The Living Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

18 September 2022

First Reading Am 8:4-7

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor. or

(R.) Alleluia!

- 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! (R.)
- 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? (R.)
- 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.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 2:1-8

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 life their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

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 or (shorter form Lk 16:10-13)

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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

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 monev ('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 eniov 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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We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wathaurong people. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully in the land.

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

BARWON HEADS:

Saturday Vigil 6:00pm Sunday 9:30am, Mass for St Mary's Syro-Malabar Community (Malayalam

language)

OCEAN GROVE:

Sunday 9:00am

QUEENSCLIFF:

Sunday 11:00am

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Please see below: Liturgy in our Parish this week

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

is available prior to each weekend Mass, and also before or after weekday Masses if needed

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please visit our website or contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by 1pm on Thursdays

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Recently Deceased: Natalie Farrugia.

Anniversaries 18. September to 24. September:

June McClelland, Vincent Lynch, Damian Tobin, Neil Kerley, Terre Rossiter, Brian Meehan, Claudio German, Ruby Leahy and Ray Hertz.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Elly Anwyl, Peg Benham, Naomi Bianco, Mary Blonk, Ron & Helen Carter, Sam and Yvonne Caruana, Connie D'Amico, Benedict Darby, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Robert Drummond & Patti Semler, Margaret Dyer, Isabel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross ROSTERS

If you are unable to meet your commitment on your day please arrange a substitute. Thank you!

COMMENTATOR (C), LECTOR (L), SPEC!

WELCOMERS (W), Judy Cor

(C) Monica Meagher

(W) Judy Cor

Leahy, Margaret Renwick (Snr), Daniel & Judy, Margare Gilham, Peter Harrington, Jeannette Hodgkinson, Gregory Holien,

COUNTERS: Tuesday 20. September at 10:00am:

Mike and Barbara Hardy.

NEW INFORMATION

Safeguarding Essentials is a 30-minute online compulsory training module for all volunteers, and will provide you with foundational knowledge in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons from all forms of abuse and harm. You will receive a certificate of completion, and the parish will also receive notification that the module has been completed successfully. To register, you will need your unique Working with Children Check (WWCC) ID and an email address.

If you do not have an email address or access to the internet: group training sessions will be available. Please contact the Parish Office before to register your interest.

To access the training: please visit or click on the below link: https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL =%2Fs%2F. Detailed instructions can be found on the parish website: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/safeguarding/parish-volunteers/.

Reminder: All volunteers must hold a current WWCC and have signed the Code of Conduct. Please contact the Parish Office if you need assistance.

We appreciate your understanding and support as we work together to comply with our legal requirements. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

** NEWS & EVENTS **

If you require Pastoral care & support, or you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

** We wish the principals, staff and students a wonderful, happy and safe two-week spring holiday break. **

Trinity Aid for Refugees: The grocery collections box will be located at Holy Family Church, Barwon Heads, for all of September. Our Refugee friends in Geelong continue to need much support. Thank you to all who contributed to the Collections at Ocean Grove and Queenscliff. For a list of suggested items check the Parish Website, click Ministries & Groups/TAR and scroll to the end or email shirleyhurley@iinet.net.au.

Special Ministry to the Homestead Nursing Home: Our small team is welcomed with great enthusiasm by our Christian community and the staff on our return to administering the Eucharist each Monday. Could you please dig deep into your Christian response to help us out? If you could pal up with one other person (groups of 2 required), we could cope. We need another 7 people to allow a couple to go once every 6 weeks. "Whatever you do to the least of my brethren" Please ring Judy Considine 0417 347 553 or Sue Condon 0417 551 257.

Notes from the Parish Pastoral Council

- 1. Dates have now been set for the "Take the Way of the Gospel" Parish discernment meetings.
 - Queenscliff at 10.00am on Wednesday, October 26• in the Sr Patrice Room at St Aloysius Catholic Primary School.
 - Ocean Grove at 7.00pm on Thursday, November 10st in the Hall at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School.
 - Ocean Grove at 10.00am on Monday, November 14- in the Hall at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Primary School.
 - <u>Barwon Heads</u> at 10.00am on Friday, November 18• at the Holy Family Church.

The meetings are intended to determine a Parish response to Archbishop Comensoli's proposals for "mission" and inter-Parish cooperation and to allow for parishioner feedback to the Parish Pastoral Council on the "health of our Parish". If unable to attend a time proposed for your Mass centre, you are most welcome to attend at one of the other Mass centres.

2. Parishioners are asked to consider teaming up with a friend and becoming part of the roster for taking communion to our Aged-Care residents and others who are unable to attend Mass. Contact the Parish Office if you are able to assist in this important ministry.

LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 19. September – St Januarius (Memorial)

Tuesday 20 September – Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions (Memorial)

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Wednesday 21 September – St Matthew (Feast)

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Thursday 22- September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 25

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

National Day of Mourning for Queen Elizabeth II

9:15am Mass at Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ocean Grove

Friday 23⁻ September – St Pius of Pietrelcina (Memorial)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED – PUBLIC HOLIDAY

9:15am Mass at Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Saturday 24- September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 25
Sunday 25- September – 26-SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
World Refugees & Migration Day

Thought for the Week:

Wrinkles should merely indicate where smiles have been.

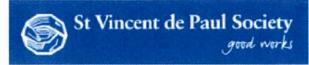
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