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#### Mass Times

**Tues 24:** 5.30pm Mass  
**Wed 25:** 8:40am Rosary  
9am Mass

**Thurs 26:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 27:** 9am Stations of the Cross  
9.15am Mass

5.30pm Adoration  
**Sat 28:** 9am Rosary  
5pm Reconciliation  
6pm Vigil Mass

**Sun 29:** 9am Mass  
5pm Mass  
**Sacristans**

**6pm:** Craddy & Carmody  
**9am:** Scicluna & Bemelman  
**5pm:** D. & B. McCormack

#### ROSTERS 28/29 Sep

**Church Cleaning**  
R Talbot & L Butt (30 Sep-4 Oct)

**Welcomers**  
6pm L Baz  
9am C Connell  
5pm D Ebejer

**Readers**  
6pm J Mackay, S Smith  
9am A Brown,, R Bemelman  
5pm S Ebejer, Volunteer

**Commentator**  
6pm M O'Neill  
9am A Skinner

5pm J O'Sullivan  
**Extraordinary Ministers**  
6pm J & N O'Neill  
9am C Connell, A Horsfall, C

Schor, M Trojkovic  
5pm B McCormack,  
D Gorzalka

**Computer Screen**  
6pm K Conway  
9am T Priest

**Children's Liturgy**  
Holidays  
**Morning Tea**  
Filipino Community

**Hospital Visitation:** Mary  
O'Neill Sep 29th

## Called to be Honest Stewards

This weekend, Jesus tells a paradoxical story about the steward, who manage the estate of a rich absentee landlord. The steward was an outright rascal. But his boss praised him for his rascality because he acted with foresight. Facing the coming return of his master and an audit of his accounts, the steward cleverly converted the debtors of his master into his own debtors. He bought "friends" with his master's money and used these new "friends" to secure a means of livelihood for the rapidly and certainly approaching point when he would be dismissed (for his previous embezzlement).

At the time the of Jesus, a steward of this kind was a business broker. In transactions, the manager or broker would be paid by adding on something to what was borrowed, rather than taking a percentage out of the master's proceeds. For example, if someone borrowed 50 denarii or 50 barrels of oil, he would have to pay back the 50 to the master and another 10 or 30 or 50 to the broker, whatever the broker thought he could get. This dishonest steward was probably taking on way too big a commission, in order to maximise his profits. His master was probably a Palestinian landlord residing in a large city. When caught red-handed for misappropriation of profits, the steward cleverly falsified the entries in the account books so that the debtors appeared to owe far less than their actual debt. What he was doing was eliminating most or all of his commission, to earn the favour of his customers. The steward knew that when his master fired him, he would need friends. His dishonest plan would serve two purposes. Firstly, the debtors would be grateful to him and would support him financially. Secondly, he would be able to exercise a little judicious blackmail to silence them.

In the gospel, Jesus acknowledges the astuteness of the steward. Obviously, he was not commending the steward's dishonesty. He was commending only his shrewd resourcefulness. The parable points out to Jesus' audience that they should be as prudent and resourceful in acquiring goodness as the steward was in acquiring money and making his future safe. They must give as much attention to things that concern their souls as they do to the things that concern worldly matters. In saying this, Jesus reminds his disciples that earthly resources will eventually run out. Hence, material possessions should be used for the good of others, to cement friendships wherein lie the real and permanent values of life, knowing that money can buy everything but happiness and purchase a ticket to every place but eternity.

The parable calls us all to be honest stewards and to take inventory of earthly resources in our care including time, talents, opportunities, health, intelligence, education, technology and other advantages and to use them for the good of all. In echoing this gospel message, Pope Francis in *Laudato Si* (an encyclical letter on Ecology and Climate) encouraged all to be stewards collaborating to preserve and care for our common home, *the Mother Earth, which sustains and governs us... producing the food and fruits that we eat* (n 1).

Fr Martins

*Thank you to all those who contributed to the success of the  
First Eucharist Celebration for Year 3 last  
weekend.*

  
GOD BLESS YOU ALL

#### Weekly Events:

**Singalong:** Every Monday at 1pm in the Church.  
**Bible Study/Faith Community** Every Wednesday 9.30am  
**Rosary:** Every Wednesday at 8:40am, Church  
**Stations of the Cross:** Every Friday at 9am in church  
**Adoration/Vespers:** Every Friday at 5:30pm  
**Craft:** Every Thursday 10 –12pm Meeting Room  
**Wrap With Love:** 2nd Tue & last Wed of month in church  
**Men Alive:** Every 1st & 3rd Wed in Church  
**Reconciliation:** Every Saturday at 5pm in Church  
**Cenacle Prayer:** Every Tues at 4.45pm in Church

#### Monthly Events

**First Saturday:** 9 am Mass  
**Opal Mass:** Every 1st Wed at 10:30am  
**Glen Mass:** Every 3rd Thurs at 10:30am  
**Maranatha Mass:** Every 4th Wed at 2pm  
**Baptism Preparation:** Last Wed at 6.30pm  
**Mass of the Sick:** Every 1st Tue at 5.30pm  
**Weddings and Funerals** by arrangement  
**Upcoming Events: SEPTEMBER**  
Sunday 15th 1st Eucharist Mass/Celebration  
Saturday 21st Men Breakfast 8 am meeting room  
Thursday 26th PPC Meeting 5 pm meeting room

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE BLESSING OF RAIN AND THE RENEWAL OF HOPE FOR OUR DROUGHT EFFECTED REGIONS



Lord God,

Bless Australia – our *Great South Land of the Holy Spirit*.  
Grant, that as the *Cross* shines in our southern skies, so may  
Christ bring light to our nation, to its peoples old and new.

May we receive the blessing of abundant rain so that the  
“desert blooms with the life that lies in wait.”

We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. *Amen.*

**2020 PLENARY COUNCIL PHASE 11—Listening & Discerning** Thank you for participating in Phase 1. In Phase 2 we move from *listening* and *dialogue* into **listening** and **discernment**. This requires communal discernment. We invite all to read about each of the Themes for Discernment in the Church Foyer or online [www.plenarycouncil.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.org.au) Our Parish Discernment Sessions come up in November. Please, **sign up for the Theme of your interest throughout September**. You can sign up for more than one Theme – the sessions are of 2 hours of **prayer, contemplation, sharing with each other and seeking God's direction**. Thank you for your prayerful and active support of our Parish and the Plenary Council process.

## USED POSTAGE STAMPS ARE STILL REQUIRED FOR MISSIONS!! PLEASE DROP OFF AT THE OFFICE.

**CHURCH OVERHEAD PROJECTORS:** Thank you to everyone who has generously given donations to replace the church overhead projectors. **So far \$6530 has been promised/donated.** *Thank you!!*. All contributions will be gratefully accepted. We look forward to modernizing the audio visual capabilities of the church.

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2019—2020 has been released with the theme **Making It Real: Genuine Human Encounter in our Digital World**. The statement affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements of our digital world that may be harmful. Pope Francis calls us to “boldly become citizens of the digital world” with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. Social Justice Sunday is coming up next week and brochures are in the church foyer.

**WRAP WITH LOVE** is in meeting room, Wednesday 25th September 10– 12

**SOUTHCOAST MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS:** Kristian Chong (piano) and Sophie Rowell (violin) play sonatas by Mozart, Beethoven and Saint Saëns at the church on Sunday 29th September at 3 pm. *An afternoon of drama, excitement and unexpected joy!*

Tickets are available from [www.southcoastmusicsociety.com](http://www.southcoastmusicsociety.com) or at the door (cash only)

Adults \$35, Concessions \$30, students and an accompanying adult free.

**LADY'S MANTLE MUSICAL PERFORMANCE:** Will be performed at the church on Sunday 6th October at 2pm. The Canberra -based women's vocal ensemble will perform a blend of music from medieval to modern times, drawing on nine centuries of folk, classical and popular music with piano accompaniment. Entry is by donation.

#### MT CARMEL RETREAT CENTRE: Retreats for September

**Freedom to Rejoice!** - September 27-29th. Presented by Fr Gerard Moran, OCD. Cost is \$300 (concessions apply) Entangled in the web of desire, how can we escape to the joy of self-giving? Can John of the Cross help?

**Write a Byzantine Icon**—September 27-29th. Presented by Anna Prifti Cost is \$650 (concessions apply) Join us to paint an icon while listening to the birds at Mt Carmel. *For all enquiries please phone 02 8795 3400 or retreats@carmelite.com*

**TOGETHER....WE CAN:** Is starting again every Tuesday and Thursday at Hope House Meeting Room, between 10am—12noon. Free workshops and information covering mental health and relationship issues will be held for all those who may be struggling. Cost is FREE and morning tea is provided. Transport can be arranged. Contact Community Life, Batemans Bay 0431 722 886

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**1st Collection**  
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**Central**  
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& SURNAME.  
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**Operating**  
**Account**  
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Eg: Jones

**We Remember the Sick:** Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, James Lee, John Dillon, George Fitzgerald, Declan Holmes, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Timothy Gerrard, Patricia McLennan, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Judy Betts, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital.

**Rest In Peace:** Terry O'Neill, Sr Marie Miller, Paul Ryan, Ray Duke, Gloria Harrison, Des Beckhaus, Bea Field, Jim Daley, Merle Hague, Guiseppe Ferrante, Anthony Clift, Marie Stewart, Vivien Doyle, Frances Doyle, Colin Doyle, June Bowditch, Nick Shannon, Peter McKeon, Melinda Coates and Desmond Lyons

#### Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intention

*September*

## The Protection of the Oceans

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

## Parish Coffee Club

*All are welcome to join the Parish Coffee Club on Thursday after the 9am mass.*

*Venue : Uncle Joe's Cafe*

*Coffee, Connect and Chat*



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