MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 22nd—Sun 28th September

Monday 22nd: NO MASS

Tuesday 23rd: Year 12 Graduation

Mass 5pm

Wednesday 24th: NO MASS Mass 9am Thursday 25th: Friday 26th: Mass 9am Saturday 27th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 28th Mass 9am

ROSTERS

20/21 SEPTEMBER

Cleaning

22-26 R & K Ison

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer J McCarthy Commentator M O'Neill Reader S Ebejer **Eucharistic Ministers** J Wain Computer Screen K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M Britt Commentator P Fleming Reader: D Herring **Eucharistic Ministers** A Scicluna, K Corbin Computer Screen T Jones.

MORNING TEA: Indian Community

COUNTERS

T Priest/J Whiteford

27/28 SEPTEMBER Cleaning

29/9-3/10 Favetta/O'Neill/ Nugent

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer K Conway Commentator M Wetherall Reader R Keough Eucharistic Ministers N Buick Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M de Smet Commentator B Basevi Reader: A Skinner **Eucharistic Ministers** N & L Page Computer Screen T Priest.

MORNING TEA:

N Beatty/M deSmet

COUNTERS

Jackson/Evenden

MASSES in AGED CARE FACILITIES

- THE GLEN
- Second Wednesday of each month
- 10.30AM
- THE MANOR
- Third Wednesday of each month
- 2pm
- **MARANATHA**
- Fourth Wednesday of each month
- 2pm

No Mass WILL BE CELEBRATED ON Wednesday 24th September as Fr Joshy has to be in Canberra for a funeral.

Visitation and HC requested for a housebound lady in Surfbeach, whose husband died recently. Could someone help either on Sunday or during the week? Enquiries: Marie W 0405 028 057

St Vincent de Paul Thank You Morning Tea

for all Parishioners who generously contributed to our Winter and Twinning Appeal.

Come and join our Conference members after the 9 am Mass Sunday September 28 and enjoy a cuppa, good conversation and something to eat. Look forward to seeing you there. Looking forward to seeing you there.

BOOKS FOR SALE

Who Am I In God? Discovering Our Christian Identity

Fr. Michael Lim & Dr. Sunny Hong (Paperback) A Compilation of Catholic Teachings & True-Life Conversion Testimonies. Discovering our Christian Identity?

Provides answers to this defining question by drawing upon the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church.

\$30.00 Books are in church foyer. See Fr Joshy to purchase.

Congratulations to the Year 12 students at Carroll College who will be celebrating their Graduation Mass this Tuesday 23rd September at 5pm.

PARISH FINANCIAL **SUPPORT**

A/C Name: St Bernard's

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FUNERALS IN THE PARISH: Rod Baz—Friday 19th September, 3.30pm St Bernard's Church

REFLECTION by Fr **Michael Tate**

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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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread

> the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

> > Amen.

Pope LEO Monthly Prayer Intentions

SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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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: Bishop Pat Power, Rod Baz, Wido Melis, Suzanne Hughes, Ena Noronha, Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Judy Spruce, Zora Domitrovic, Rod Sanders, Colin Platt, Indy Roth, Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell.





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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 who buy the poor for money.

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 name of the Lord be blessed of his poverty. Alleluia! both now and for evermore!
- 2. High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Gospel Luke 16:1-13 has risen on high to his throne yet according to Luke stoops from the heights to look You cannot be slaves both of God and The Gospel of the Lord down, to look down upon heaven of money. and earth?
- 3. From the dust he lifts up the Jesus said to his disciples: 'There
- the poor.

A reading from the first letter of St that my master is taking the stew- and Conclusion of the Readings, from Paul to Timothy

no anger or argument.

The Word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 8:9 Alleluia, alleluia!

praise the name of the Lord! May came poor, to make you rich out yours, who will give you what is

Who is like the Lord, our God, who A reading from the holy Gospel

lowly, from the dungheap he raises was a rich man and he had a stewthe poor to set him in the company ard who was denounced to him for and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by of princes, yes, with the princes of being wasteful with his property. Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and He called for the man and said, Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by per-(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up "What is this I hear about you? mission of the publishers. Draw me up an account of your The English translation of the Psalm stewardship because you are not to Responses, the Alleluia and Gospel be my steward any longer." Then Verses, and the Lenten Gospel Accla-Second Reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8 the steward said to himself, "Now mations, and the Titles, Summaries, ardship from me, what am I to do? the Lectionary for Mass © 1997, Let prayers be offered to God for eve- Dig? I am not strong enough. Go ryone; he wants all people to be begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from

My advice is that, first of all, there office there will be some to welshould be prayers offered for eve- come me into their homes." 'Then ryone – petitions, intercessions and he called his master's debtors one thanksgiving – and especially for by one. To the first he said, "How kings and others in authority, so much do you owe my master?" that we may be able to live reli- "One hundred measures of oil," The Lord God spoke against those gious and reverent lives in peace was the reply. The steward said, and quiet. To do this is right, and "Here, take your bond; sit down Listen to this, you who trample on will please God our saviour: he straight away and write fifty." To the needy and try to suppress the wants everyone to be saved and another he said, "And you, sir, how poor people of the country, you reach full knowledge of the truth. much do you owe?" "One hundred who say, 'When will New Moon be For there is only one God, and measures of wheat," was the reply. over so that we can sell our corn, there is only one mediator between The steward said, "Here, take your and sabbath, so that we can market God and mankind, himself a man, bond and write eighty." 'The masour wheat? Then by lowering the Christ Jesus, who sacrificed him- ter praised the dishonest steward bushel, raising the shekel, by swin- self as a ransom for them all. He is for his astuteness. For the children dling and tampering with the evidence of this, sent at the ap- of this world are more astute in scales, we can buy up the poor for pointed time, and I have been dealing with their own kind than money, and the needy for a pair of named a herald and apostle of it are the children of light. 'And so I sandals, and get a price even for and - I am telling the truth and no tell you this: use money, tainted as the sweepings of the wheat.' The lie – a teacher of the faith and the it is, to win you friends, and thus Lord swears it by the pride of Ja- truth to the pagans. In every place, make sure that when it fails you, cob, 'Never will I forget a single then, I want the men to lift their they will welcome you into the hands up reverently in prayer, with 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 1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, Jesus Christ was rich but he be- cannot be trusted with what is not 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.'

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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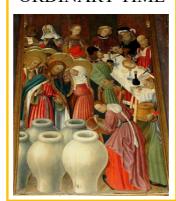
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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY in **ORDINARY TIME**



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. CMF

> 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 @

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 Roclawska 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]

Marie Weatherall