

, LITURGY OF THE WORD
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary
Time Year C

First Reading Am 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos
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
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) 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!
 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?
 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.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.**

Second Reading 1 Tm 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 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
R. Thanks be to God

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 Lk 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: '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

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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Reversal of Fortunes

Jesus, surprisingly, found something appealing about this steward who was in the rapacious lending business. What was it? Faced with the news that he was about to lose his position, his catastrophic reversal of fortune, he cut a deal with his debtors to help secure his future. Jesus gave him full marks for being astute and shrewd. Jesus laments the fact that many of his followers, 'children of the light,' are not as smart in the face of the Great Reversal – which He is inaugurating in which 'the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away' (Mary's *Magnificat*). We should be using our money ('mammon') to alleviate the myriad hungers of the world, not to buy our way into Heaven, but so that we become the sort of person who will be able to enjoy the heavenly companionship of those who hungered. We could take a moment to pause and take stock of the use of our resources which are *passing*, so that we may be received into the *eternal* habitation.

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For the celebration of the Word and the Eucharist

Upcoming Events

Choir Practice
Monday @ 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass, and 1st Saturday of the month @ 9.30am

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 28th September @ 1pm
Meeting Room

Craft Group - 10am
Thursdays

"Enjoy the Good News" Wednesday
after 9 am Mass

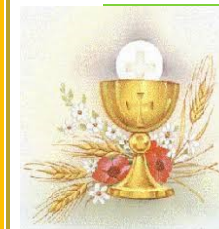
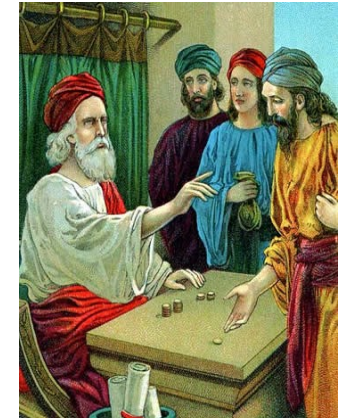
Adoration Tuesday @ 4.30pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
All Welcome
COFFEE N CHAT

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME- YEAR C

THIS WEEK: Tuesday 20th—Sunday 25th September

- Tuesday :** Carroll College Year 12 Graduation Mass 5pm
- Wednesday:** Mass 9am
- Thursday:** Mass 9am
- Friday:** Mass 9am
- Saturday :** Reconciliation 9.30am
 Vigil Mass 5pm
- Sunday:** Mass 9 am



Welcome to the children making their First Eucharist this weekend together with their families
 May you be blessed as you receive this Sacrament

Celebration of Thanksgiving for the Sisters of St Joseph
St Bernard's Parish Batehaven
1937-2022

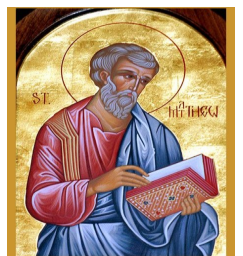
- Friday 14 October**
 Lunch at school for Sisters
 Assembly with parents and children in Hall
- 2.15pm
 6.00pm
 Tour of school by SRC
 BBQ Dinner at the Convent
- Saturday 15 October**
 11.00am
 Drop-in gathering to meet and greet Sisters
 Mass
- 5.00pm
 6.30pm
 Dinner at Club Catalina
- Sunday 16 October**
 10.00am
 Mass
 Unveiling of plaque and presentation of History Book
 Brunch After Mass of bacon and egg rolls

SAINTS OF THE WEEK

Monday 19th —St Januarius

Tuesday 20th— Sts Andrew Kim Taegon and Paul Chong Hasang and companions

Wednesday 21st—St Matthew



Friday 23rd—St Pius of Pietrelcina

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the details are as follows:

Acc. Name:
St Bernard's
Operating Account:
BSB: 062-786
Bank Acc:
000012939
Ref: Family Name

Pastoral Care Visitation and Communion to the Sick:

We are in need of more volunteers. Can you give an hour of your time once a month or fortnightly and be on a roster? Training on 1:1 and all resources provided.

DO WE CARE?
Call Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057

2022 INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
September 21st, 2022



"In sending his disciples forth on mission, Jesus told them: 'Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace be to this house!" And if a son of peace is there, your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you.'" (Lk 10:5-6).

HELP NEEDED

for Maranatha Lodge

Is anyone available with a bus license that could volunteer to take residents out on a little bus trip?

Staff would accompany.

If you can help please call Judy 0406 788 730 or Linda 4475 1100



Many thanks

- LIVING FAITH IN THE EVERYDAY



During this historic period of mourning across many countries we recall the words of the late Queen Elizabeth **'grief is the gift of having loved'**. We are touched by her extraordinary life of service. Some reflections to ponder...

"To love even at the cost of sacrifice, silence, misunderstanding, solitude, resistance and persecution... A love that perseveres to the end, thorns and all: no leaving things half done, no cutting corners, no fleeing difficulties. If we fail to aim high, if we refuse to take risks, if we content ourselves with a watered-down faith, we are, as Jesus says, like those who want to build a tower but do not estimate the cost; they "lay the foundations", but then are "not able to finish the work"."

Pope Francis

Wisdom from Joan Chittister

Heart to heart

The truly prayerful person, the person adult in the ways of the Spirit, does not pray to get things. The person of mature faith prays only to become like the One who leads us to the fullness of God. We pray to become more like Jesus, always more and more immersed as time goes by....

We pray to know God in every small way we can here so that we ourselves can become more like the God we seek.

To bring ourselves to sense the God-life within us, to sit in silence and allow the soul to be nourished under the impulse of the Spirit is to grow in wisdom and age and grace. It lifts us above the tumult of the world around us. It deepens our understanding of what it is to live in the sight of God. It brings us closer to seeing God face to face, heart to heart, mind to mind. We do not go to prayer to coax God to create the world according to our own personal designs and fancies. We are there to learn how to live well in the life and world we have.

Prayer

Loving God we recall all those who have given their lives in service of humanity even at great personal cost and against the odds... Uncle Jack Charkes, Archie Roache, Queen Elizabeth 11 and so many 'local heroes' May they Rest in Peace. Amen

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions
SEPTEMBER

For the abolition of the death penalty

We pray that the death penalty that attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.



USED STAMPS NEEDED

Used Stamps raise a lot of money for the Sisters of St Joseph and help fund their projects in Australia and overseas. Please place your stamps in the container near the kitchenette in the church.

Many thanks Desne Manns

QUEEN ELIZABETH II R.I.P (1926-2022)

Along with so many around the world, we pray for the repose of the soul of Queen Elizabeth II at this time of her death.

She visited Canberra, the Nation's Capital, so many times over her incredible 70 year Reign.

So many use words such as duty, service, wisdom, steadfast, to describe her time as Australia's Head of State. Two praiseworthy expressions come to my heart.

Firstly, she was a woman of deep Christian Faith. This animated her great dutiful service to us all, her long marriage and love of her family.

Secondly, she was a kind of Mother figure to all Australians in a "change of era", as Pope Francis expresses our time.

May she rest in Peace! May our merciful Lord Jesus, who she trusted so much in life, now lead her to life eternal.

I kindly ask you to pray for the soul of Queen Elizabeth II, her family, and for peace in our world in your Masses and prayers.

We also pray for King Charles III.

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Archbishop Christopher Prowse



ROSTERS

17/18 SEPTEMBER Church Cleaning
B Favetta/J
O'Neill/J Nugent (19-23)
5.00PM MASS
Welcomer: B Oerder
Commentator School
Reader Children Eucharistic Ministers
J Wain, S Beashel
Computer Screen
K Conway
9.00AM MASS
Welcomer L Foran
Commentator N Beatty
Reader L Page
Eucharistic Minister
A Skinner, A Scicluna
Computer Screen
D May
MORNING TEA
N Beatty & M deSmet

24/25 SEPTEMBER Church Cleaning
D & L May (26-30)
5.00PM MASS
Welcomer: J. Anderson
Commentator M Weatherall
Reader J Mackay
Eucharistic Ministers
K Lovering, M Devine
Computer Screen
J O'Sullivan
9.00AM MASS
Welcomer L Page
Commentator A Skinner
Reader A Brown
Eucharistic Minister
N Page, L Rodwell
Computer Screen
T Priest
MORNING TEA
J Barroman & T van den Broek

Remembering the Sick:

Peter O'Neill, Barry O'Neill Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Mara Pranjic, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Roberto Alivio, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Janet Thornberry, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Queen Elizabeth II, Michael Dove, Wayne Sing, Linda Russell, Ruby Swinton, Anna Backo, Lois White, Vincent Corbin, Pero Simic, Michael McNamara,

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