

MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 22nd—Sun 28th September

Monday 22nd:	NO MASS
Tuesday 23rd:	Year 12 Graduation Mass 5pm
Wednesday 24th:	NO MASS
Thursday 25th:	Mass 9am
Friday 26th:	Mass 9am
Saturday 27th:	Mass 5pm Reconciliation 3.30-4.30
Sunday 28th	Mass 9am

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Amen.

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

First Reading *Amos 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 dunheap 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 Timothy 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 Corinthians 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*

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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**TWENTY FIFTH
SUNDAY in
ORDINARY TIME**



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice
Second & Fourth Mondays 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays
after Mass

“Good News” Wednesdays
after Mass to discuss reading
for the following Sunday. **CMR**

RCIA Thursdays 5.30pm
Church Meeting Room

Carroll College Year 12
Graduation Mass
Tuesday 23rd September 5pm

Wrap with Love
Wednesday 24th September
1-3pm **CMR**
Tuesday 14th October 10-11am
BB Library

Craft Group 10am Thursdays
Church Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS @
4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after
9am Mass
Venue: **Corrigans Cove**

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation.

We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging.

Self Preservation or a Lover of God's Way?

In his book: ‘Quest for Life’ the historian Manning Clark talks about the difference between line-straighteners and life-enlargers, between those people who have a very narrow view of life and want to contain it and control it and those who love the banquet of life with a passion and want to share it with others.



‘In today’s Gospel we read about the astute Steward wanting to control and contain his life, while using the resources of his Master for his own advantage. Not content with wasting the goods entrusted to him, he went so far as to falsify his accounts. Self preservation motivates him to secure and contain his own financial future by manipulating those who are in debt to the master. Buying such ‘friends’ will secure him financially when he is dismissed by the Master. **He is very astute about his own self preservation. In the end he only puts his trust in his own powers.**

Unlike the Steward, God wants us to be astute about his Kingdom. All the promises about the Kingdom of God which were fulfilled in the person of Jesus become clear and visible. It is only those, like Jesus, who are willing to do what they can to support and help others, who live according to God’s plan. Jesus teaches us how to make a good servant out of what can be a bad master. God encourages us to rely on him, to draw our energy, joy and enthusiasm from his power and to use every possible opportunity to bring people to him. **“Our astuteness should be expressed in our eagerness to choose good over bad and others over ourselves.”** [God’s Word 2022 Grace Roclawaska CSFN]

As the Glenstal Bible Missal points out: ‘When Salvation is offered every effort must be made to grasp it with as much understanding and shrewdness as the steward showed for business and his own future . As for Money the best investment is in the poor. **It is important to know which master to choose, to serve God and not subject oneself to money.**’ 2001, Pg 1335]

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