

OUR COMMUNITY NEWS

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SUNDAY – 18th September 2022 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19)

Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms, are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19 and/or are outdoors and cannot physically distance.

ANNIVERSARIES: Margaret Dickman, Elizabeth O'Connor, Mary Watkins, Steve Molloy, Debbie Hayes, Jack Fitzpatrick, John Wall, John Hardiman, Tess Pope, Albert Pope, Fred Finch, Julie & Thomas Egan, John Franc, Patrick Berrigan & Fr John Keane.

PRAY FOR THE SICK:

Pat Byrne, Margaret MacDonald, Roger Molomby, Graeme Dawson, Blake Dridan, Shelagh Mulcahy, Fr Adrian McInerney, Graeme Trethowan and all those in need of prayer.

ROSTER:

Introduction & Reading

Today: John Jess

25th Sept: Sue Mahony

Prayers of the Faithful

Today: Jim Mahony

25th Sept: Carita Clancy

Assembly Leader

Today: Sue Mahony & Carita Clancy

Special Minister

Today: Gail Hall

Music

Today & 25th Sept: Sue Mahony

Church Cleaning, Linen Flowers

Sept 18th: Therese Jess & Bernadette Franc

Sept 25th: Angela Chandler

Church Grounds

Sept 18-25th: Chandler family

Newsletter

September – Bernadette Franc 0427678830

MASS TIMES for Next Week

September 25th: MASS 8.30 am

Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine

God of peace and justice,
who change the hardened heart and break the power of
violence, we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.
Protect them in this time of peril; let them know not
death but life, not slavery but freedom. You are Father
of all; we are brothers and sisters.
Give us the strength to live that truth in love,
choosing peace not war.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

EXPLORING THE WORD

Sunday's second reading (1 Tim 2:1-8) we are advised to pray 'for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet'. In the light of the death of the only UK monarch much of the world has known – Queen Elizabeth II – and the ascension of her son King Charles III, the reading could not be more apt.

The Archbishop of Perth and president of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has said:

'The death of Queen Elizabeth II, after a long reign marked by extraordinary constancy, fidelity, courage and service, will bring great sadness to many people in Australia, including members of the Catholic community.

'As the Queen enters into the great mystery of eternal life with the Lord, we will pray for the repose of her soul and for the support and comfort of her family, her nation and the wider community of the Commonwealth.

'Queen Elizabeth was never reticent about acknowledging her Christian faith. Her annual Christmas message invariably focused on Jesus Christ as a model of humble and generous service. It was a model she strived to emulate throughout her long life. May she rest in peace.'

A prayer adapted from the Victorian Council of Churches:

Queen Elizabeth. A life of service and commitment to her people, and to the world.*

May she Rest In Peace and rise in glory.

*God of us all,
our life is a moment in time, and you are ever enduring.
As we remember the life of a remarkable person,
we also reflect on the significance of what we offer in the
time that we have. Amen.*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 16:10-13

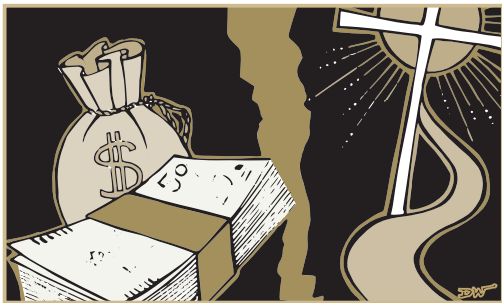
A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Longer form Lk 16:1-13



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Breaking Open the Word

NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS

How are we to live in the world and yet remain faithful to the living God? What attitudes to wealth and material goods are appropriate for the person of faith? How are we Christians to balance the demands of the world and those of our faith? Each of us has to address these complex questions and today's readings provide us with some useful orientations.

Amos had the courage to call some of his contemporaries to account because they had come to see their poor brothers and sisters as an opportunity for personal gain. They are reminded that while they have forgotten their responsibilities, God has not. Jesus' statement that none of us can be the servant of two masters goes straight to the heart of the matter. We are called to use material goods astutely but to always remember that these have been entrusted to us.

A regular part of civic life in the ancient world was the worship of the gods of the city and empire. But how were Christians to resolve this dilemma? Timothy's community members are encouraged to live their Christian lives in peace by making it known that they prayed to their own God for their rulers and authorities. It is made clear to them that this is not a case of having divided loyalties. God is the ultimate authority and God's plan is that all be saved through Jesus. By means of this creative response, these Christians were able to remain faithful to the demands of faith and their rulers.

Christopher Monaghan CP

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

18 SEPTEMBER 2022

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country,

you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn,
and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,

by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money,
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and get a price even for the sweeping of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESP PSALM

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. cf. vv. 1, 7

R. Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.
(or Alleluia!)

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, / praise the name of the Lord! / May the name of the Lord be blessed / both now and for evermore! **R.**

2. High above all nations is the Lord, / above the heavens his glory. / Who is like the Lord, our God, / who has risen on high to his throne / yet stoops from the heights to look down, / to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**

3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, / from the dunghill he raises the poor / to set him in the company of princes, / yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Tim 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul
to Timothy

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

■ **The word of the Lord.**