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WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2022 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

YEAR OF SAINT LUKE – OUR FUTURE IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY!

TWO PARISHES AND ONE MISSION

Readings this week: Am 8:4-7; Ps 112; 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13.

Gospel Reflection ~ Greg Sunter

We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

Historical Context – Stewards We often encounter the term *steward* in the gospels. To be the steward of a household or business was much more than being the manager on behalf of the owner. Stewardship meant to stand and act in the place of the owner. It was to carry the authority and responsibility of the master or owner. When dealing with a steward it was just like dealing with the master. Jesus sometimes portrays himself as God's steward and sometimes portrays the disciples as his stewards. To be entrusted with the stewardship of anything was a great honour and carried enormous trust.

Gospel Focus – Using money Jesus tells his audience to use money to win friends so that when your money fails you your friends will welcome you. This sounds a bit like buying friendship. But what Jesus was saying was to share your riches with those in need and not be boastful and greedy of your wealth. He is calling his audience back to the commands of God to take care of the needy and to make sure that no one is left without enough to live. So the friendship Jesus is encouraging the people to make through their money is a friendship with the poor and the needy.

Have you thought? Tainted Money Money seems to get a pretty bad rap in the gospel of Luke. In today's passage, it is even described as 'that tainted thing' which is the lowest measure of trustworthiness. However, it is not money as such that is the concern, but rather it is the love of money and inappropriate use of money. In the Jewish tradition, the measure of society was based on how the lowest and the least were treated and looked after. When our focus is on acquiring money and possessions, it is impossible to be using our money for the good of others.

*Two Parishes and ONE Mission ...
... from delegation to participation ...*

Saint Timothy's Catholic Parish Forest Hill

Our Future ...

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Whitehorse Deanery
Eastern Region
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Rev Father Gerard
Parish Priest

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SUNDAY MASS

Saturday *Australian Vigil* - 6.00pm

Sunday *Australian* - 9.00am

Please welcome Fr Brian Kelty

Sunday *Vietnamese* - 5.00pm

WEEKDAY MASS

Weds. & Thurs. @ 9.15am

Fri. @ 10.00am

1st Wednesday of the month
@ 10.00am Mass of Anointing

RECONCILIATION

In recess this week.

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

In recess this week.

WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

By appointment and
six months (6) notice, please.
*(This helps with the planning of both
celebrations and Parents usually know
nine months in advance when their
baby is to be born).*

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Prayer to Saint Timothy

O God, who adorned
Saint Timothy with
apostolic virtues, grant, through
his intercession that, living
justly and devoutly in this
present age,
we may merit to reach our
heavenly homeland.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns
with you in the
unity of the Holy Spirit, God,
for ever and ever.
Amen.

*Patron Saint of stomach and
intestinal disorders.*



WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER this weekend all who are sick and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently, for the casualties of war in Ukraine and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Eileen Blanchfield, Patti Costello, Patricia O'Connor, Roly Jones, Annie Calleja, Erlinda Abadilla, Charles Grealy, Paul Ditchburn, Mrs Rose, Maurice Rodrigues, Esmie Hickman, Douglas Martin, Paolo Isola, Tiambun Tampubolon, Rahmat B. Manurung. R.I.P.

LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK: **Ordinary Time ~ Monday:** St Januarius, bishop, martyr; **Tuesday:** Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs; **Wednesday:** St Matthew, apostle, evangelist; **Thursday:** No feast; **Friday:** St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest; **Saturday:** Mass of Virgin Mary. **Masses this weekend:** Eucharistic Prayer as chosen by supply priest and Mystery of Faith Eucharistic Acclamation III.

2022 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR THE PARISHES OF ST TIMOTHY'S FOREST HILL AND ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST BLACKBURN SOUTH

It's still not too late to complete a pledge card and Parish Groups and Ministries Form. Thank you to parishioners who returned their pledge commitments and Groups and Ministries form either at Mass last weekend or to our Parish office. As follow-up contact is still being made with some parishioners, we will finalise our Renewal Program soon. All new pledge commitments take effect on Sunday 2 October. Confirmation letters and new sets of envelopes (for cash givers) will be available at Mass on Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 September.

We thank you once again for your response.

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, 16 October between 2pm and 4.30pm. To book your place, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CCLMD>.

CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE has advised that the Parish's Annual Quota/Levy for 2022 is \$10,809. (*a 9.7541% charge on our 2020 Income*). **CATHOLIC CHURCH INSURANCE** has advised that our Parish's Annual Premium of \$8694.23 for 2021 – 2022 will increase in 2022 – 2023 by 12.5% and Asset Values will go up by 8%; (*which means it will cost the Parish an extra \$1086.78 to be Insured for the next twelve months*).

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 0409 183 676** or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

MELBOURNE CATHOLIC: Created and loved: [honouring the beauty and dignity of every person](#). Central to the Church's teaching is the notion that each of us is created and loved by God, and that this love pervades every aspect of our humanity and every moment of our life's journey. Trusting in God, we are invited to grow into the fullness of life that our creator intends for us, and to recognise the beauty and dignity of every person, including ourselves.

2023 ENROLMENTS @ St Timothy's Primary School Vermont are still open. Book a tour and please make contact with the Principal, Ms Anne Maree Jones on 9878 4188 or email the School Office @ principal@sttims.catholic.edu.au ~

A Great Place to Be ...

VOCATION VIEW: You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. (*Luke 14:25-33*)

STEWARDSHIP CORNER: "Everything I have is yours." *Luke 15:31* Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency. (*Weekly First Collection Presbytery: \$387.05; Thanksgiving Stewardship Envelopes this week: \$237; Vietnamese Donation: \$244.90*). Click here: [for Parish online CDFPay](#) [Parish Church A/c BSB: 083-347 Account: No: 652 643 669 & PP's support BSB: 083-347 Account No: 651 938 684]

WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

WEEKEND PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

MINISTERS OF THE WORD

SATURDAY **6:00 PM**
9:00 AM
5:00 PM

17 AND 18 SEPTEMBER

Maria Deayton
Daphne Hickman
Youth Group

24 AND 25 SEPTEMBER

Patrick Kelly
Martin Harris
Hieu Nguyen & Ha Dinh

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

SATURDAY **6:00 PM**
SUNDAY **9:00 AM**
 5:00 PM

17 AND 18 SEPTEMBER

Hubert Lobo
Chin L Tay
Youth Group

24 AND 25 SEPTEMBER

Volunteer
Laura Cigana
Hoang Nguyen

SLIDE OPERATORS

SATURDAY **6:00 PM**
SUNDAY **9:00 AM**
 5.00PM

17 AND 18 SEPTEMBER

Michelle Chan
Yee Family
Theresa Nguyen

24 AND 25 SEPTEMBER

Michelle Chan
Yee Family
Toan Tran

CHURCH FLOWERS

17th September
Parishioners
24th September
Parishioners

COUNTERS

This week Team 2:
Raj & Violet Fonn
Next Week Team 3:
Peter Deayton & Lester Steele

CHURCH CLEANING

24th September:
Hoàng Nguyen, Anico Yee,
Maria Daeyton & Dzung vu

ON THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK: On the Journey this week: Fr Robert Reidling's gospel reflection on our personal slavery. Plus, Mother Hilda with a true story of an intellectually and physically disabled woman's creative artwork, Fr Mike Delaney is starting anew by searching for people wanting spiritual friendship and love, Trish McCarthy calls for us to be at peace with oneself and with the world, and Pete Gilmore says we wouldn't run our car on empty so why run our spiritual life on empty?, and more great music!

'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, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

'UNDERSTANDING YOUR PERSONALITY: GIFTS DIFFERING', Saturday 1 October 2022, 10am-3.30pm. Our popular Myers Briggs reflection day, led by Peter Malone msc (BA(Hons), STL, DTheol (Honoris Causa). Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Held at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$60. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

MAJELLAN FAMILY MEDIA: Does your family have meals together? [Family mealtimes are an important opportunity](#) to develop strong parent and child relationships and a sense of family connectedness and belonging. Research focusing on the importance of family meals affirms the positive outcomes learned from time spent around the family dinner table.

LEGION OF MARY MELBOURNE SENATUS: Centenary Year of the Legion of Mary. The Centenary Year of the Legion of Mary draws to a close, here and around the world - 101 years from the first Legion meeting in Dublin led by Frank Duff on 7th September 1921. We once again give thanks to God, and to Mary, our Blessed Mother and Queen, for all the graces of that first century of the Legion; and we especially give thanks for the joy and blessings of our centenary celebrations.

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

ACNC MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER: Conversations and consultations, have your say and more. Since joining the ACNC as Acting Commissioner last month I have spent my first few weeks meeting with a large number of stakeholders across the sector individually, as well as with our Adviser and Sector forums.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING LTD: A new opportunity for Catholic organisations to show their commitment to the NCSS

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE Series of short sessions: online via Zoom Engaging Your Faith -12 sessions running in October 2022. Choose what interests you for just \$25 per session. Booking, payment and further information: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

SAFETY STATEMENT: We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable persons in our Church. Saint Timothy's Parish Forest Hill holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable persons as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

Parish Groups & Contacts

... is Our Responsibility

Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Counting Rosters

Corrie Quimbo
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Baptism Preparation

Mary Italiano
9412 8499

Vietnamese Community

Andy Tran: 0422 382 109
Ahn Loc: 0434 239 212

Vietnamese Youth

Kelvin Nguyen
kelvin.nguyen91@hotmail.com

Parish Bankers

Barry Silvester &

Michael Kawalevski

Parish Pastoral Council

Fr Gerard - Parish Priest

Parish Safeguarding Committee

Theresa Nguyen, Mary Italiano
& Fr Gerard

Whitehorse Deanery

Fr Gerard
9877 2292

Finance Committee

Bernard Negline

Parish Accountant

Church Sacristan

Margaret King & Hoang Nguyen
9412 8499

Church Housekeeping

Margaret King
9412 8499

Church Cleaning

Des O'Connor 9412 8499

Parish Garden Maintenance

Des O'Connor, Leo Watson,
Anico Yee &

Vietnamese Community

Holy Communion

to the housebound

Fr Gerard

Parish Choirs

Mary Italiano & Theresa Nguyen

School Advisory Council

Ms. AnneMaree Jones
9878 4188

Our local St Vincent de Paul Conference

For Assistance: 1800 305 330
(Freecall: Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

Parish Contact:

John McCoy

Vinnies Centre Ringwood
Ph. 9870 9124, Unit 1B/76-82

Maroondah Hwy Ringwood

For Furniture & Whitegoods pickup

— Eastern Emergency Relief will

pickup for St Vincent de Paul

weekdays 9am-1pm Ph. 9874 8433

Vinnies Centre Ringwood

Ph. 9870 9124, Unit 1B/76-82

Maroondah Hwy Ringwood

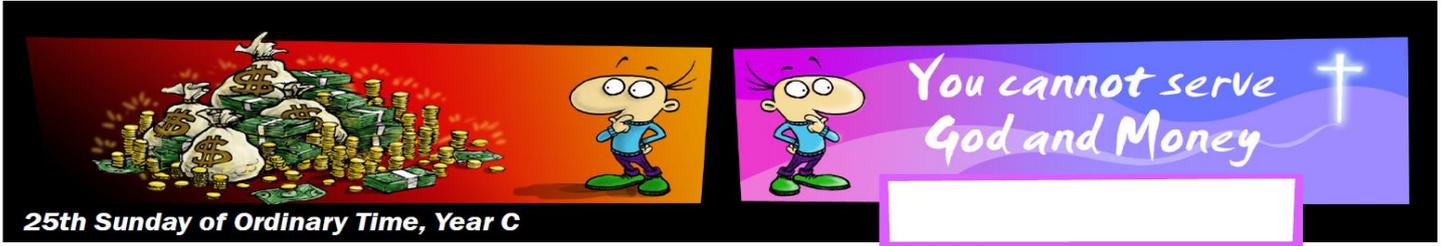
Raise your voices ... Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Response to the Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

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

Eucharistic Acclamation: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.



25th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C

You cannot serve God and Money

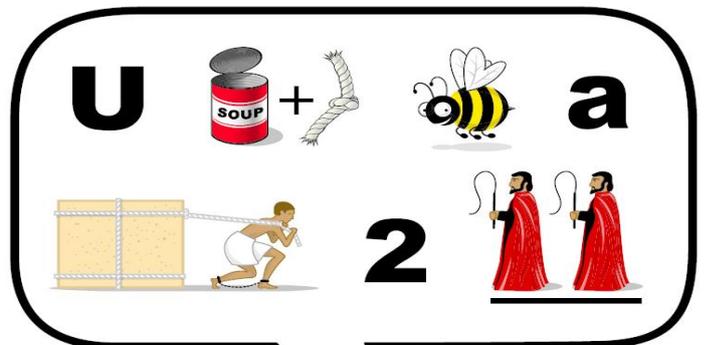
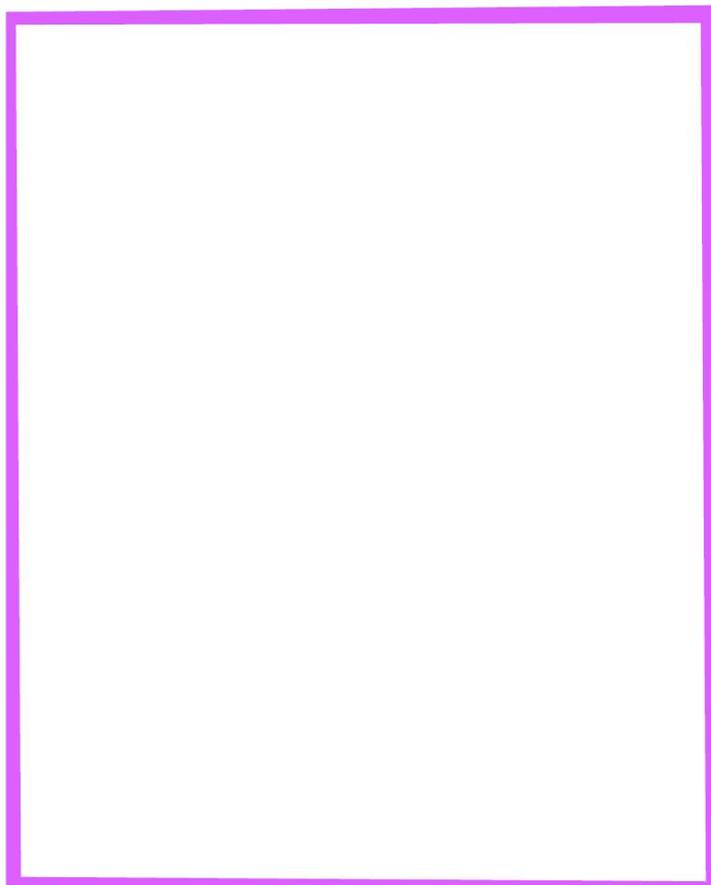


How can money be used well?



How can money be used badly?

Draw a picture of something that you are trusted to do every week.



Try to decipher this teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples. Draw yourself listening to Jesus.

