**Gospel** Lk 12:13-21

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

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.’

**Reflection**

Greed is something that we see in our society quite often. Jesus warns us to avoid greed in forms because when we have too many material things it takes us away from God. We tend to think that our source of happiness is in material things but these are not long lasting as we tend to want to get more and more. Real happiness is when we revolve our lives around God in its centre and a source for all happiness. The parable of the rich fool focuses on how the attention on wealth can induce people to forget about God. We need to take the time to praise and thank God for all our blessings. The rich fool saw the rich crop as being one of merit not as a grace from God. It made him blind to the needs of the poor. Instead of responding to God’s generosity he became selfish. In today’s world this is more relevant than ever. Jesus asks us to be grateful of the rich harvests in our lives, to have a realistic vision of life and to recognize and fulfill our duties, especially to the privileged and poor in our society.

**Prayer**

Dear God, Please help us to keep your son Jesus the centre of our lives so we can learn to be more like Him every day. Help us to pray because we want a relationship with you, each other and all creation. Help us pray, because together we can journey through our living, loving, passion, suffering, dying and rising and be transformed into loving union with you and all people who believe in you. Amen.

**God is with us – Family Prayer**

Prayer books - the prayer books were sent home with an accompanying letter. God is with us is a book of prayers for use in the family home. Along with traditional and daily prayers, there are prayers for special occasions, which provide an opportunity to recognise God’s presence at important moments of family life. Special reference is made to the devotion of The Angelus, which is prayed daily in every Catholic school in the Diocese. Let us keep each other in our prayers, and mark the Year of Faith by putting God at the heart of our homes. Please take the time to familiarise yourself and your child/ren with the prayers in God is with us as they will form an important part of our prayer life at the school as well as at home.

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation**

A reminder that preparation classes for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will start in Term 3 and continue in Term 4. All children in Year 3,4,5,6 who have been Baptised are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Children in Year’s 5 & 6 are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have not returned your form to the office, please do so by Monday 12th August in preparation for the commencement of lessons on 14th August.

**Franca Bonserio**

Religious Education Coordinator
Dates to Remember!
9th August - Staff Development Day
12th & 13th August – Book Fair
14th August – Reconciliation Classes Commence
14th August – Delany Cup (Debating) Year 5 – 1.30pm
19th – 23rd August – Book Week
20th August - St Nicholas Netball Gala Day
22nd August – Book Parade
28th August - Father’s Day Stall
30th August - 7:30am - Father's Day BBQ followed by a liturgy
14th September - Bunning BBQ & Cake Stall Fundraiser

Email Addresses
If you have requested to receive the newsletter via email, please make sure you keep us up to date with your current email address. When sending your email address into school, please write clearly as we are having problems with parent’s emails bouncing back due to misspelt addresses. May we also remind you, if you have a smart phone (e.g. iPhone or Galaxy etc) you can download the St Oliver’s app and pick up the newsletter and other alerts and event information from it. The newsletter is also available from the school website - www.stoliversharrispark.catholic.edu.au

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BOOK FAIR
Our Scholastic Book Fair opens next Monday 12th August! Children and parents are encouraged to purchase books for their enjoyment. A percentage of the sales will benefit our school. Children will be able to preview and/or buy the books on both Monday 12th and Tuesday, 13th August in class time. Parents may visit on Monday 3pm – 4pm or Tuesday 8.30am – 9am. Books cannot be reserved or returned. Payment is by cash at the Book Fair or electronically at the School Office.

BOOK WEEK COMPETITIONS
1. All classes have received their Book Week colouring competitions. These are to be returned to school by Thursday 15th August. Winners will be announced at our Book Parade the following week.
2. Create your own reading avatar on the school iPads in the Library at lunchtimes. Entries are due by Thursday 15th August.

BOOK PARADE
- Thursday, 22nd August, 2pm
- Children dress up as a favourite book character (not a movie character), it could be a Pirate or Fairy
- Please do not go to any expense; just use your imagination!
- Children wear their outfits to school and stay in them all day.
- Parents and friends are invited to enjoy the Parade in the playground at 2pm.
- In the event of rain the parade will take place inside.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
Remember that we need the signed paper copies of the children’s Reading Records. If you would like us to enter the details in to the children’s Online Reading Record, please send the paper Reading Records to school by Thursday 15th August so we have time to do this.

Mrs Lesley Quinn
Teacher Librarian