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections](http://archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections)

**Adonai's Youth & Young Adults Group**

We would like to invite all young people to join St Brigid's Parish Youth & Young Adults Group. We have over 20 members from ages 14 – 24. Talks are prepared by 3 youth leaders under the guidance of Fr. Jeremy, which offers a nourishing of the faith in church teachings and spirituality. Our meetings usually go for an hour and we regularly meet every second week after Wednesday 6pm mass. We invite you to our next meeting on Wednesday 10/08/2022 from 7pm – 8pm at the school hall located next to the presbytery.

For more information, contact Chloe on [0406633284](tel:0406633284)

**Father's Day Raffle - 4 Sept**

*We are in need of donations of gifts suitable for the*

*up-coming Father's Day Raffle.*

*Please see Betty 0438 130 322*

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**Tap & Go**

You will notice a new Tap & Go machine at the church entrance. This is a very handy method of giving to St. Brigid's. The machine has been pre-set so that One tap equals \$10, two taps equals \$20 and multiples thereof. This takes care of the problem of being caught without cash and is a great benefit to our parish. *Please use before or after Mass, not during.*

**Our Lady of Fatima**

Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the feast of Our Lady of Fatima on the 13.08.2022. The bus will be picking up at 8.15 am at the Sacred Heart Church Clear Island Waters.. The Cost for the bus fare \$25.00 return. You can secure your seat with contact name and contact phone number with Xavier Solomon 0404 843 260, Madeleine on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573,. All are welcome.

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**SCRIPTURAL  
CONTEXT**

**Do not worry**

*This parable and teaching about the love of wealth is followed up by Jesus telling his disciples not to worry about what they will eat and what they will wear. He invites them to look to the birds of the air and flowers of the fields. God provides them with all that they need. Jesus tells his disciples to seek the kingdom and all the other necessities of life will be given to them as well. Rather than focusing on accumulating wealth as the rich man in today's parable, Jesus reassures his disciples that if they focus their lives on the kingdom they will have all that they need.*

**THE SHRINE OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS  
MARIAN VALLEY MASS TIMES**

Weekday Mass is at 9.00 am Monday to Friday  
Saturday Mass time is 11.00am  
Sunday Mass times 11.00am and 4.00pm



**St. Brigid's First Eucharist 2022**

The Sacramental Program has started and preparation dates are as follows:

Sunday 31st July at 9:30am  
Sunday 7th Aug at 9:30am  
Sunday 14th Aug at 9:30am  
Sunday 21st Aug at 9:30am

First Eucharist is Sunday 28th August 8:30am

*This is for children in Yr 4 or who have turned 9 yrs of age & have not received their First Eucharist.*

