

25th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C

21st - 22nd September 2019

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

The Lord God 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 sweepings 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

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 112:1-2,4-8

R/ Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading: Timothy 2:1-8

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 mankind, 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

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Cor 8:9

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

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, ‘What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.’ Then the steward said to himself, ‘Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.’

‘Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, ‘How much do you owe my master?’ ‘One hundred measures of oil,’ was the reply. The steward said, ‘Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.’ To another he said, ‘And you, sir, how much do you owe?’ ‘One hundred measures of wheat,’ was the reply. The steward said, ‘Here, take your bond and write eighty.’

‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will 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



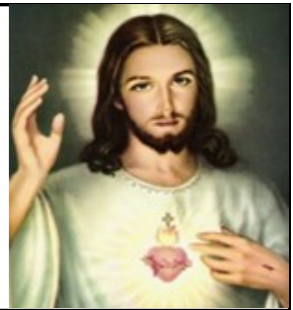
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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (Eng) &
Friday (Italian) after 9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

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Living As Children of the Light

Today, the readings point in different ways to issues of social justice. Christians are urged to look beyond ourselves and not neglect these issues. Corruption and self-interest has different forms these days than in the days of the prophet Amos, but still corrode community life. The inequitable sharing of the world’s resources that horrifically disables the most vulnerable people and contributes even further to world tensions, is a matter of concern for all Christians.

The situation in the letter to Timothy, though different from ours has similarities. Christians then had no possibility of manipulating the levers of power of the Roman Empire just as the Church cannot manipulate the political processes of today. However, Christians still have great responsibility as citizens. We are bound to contribute to the common welfare, at whatever level we are involved and to have no part in any forms of corruption or abuse of the rights of others. We must support legitimate authority; bear good will towards our fellow citizens and work with them to make a just society. Our greatest contribution in living by our Christian values for the vitality of a human community comes from the values to which its citizens are committed.

In today’s gospel, Luke brings home to his fellow Christians the responsibilities and dangers brought by this world’s possessions. All will be well in this area of our social responsibility if we can look beyond the material things that are a necessary part of our lives. The Church is called not to be a competitor in the game of politics but to contribute to the wellbeing of the human community, by the witness and example it gives. Our lives, and the quality of our relationships as a Christian community, should demonstrate that living according to the ways of Christ is not a bondage, but a way of working towards a just world.

The parable of the unjust steward is tricky. Was the master praising the steward for making fraudulent changes to his debtors’ promissory notes, or for forgoing claims for the commissions? In either case the lesson is clear: those dedicated to worldly pursuits are often more wholehearted in their projects than believers are in promoting the ways of God. (Fr John Thornhill SM, The Emmaus Series)

During the year of mercy, when Pope Francis invited Christians to open our hearts and to show mercy, he was reminding us that like Jesus we are called to be human expressions of God’s love in practical ways - not just in our small Christian communities, but by maintaining connections with our broader community, and speaking up for the excluded of our world.

“The mercy of God is not some beautiful idea but rather a concrete action. There is no mercy without concreteness.”



**Catholic Week for the Environment
(16th - 23rd September)**

Pope Francis offers a vision of an interrelated world in which what we do well or badly in one of our relationships will affect all our other relationships. Our environment is not part of the world; it is our whole and only world. If we exploit and pollute the natural world, we shall also foul and put at risk our entire human world. Many of us find it difficult to make care for the environment a personal priority because there seems to be such a large gap between anything we can do and the large realities of the environment – global warming, desertification, rising sea levels, the tension between the need for power and the threat to the environment posed by fossil fuels, and so on. But when we see the world as a network of relationships in which all is interconnected, we can work at seeking integrity in the relationships that shape our own lives. From this perspective our commitment to address the big environmental issues of our day begins with the small details of our daily life.

Mission Sunday Multicultural Mass

On Mission Sunday 20th October, we will celebrate Multicultural Mass/es. I would like to encourage parishioners from the same ethnic or national background to organise themselves and take part in this celebration, either in singing a hymn, having a procession, or sharing some simple food after Mass. For more information please see Fr Jan.



Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome:
Elliott Peter Goode
into our Parish family



Dates to Remember

- Sunday 22nd September:** Social Justice Sunday
- Sunday 20th October:** Mission Sunday
- Saturday 26th October:** Save the Date!
Parish Dinner Dance

Last Week's Collection: 15/09/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1305.75
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$640.80

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sacred Heart - 105 Years On...Dinner Dance



**Saturday 26th October 2019:
7pm - Midnight
Sacred Heart Hall, 85 David Street Preston**

Come and celebrate 105 wonderful years of Sacred Heart Parish! The night will include a

Buffet Dinner, Raffle, Trivia, Fun Events and of course, music with the band 'Sentimental Journey'

Cost: Adults \$35, Pensioners/Concession \$25, Children 5-12 years \$15, Children under 5 are free. Soft Drinks provided, BYO Alcohol

Get a table together with family, friends or your Parish group!

Interested? RSVP by Wednesday 16th October. Contact Mary 0422 891 324 or Jennifer 0416 010 203

Plenary Council 2020



An online portal was launched last week to allow people to submit their discerned response to the Plenary

Council for the Listening and Discernment phase. People are invited to participate in group discernment on one of the six National Themes for Discernment – a process that can be facilitated by the Listening and Discernment guide, 'Let's Listen and Discern'.

This and other resources for this new phase, can be accessed on this page of the Plenary Council website: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/listening-and-discernment/> Additional resources to help people understand the practice of discernment can be found on this page: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/introduction-to-discernment/>

The Transitus of St Francis of Assisi

Thursday 3rd October, 7pm for 7:30pm start
Study Centre, 98 Albion Road, Box Hill
The Provincial of the Holy Spirit Province, Friar Phillip Miscamble OFM, will be making an important announcement on the ongoing presence of the Order of Friars Minor in Melbourne at the Transitus celebrations. Bring a plate for a shared meal.
Enquiries and RSVP: Friar Joe McKay on 0412 076 912 or stpaschals@franciscans.org.au

Social Justice Statement 2019 – 2020

Australia's Catholic Bishops have launched a major statement on digital communications, calling on all levels of society to overcome the hatred, division and exploitation that occurs online.

This year's Social Justice Statement, Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world, was launched in Sydney by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv, chairman of the Bishops Commission for Social Justice – Mission and Service.

The launch precedes Social Justice Sunday, which the Church in Australia celebrates on September 29.

In the statement, the bishops say governments, businesses and the broader community need to be more proactive in defending the dignity of people. They say everyone must work together to make the digital world a place of genuine human encounter.

The document invites people to reflect on how the internet has changed communication, work, education and business – and how people can contribute towards a more harmonious digital world.

Celebrate Life Concert

Celebrate life concert with Catholic Artists an at 7.30pm on 11th October 2019 with Fr David Lemewu, Georga Byrne & Alyssa Agius, who's song hit 5th on the Australian Christian Music charts. They also sing at catholic youth festivals. Other acts and dances include scenes from the COG theatre group's musicals. A not for profit fundraiser. Limited tickets are sold at half price, only \$12. Don't miss out on this special, to be entertained by talented Christian artists. For more info - Phone: 0413398528

Email: cogtheatre@gmail.com
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/BEVLD
Website: www.callofguadalupe.com; Click [here](#) for flyer

Pledge to Pray

I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at: www.pledgetoprayer.com.au. This site is dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia, particularly in the lead up to ACYF in Perth in December this year.

Fr David Cartwright and Fr Nicholas Pearce
Melbourne Vocations Team

Roster for weekend of 28th - 29th September 2019

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Celia Lemos Marlene Vergou	Charlotte Bainy
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Paiano T.	Mendolicchio A. Ilardi L.
Sun 10.30am	Anne Stuart Mata Vaiau	Teresa Barnardini
Sun 6.00pm	Cameron Dunne Abigail Roberts	Margaret Bannon

WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

*Brian Donnellon, Stanislawa Koltowski,
Maria Santa Lucia, Irene Navascues,
Dale O'Keefe, Maria Pedroza, Rosie Poter,
Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal & Ercolina Zoppi*

We Commemorate

*Boris De Lange, Carmelina Gigliotti (1 month),
George Harb (21st Anni.), Mario Trentin (2nd Anni.)*

O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.



If parishioners would like a name to continue on the prayer list for the Sick and Elderly, please advise the Parish Office on 9480 3398. Thank you

MEDITATION ON JESUS

(through gentle postures & breathing exercises)

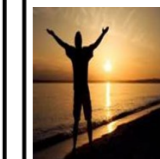
John 17:11 "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me..."



3 Hour Meditation: 10am - 1pm
Saturday October 12th 2019

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo, SVD

**At: Janssen Spirituality Centre,
22 Woodvale Rd,
Boronia, Victoria 3155.
RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or
Email: enquiries@janssencentre.org
www.janssencentre.org**



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Discover Palms: Sunday October 27th @ 10:30am
Jenny Florence Room, Ross House, 247-251 Flinders Lane, MELBOURNE
Call Palms now on 02 9560 5333 or see palms.org.au/assignments-abroad

**Cleaning Roster:
Saturday 28th September 2019
Lucy/Neschelle**

Thank you for your help!

