

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Amos 8:4-7

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R/. Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:1-8

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.

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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.



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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year C

17th / 18th September, 2022

Social Services Sunday

*Lord and Master of our lives,
May we be faithful in serving you
and wise in using the things,
You have generously given us.
Help us to pause and review
our use of earthly resources.
Detach us from anything
that draws us away from You.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen*



FOCUS ON THE WORD. Jesus’ instruction to use money to win welcome in the ‘tents of eternity’ is really an encouragement for us to be good stewards who are more concerned with the future than finances. After all, he makes this point after describing a wasteful steward who, for personal gain, dishonestly writes off chunks of money owed to his master – hardly a model citizen. Money is tainted, Jesus says, and it will inevitably fail us. Only the bigger picture – and set of relationships we build with it really matters.

So, this Season of Creation we would do well to reflect on how we use both money and the earth’s resources. Do we cut corners for our own selfish aspirations, like the dishonest steward? Do we trample the needy for our own gain and comfort, like the contemporaries of Amos? Or might we cooperate with God in lifting the lowly and raising the poor from trash piles and dung heaps? Do we recycle the world’s resources, or throw away our unwanted things to accumulate and afflict the poorest? Do we pray with St Paul for those in authority to make right decisions, or do we vote for unjust policies which make the rich richer, the poor poorer, and the earth dirtier? *Nick Brodie is an Australian historian and writer. © 2022*

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN: The Parish of St John the Baptist, and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. May our message be that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. You can find out more about the church’s work in this area at: www.catholic.org.au/responseandprevention

FEAST DAYS: Mon 19th Sept *St Januarius*

Tues 20th Sep *Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions*

Wed 21st Sep *St Matthew*

Fri 23rd Sept *St Pius of Pietrelcina*

I have come that you may have life and have it to the full

(John 10:10)

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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:00 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 7.00pm
Wed & Thurs 9.15 am
Friday 11.00 am

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 5.15 pm

GLENGOLLAN VILLAGE MASS 1st Friday 2pm
WILLOWBROOK MASS 3rd Thursday 2pm

BAPTISMS: Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism on our Parish Website.
Contact the Parish Office on: 9758 1029 or via email at: office@stjohnthebaptist.net.au

WEDDINGS:
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays). Contact the Parish Office: on 9758 1029.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
17th / 18th September, 2022
Social Services Sunday

PRAYING FOR...

All who have died recently:
Ernst Burian



Those who we remember at this time:
Philip Thomas, Maryse Fernandez, Florence Silva, Grace Gamley, George Mah, Girolama Crivellaro, Maria Scardillo, James Foster, Joseph Tran.

The sick: Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Ray Loel, Kathryn Kircos, Ruby Samtoy, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hatley, Catherine Turner, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Clive Geach.

SICK LIST – If you are aware that any names on the sick list need to be removed, please contact the Parish Office on 9758 1029.



ROSARY is recited prior to Morning Weekday Mass on Wed, Thurs, Friday, in the Church. All welcome to join in the recitation. **Pope Francis has invited everyone to pray the Rosary with him for peace around the world.**

GROUP ROSARY SESSION FOR PEACE
When: First Saturday of the Month at 10.30 am.
Where: 37 Lane Road, FTG. All are welcome.
Contact: Pauline Barlow on 9758 5106.

FRIENDSHIP GATHERING: will not meet on 22nd, due to Public Holiday for the Queen's Day of Mourning.

CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP. No meeting this week due to school holidays, we will be back next Tuesday 27th September.

MOTHERS' PRAYER GROUP. Will have a break over the School Holiday period.

MUSIC FESTIVAL WEEKEND at St Patrick's Cathedral Friday 16 September – Sunday 18 September
Find out more at: Melbourne Catholic- click [here](#).
Enquiries: music@cam.org.au | Tel: 0481 706 666. Ticket prices vary across events from \$0 to \$50. Children under 15 years are admitted free.



CDFPAY FOR PARISHES Thank you to all parishioners who continue to support both the Thanksgiving and Presbytery collections through your generous contributions. **Electronic Payments can be made via CDFPAY, [click here](#) for the link.**

SEASON OF CREATION "Jubilee for the Earth: biodiversity & our sacred story" is a podcast mini-series about the beauty of biodiversity and the threats it faces. It is produced by the Missionary Society of St. Columban. We are a Society of priests and lay people who live and share the good news of the Gospel by working with those who are poor and exploited, including the earth. Over the course of six episodes, we'll explore the beauty of biodiversity and the threats it faces. We'll travel around the world to hear from Columbans who are working to renew the face of the Earth. Grounded in Catholic Social Teaching, we hope that this podcast will help us all to see how caring for our common home is fundamental to our lives as people of faith and as global citizens. Click the link to see the trailer: <https://youtu.be/32jvwyI0Rs>

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) is the peak body for Catholic social services across the state. Underpinned by Catholic social teaching, CSSV works with its 40+ member organisations to assist the bishops and broader Catholic community across Victoria, to fulfil the gospel imperatives to stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. Cardinal Knox Centre 383 Albert Street (PO Box 146) East Melbourne Vic 3002
Phone (03) 9287 5566 Email office@css.org.au

OFFICE CLOSURE The Parish Office will be closed on Thurs 22nd Sept, for the National Day of Mourning, and Fri 23rd Sept for the AFL Public Holiday. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SESSIONS will take a break over the school holiday period and will **restart again on Sunday, 9 October at 11am Mass.** We are look forward to the sessions resuming- Mary

SAVE THE DATE: TRIVIA NIGHT St John the Baptist **Social Justice Group** will be hosting a Trivia Night **Saturday 22nd October**, to raise funds for their work with: "Opening the Doors Foundation" who assist in helping Aboriginal children stay at school and The Columban Brothers' Partnership Scheme, in the Philippines More information to follow in coming weeks.

LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. **Applications close October 31st, 2022.** Send us an inquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday 20th November at 12pm....
PARISH LUNCH AT FEAST...ALL WELCOME.

'WALKING WITH WISDOM SERIES' (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, **6-27 October 2022**, 10am-12.30pm. This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, or email: office@heartoflife.melbourne, PH 03 9890 1101.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend "Live Your Best Life in Love" This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details. 22- 23 October 2022** at St John Bosco, Niddrie (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James on 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au



SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE OAKLEIGH – 65th ANNIVERSARY REUNION
Sacred Heart Girls' College Oakleigh is celebrating 65 years since our foundation. All former students and staff of the College are warmly invited to join us for afternoon tea and a tour on **Sunday, 16th October** between 2pm and 4.30pm. To book your place, please go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCLMD>.

STRINGYBARK FESTIVAL 2022 Sunday 16th October, 10am-4pm is a free community event at **Rowville Community Centre** celebrating homegrown creativity, sustainability and all things local in Our Backyard. Featuring free activities for the whole family, including: home-made, homegrown and nature play activities gardening and sustainability workshops, entertainers and much more. **Organisers are looking for Volunteers to help [Click here](#) to apply or call Knox Council Customer Service team on 9298 8000.**

ROSTERS: Mon 19th Sept to Sun 25th Sept 2022

Flowers	Marg H, Judy G
Linen	Jean B
Welcomers	6pm Lia U, Kathryn C 9am Rosa L, Florence J 11am:Shamindri & Chamal A
Lectors	6pm: Tess D 9am: Peter F 11am: Vincente M
Counters	George & Genevieve W, Bindu M
Gardening	Tom N & Help Needed