



**25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
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18 September 2022

LITURGY AND BULLETIN

OPENING PRAYER

Father,

guide us, as you guide creation according to your law of love.

May we love one another and come to perfection in the eternal life prepared for us.

Amen.

FIRST READING: A reading from the prophet Amos

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.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Response: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

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 dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. (R.)

SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 16:1-13

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.’



REFLECTION on the Gospel of Luke 16:1-13 by Diane Bergant

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

For our children who will receive their First Holy Communion this week; that they may feel the presence of Christ in their hearts. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For a new global economy; that wealthy societies will be converted from their addiction to unlimited acquisition and consumption. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the local and global church, that like Paul every faith community will be a true herald and apostle of God's saving grace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all rulers of nations, that they will use their authority to uphold their people's freedom of thought, conscience and religion. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the Australian government and immigration authorities; that they will set up a migration program that is fair and just both for migrants and their country of origin. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For our families and faith communities, that we follow Jesus together with hearts that are free from the seduction of wealth. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Geoff Bradley, Ann McDougall, Bruce Feehan, Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers; that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased Queen Elizabeth II, Anne Paciorek, Gladys Williams, Zelma McKie, . . . and for Bob Bradley (anniversary 17th September) and Richard Smith (anniversary 20th September) that they will enjoy the fullness of salvation won for us by Christ. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

CONCLUDING PRAYER

Lord, help us with your kindness.

Make us strong through your love for us.

May we put into action the saving mystery we celebrate.

Amen.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm

Next weekend Mass time: 6pm in the church.

Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10am in the church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 4 October 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

First Communion Mass: 17 September at 6.00pm

Dear Parishioners,

Vinnies Ozanam Sunday Appeal has been postponed until 25th September, which is also Migrant and Refugee Sunday.

Last chance to buy tickets in the “Help Ukrainians” raffle, being conducted by the Goldsmith Street Surgery in Goulburn. Wendy Hart has the tickets if you are interested. Wendy will be selling tickets before and after Mass during September to mid October It is being drawn in November.

October calendar: now being compiled. If you have anything you would like added, please let me know.

News from the pews: If you have any news or photos to share, please email me. Sharing our news (happy and sometimes sad) is part of “Walking Together” as the Archbishop is asking.

Sad news: Anne Paciorek, mother of Greg and Sarah’s mother-in-law, has passed away suddenly from cancer, at the young age of 68.

Radio Church Sundays 6pm, 88.9 FM.

Hallow – a new app for your mobile phone. ‘Our modern world feels like it was designed to stop us from praying. Many of us deal every day with stress and anxiety on the one hand and constant distraction on the other. Life often drowns out our ability to hear the still, small voice of God, who is always trying to speak to us.

But modern life also brings new advantages for Catholics looking to deepen their relationship with God. Recently, a flood of new digital resources has made the two thousand years of Christian spiritual traditions and prayers easily accessible from your smartphone.

Hallow is a goldmine of audio recordings of Catholic prayers, like the rosary or daily Mass readings, presented in the style of the modern, secular meditation apps. But, instead of new-age style meditations, Hallow prioritises finding peace by spending time in prayer with God.

The app’s centrepieces are its guided meditations that encourage users who might be unfamiliar with contemplative prayer to be still in silence and listen to what God might be saying to them. For even those with the worst attention spans, the recordings on this app are a great place to start learning to put yourself in God’s presence and simply listen.

Like the greatest works of our Catholic spiritual tradition, the Hallow recordings are deep enough for an elephant to swim but shallow enough for a child to wade. The tutorials, reflections and guided times of silent prayer on Hallow are a wonderful place to start for anyone looking to learn how to talk to God for the first time or wanting to go deeper in the spiritual life.’ (*Daily Voice article*)

• *Hallow app can be downloaded via Google Play or through the Apple App Store*

NB: I have downloaded this to have a look and I find it costs \$75.00 a year. You do get a 14 day free trial but be aware that if you don’t cancel it you will be billed for it through Apple.

Majellan Media has won the Bishop Kennedy Award for Overall Excellence in a Catholic Publication at the 2022 Australasian Catholic Press Association Awards (ACPA).

Majellan Media also won three other categories: Best Print Publication, Best Content – Multiple Content Producers and Best Layout and Design – Website. We were Highly Commended in the Best Use of Digital Media category. If you would like to receive their weekly e-newsletter email them at: office@majellan.org.au.

Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 1pm Saturday 24 September

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure;
Monthly Raffle – this month the raffle prize is a non-stick pasta pot and frypan set.
Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table.
Enquiries to Jenni Miller on 0436 339293



Readings for Mass: 1st: Amos 8:4-7. 2nd: 1Tim. 2:1-8. Gospel: Luke 16:1-13.

Readings for next week: 1st: Amos 6:1,4-7. 2nd: ! Tim. 6:11-16. Gospel: Luke 16:19-31.

Ministry Rosters for our Masses

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Music/PP
17 Sept		Cathy F	Mary Lou/Mark	Helen H
24 Sept	Felix	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
1 Oct		Geraldine	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
8 Oct	Felix	Cathy F	Bobbie/Tommy	Helen H

Ministries of service:	16 Sept	23 Sept.	30 Sept.	7 Oct
Altar Decorating:	Margaret	Joy	Helen P	Cathy F
Cleaning:	Bunny & Ella		Pauline & Bobbie	

Counters: 1st Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie. 2nd: Sunday: Wendy H
3rd Sunday: Gabrielle K 4th: Phil Owen

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Helen Hart

The First Holy Communion Group for 2022

Isla, Josie, Sam, Reece and Tyrone

