

Twenty-third Sunday in Ord Time Yr C – 4th September 2022

First Reading Wis 9:13-18 *A reading from the book of Wisdom*

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

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 Phlm 9-10, 12-17 *A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon*

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation Ps 118:135

Alleluia, alleluia!
Let your face shine on your servant, and teach me your laws.
Alleluia!

Gospel Lk 14:25-33 *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.'

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Gospel Reflection

'Hate' is an emotive and extremely harsh word in our society. In its gospel context, the word is not used as an opposite of 'love' but as an indication of deserving of less significance than another thing. So the teaching about hating father, mother, etc can be read as saying that being a disciple of Jesus must take precedence over everything else, even family. In 1st Century culture, family was foremost above everything else; it was the very fibre that held society together. Jesus is saying that discipleship must be put above even that which is most important and most intrinsic to life in this world. That is why he goes on to tell the two stories about the need to count the cost before undertaking an important venture. He makes clear to his listeners that discipleship is more important than anything else and that there are huge costs associated with taking it on. A believer has to literally 'count the cost' of what it will mean to place discipleship above family, friendships, career, politics and even life itself. Jesus makes no apologies for the fact that what he is asking is incredibly demanding.

Our 'possessions' are all those things – material, emotional, and psychological – that we cling to and that we think give us our identity and status. Jesus called for a radical reinterpretation of status and position. He tells his listeners that they cannot truly be disciples if they continue to cling to those things that are considered important in this world. They have to surrender the things that bind them to this world's ideas of status and position before they can fully embrace the kingdom view of the world. As Jesus said, you have to really count the cost!

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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 2nd October 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 9th September 2022

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

We pray for the recently deceased : Paul Mahan

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: Mary Topui

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



Holy Land Pilgrimage
Jordan - Israel - Egypt
Praying in the footsteps of Jesus & Mary
Chaplain: Fr. Albert Wasniowski OSPPE
17—28 February 2023

Tour departing from Manila, Philippines

Total Cost approx. AUD \$5000 Package tour \$4000, Brisbane—Manila return airfare \$1000
Departs Brisbane for Manila 14 February 2023

For more information contact Genie 0416 222286 (text message) or
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LOST & FOUND

The Lost and Found items will be kept in the kitchen of the Church for a maximum of 4 weeks. If not collected during this time all items will be donated to Charity or disposed of.

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.*

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



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Marian Valley

Please come and join us at the Marian Valley for the feast of Our Lady Of Fatima on 13.09.2022.. 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 for each person.. 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. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Xavier on 0404 843 260.

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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." Luke 14:33

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples. [HTTPS://WWW.ARCHSTL.ORG/ABOUT-STEWARDSHIP/BULLETIN-INSERTS/WEELY-BIBLE-REFLECTIONS](https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections)

LIVING THE GOSPEL

Give up my possessions?

We live in an era of extraordinary wealth in some countries contrasted against extraordinary poverty and need in other countries. Accumulation of possessions has become a driving force in our society. Flat screen televisions, iPods, multiple computers, games consoles, portable DVD players, multifunction cell phones are all 'must-have' items. The thought of surrendering such items may be almost impossible to consider. However, Jesus' message about being a disciple calls to us. How can some people in the world surround themselves with such luxuries while others don't have enough to eat? Does the love of 'possessions' blind us to the needs of others?