

## First Reading

A reading from the prophet Amos 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 Ps 112:1-2, 4-8

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

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.**

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.**

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 Timothy 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

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 2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,  
to make you rich out of his poverty.  
Alleluia!

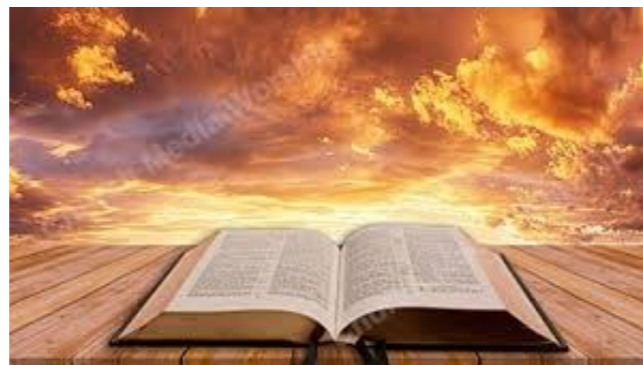
## Gospel

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
Luke 16:10-13

Jesus said to his disciples: '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.



## Next Weeks Readings:

First Reading Amos 6: 1, 4-7  
Second Reading 1 Tim 6: 11-16  
Gospel Lk 16: 19-31

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*To be A Vibrant Eucharistic Community*

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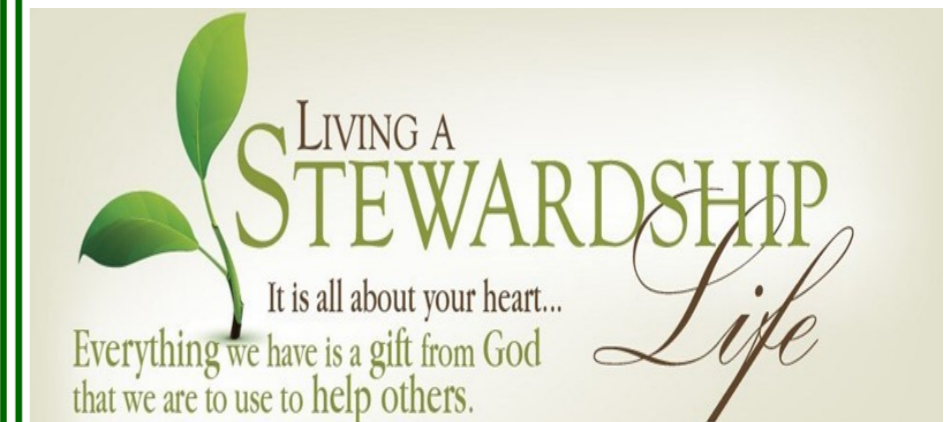
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## Twenty Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time Yr C 22nd September 2019



Today's Gospel reminds us, "Faithfulness in a Little is Faithfulness in Much". Jesus' warning is that no one can serve two masters - God and Mammon (in Aramaic, Mammon means 'riches or treasure'), because both do not work together. If we are too much attached to worldly possessions, God takes a back seat and finally God is forgotten. We cannot be faithful and devoted to two masters. So also, with God and Mammon. Hence the message is that the only way we can be trusted with possessions is, if they don't possess us.

All the readings of today emphasize the concept of Justice. Justice is understood as certain situation of mind, whereby a man does what he ought to do in the circumstances confronting him. Justice is primarily concerned with conduct in relation to others, especially with regard to the rights of others. The Gospel is a good reminder to turn away from the self-serving attitudes and to turn towards justice. Jesus speaks loudly and clearly: we cannot serve two masters. The disciple cannot serve God and wealth.

We can clearly see that this parable is addressed to us, we who are still living. One has to be grateful to God for what he has given us and wants to give us in this life. It also invites us to work honestly and be generous with what we have. God will be generous to us and he will care for us in every possible way. "God does not create poverty. We do because we do not share " St. Teresa of Calcutta.

Fr Tomy

## PARISH LITURGIES

### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

#### St Mary's Church Toukley

Saturday: Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday: 7:30am

9:00am

Children's Liturgy 1st & 3rd Sunday  
(except school holidays)

6:00pm

#### St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday: Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:00am

### WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

#### St Mary's Church Toukley

Monday 7:45am

Tuesday 7:45am

Wednesday 7:45am

Thursday 7:45am

(Ordinarite of Our Lady of the Southern Cross)

Friday 9:15am

(Except 1st Friday of Month)

#### First Friday of Month Anointing of Sick

11:00am

Saturday 7:45am

#### St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Wednesday 9:00am

#### First Wednesday of Month Anointing of Sick

9:00am

Thursday 9:00am

### EXPOSITION BLESSED SACRAMENT

#### St Mary's Church Toukley

Each Saturday – After Morning Mass

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

#### St Mary's Toukley

Saturday 8:15am—9:00am

#### St Brendan's Lake Munmorah

Saturday 4:30—5:00pm

### MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

#### St Mary's Toukley

7:25am Monday to Thursday & Saturday

8:45am Friday



We welcome all of our parishioners and visitors who have joined us for the celebration of Holy Eucharist this weekend. You are all most welcome here in our Parish Family.

Please feel free to make yourself known to us, and we look forward to speaking with you.

#### Prayer for a New Bishop

Heavenly Father and Eternal Shepherd, you watch over and govern your flock with vigilance and concern. In your immense love, grant to your Church a pastor who will please you by his holiness and aid us with his unfailing care.

In your time, grant us the joy of welcoming a shepherd formed after your own heart.

May he be an example of virtue to your people and, imbued with the power of the Holy Spirit, fill their minds with the truth and beauty of the Gospel. Grant wisdom, O Lord, to those now discerning your holy will in the selection of our new Bishop.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord and through the intercession of our Mother, Mary Star of the Sea. Amen

#### September— Safeguarding Month

*'A safe community is one in which all experience a sense of belonging'*

*The messages being promoted during this month recognises that: - An inclusive community creates awareness, breaks down barriers and fosters friendship; it includes taking into account people with disability and their needs and how to safeguard them.*

We are all encouraged this year to use September to have conversations about the inclusivity of our parish and how we can evangelize in this Community of Grace.

#### Change to Reconciliation Times at St Brendan's

Please note, Reconciliation is now from 4.30 - 5pm each Saturday.

#### St Brendan's Rosters

Rosters are being prepared for October to December if you are willing to assist with the Liturgy please add your details to the sheets at the rear of the Church. Training will be provided for all ministries.

#### St Mary's Rosters

Rosters for the period ending Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> are now available at the front of the Church. Those involved are asked to complete and return the attachment ASAP. New participants are always welcome and should advise via the listed contact details. Training will be provided for all ministries.

#### Support

When possible, please support the businesses assisting our parish, by advertising in our Bulletin



### Upcoming Parish Events

#### Sacrament of Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated in our Parish this weekend and 83 children were gifted with the Holy Spirit. Please pray for these children and their families.

#### Catholic Women's League

**Next Meeting** is this Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am in the Parish Centre. Visitors always welcome.

Don't forget—try to join us on our **bus & ferry trip on this Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept leaving St Mary's at 8am.** Cost of the outing is **\$30.00**, which includes lunch at the Davistown RSL

#### Pastoral Care Conference

Catholic Care are holding A Pastoral Care Presentation on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2019 at ACU, North Sydney. There will be two presentations—*Finding Meaning in the Experience of Frailty* aslo *Dignity and Ethics in End of Life Care.* Please book by contacting [catholichealthcare.com.au](http://catholichealthcare.com.au) or phone 8876 2144.

#### October—Month of the Holy Rosary

A 10 day Rosary Novena will be held in the Parish during October, at both St Mary's and St Brendan's.

**St Mary's**—at the Grotto at 5.30pm each day commencing Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October until Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

**St Brendan's**—in the Mass Centre commencing on the weekend of 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> October, 30 minutes prior to Mass and will continue, prior to each weekend and weekday Mass until Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October.

#### Churches Together

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November our Parish is scheduled to host the next ecumenical gathering of Churches Together at St Mary's. The Parish Council hopes that parishioners will make a special effort to support on this important occasion.

#### Home Visits

Dear Parishioners, It has been more than three months we have new clergy in the parish. It is our desire to know you more and to grow in faith. The parish office is organizing clergy visit to families and bless their homes. Those who wish to do so, please contact the clergy or the parish office. We also encourage families to organise Home masses, Jubilee or Anniversary masses.

#### Communion to the Sick & Housebound

A number of parishioners regularly take Holy Communion to those in their homes, who are not able to go to Mass. Please contact the parish office on 4396 4455 if you, or a loved one would like Holy Communion brought to them.

**In your charity, please pray for those who have died and those who are sick.**

#### Recently Deceased

Della Mary Kelly, Geoff Playdon, Mark Kovacic, Maxwell Lynch, Laurence Coote, Norma Stanwell, Sandra Crisafi, Josephine Tabone.

#### Anniversaries

John Sullivan, Eileen Ryan, Bruce Ross, Tony Gavranic, Veronica Anderson, Thomas & Ellen Sheerin, Kevin Sykes, John Booth, Robert Playdon, Cecilia Samaniego, Cecilia O'Toole, .

#### Remembrances

Yook Chee Ng, Timothy Maher, Marija Petkovic, Mara Peric, Anton Peric, Marija Gavranic & Anton Gavranic, Sister Ricarda & the Chetcuti Family, Andy Lawler, Leedy Fearnley, Glenn Brown, Carol Brown, Bob Huggins, Thelma Black, Kevin Minehan, Fr Ian Abbott, Bert Ghent, Irene Martin, Valmai Joseph, Jack Huggins, Bob Higgins, Stark, Moore and Langley Families, Wade, Ross, Mitchell and Dennis families and the Holy Souls

#### Prayer Intentions

Gerald McCool

#### Please Pray for the Sick

Ron McDonough, Brian Torrington, John Daniel, Teresa Wegrzyn, Alison Mortiss, Maureen Baxter, Shanon Bradler, Luc Bouquet, Margaret Downing, Wayne O'Neil, Daisy Realo, Donatus Morrison, John and Helen Loader, Maria Loisa Etello, Kevin and Therese Harvey, Jeff Henshaw, Margo Walton, Len O'Shea, Brenda Durley, Lea Slucher, Ray Slucher, Michael Wiggin, Vanessa Miller, Alexis Hagen, Francis Lim, Koby Bourke, Tony Hodges, Eleanor Matthews, Wendy Lott, Fred Butterfield, Lina Phillips, Betty Carroll, Leanne Knight, Mary Mahony, Arnold Fletcher, Stephen Knight, Adrienne Gibson, Arne Jensen, Heather Niblett, Kathleen Strong, Evan Shepherd, Rosa M Santos, Betty Tattersal.

#### Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September

That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



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