

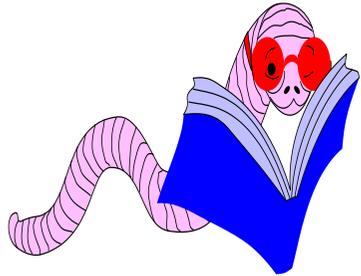
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<b>Oct. 21</b> Rev. Marian	Jon B.	Debra	Debra Geoff	Kaye Linda	Ainslie

**Readings for 14 Oct:**

Job 23:1-9,16-17  
Psalm 22:1-15  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

**Readings for 21 Oct:**

Job 38:1-7,(34-41)  
Psalm 104:1-9,24,35c  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45



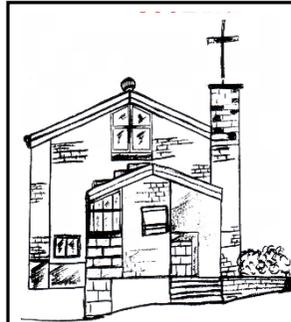
**Looking for some reading matter?**

Check out our second-hand books in the bookshop under the church. Open every Monday and Thursday between 10 and 12 for the sale of books and cards, or just come in for a cuppa and a chat.

If you wish to have anything included in the News Sheet please let Margaret Lutton know by the Wednesday before. Ph. 55364279 or [melutton@telstra.com](mailto:melutton@telstra.com)



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**Worship time -**

9.00 am (Qld. Time)

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**Our Vision –**

To grow in God  
To grow in confidence  
To grow our Church

**Our Mission -**

Reaching out to all the community with the love of Christ, guided by God.

**TWIN TOWNS UNITING CHURCH**

cnr. Lanham & McLean Sts. Coolangatta



**Pentecost 21**

**14 October 2018**



**Spoiled Children**

God, You heap your love upon us  
like a parent providing for a family's needs,  
embracing a child with tenderness.

Forgive us  
when, like spoiled children,  
we treat Your generosity as our right,  
or hug it possessively to ourselves.

Give us enough trust to live secure in Your love  
and to share it freely with others  
in open-handed confidence  
that Your grace will never run out. Amen.

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Prayer for the Church Year, ed. Janet Morley (Maryknoll  
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Dear Friends,

This week's Gospel reading (Mark 10:21-27) is a difficult one for us who live in the so-called "First World", as it focuses on the issue of wealth.

*"In some cases, texts like this one have inspired not management but amazing efforts to obey, like in the case of St. Anthony heading out into the desert. Such efforts have also produced amazing unintended side effects.*

*In the days of yore, some monastic orders would try to keep the price of their goods below that of other local producers so as not to earn a sinful profit. The result was destroying everyone else's business, since consumers naturally preferred the monastery's cheaper goods. As Peter Brown details in his aptly named Through the Eye of a Needle, pious wealthy Christians of the early church wished to launder their gains, ill-gotten or otherwise, by making huge donations to the church. Net result: an insanely wealthy church, with all the problems attendant thereon."*

([http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary\\_id=3795](http://www.workingpreacher.org/preaching.aspx?commentary_id=3795))

Who can argue with Jesus on this one? We know he's right about the law *and* about the wealth. It's the double-bind of our Christian formation: this lesson is so deeply internalized that it's nearly impossible to hear it for the chasm in our lives of faith that it is.

What an odd advantage that rich young man had: being an attentive, devout, open-hearted keeper of a law that was intended to shield and uphold life, yet still ready to learn more from the Master. He's the only person in the entire Gospel of Mark singled out as being loved by Jesus. And this one dearly, uniquely loved person just walks away, "disheartened" and "sorrowful." How terribly shocking to discover that, after all, you love your stuff more than you love eternal life.

We do not know what happened to the rich young man. Yet the story may invite us all to obedience yet unknown. If only we were as ready and listened as well as he!

Yours, listening,

Marian

*Please join us for Morning Tea in the hall following the service.*

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**Mondays** *KYB Study Group* meets on Mondays at 10 am.

**Thursdays** *Our singing group* has suffered some attrition and we would love some more singers. If you have an hour to spare Thursdays 4.30pm please come and help us out. Ability to read music or have an incredible voice is not essential. Enthusiasm is.

**Sat. Oct. 20** *Elanora Uniting Church* are holding a *Fair Trade Fair* from 9am to 1pm. For more details see flyer on the noticeboard or contact Rev. John 408115210 or [revj@aapt.net.au](mailto:revj@aapt.net.au). The church may be found by using the M1 Exit 92. Western side off northbound exit.

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*Remember our grocery collection for the Chaplain, Lisa Wood, at the Coolangatta Primary School.*

*Please leave your contributions in the boxes in the foyer.*

