

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary time- Year C

18th September 2022



Christ our Anchor

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New Testament Commentary Mary Coloe PBVM



If you like doing cryptic crosswords, you may enjoy today's Gospel. The parables Jesus told were meant to be puzzling, meant to tease the listeners into thinking and even to turn their normal perspective upside down. Today's parable certainly does this.

The steward in the story is about to be fired and so he re-writes the bills for his master cutting them down considerably in the hope that by doing this he could seek employment when he is fired. This action earns his master's praise for its astuteness! Why would Jesus present this character as an example for disciples?

The master recognises the wisdom (astuteness) of the steward in the way he uses money with an eye to the future. It is possible that the steward is not losing money for his master but simply writing off his personal cut from the money owing to his master, and so is not doing anything dishonest, just forgoing his own commission. He is going without a present profit in the hope of a future gain – employment from his master's debtors. The master in the parable recognises the shrewdness of this behaviour.

It is this attitude that Jesus commends to his disciples. Use your wealth and your position in society with an eye to the future. Let the perspective of God's reign determine how you live now. From God's

perspective, it may be wiser to forgo some of your current profits, your comfort, your tax breaks, or the new car. Such outrageous behaviour may earn you the commendable title of 'a wise steward'.

It is also helpful to read the verses that follow this parable from Luke's Gospel – unfortunately they are not in the Lectionary.

One of the issues facing the early Christians towards the end of the first century was how to live in this world. The first disciples were expecting Jesus to return to them any day, and so it was easier for them to focus on the reign of God, but after 50 years of waiting for Jesus, Luke's community is getting on with their lives in this world – and that means dealing with questions of money, wealth and poverty. In society at that time, as well as now, wealth was a powerful and public sign of status. Wealth brought with it privileges in the Roman social hierarchy. So Luke's community, and we also, need to be reminded of the pattern of Jesus' life and the attitude that he had.

Timothy is also writing for a community learning how to live within the Empire, hence his advice to pray for those in authority so that the community can get on with living its life not troubled by persecution. He speaks of a God who wishes all to be saved. At this time in our world, leaders need our prayers. I am conscious of many trouble spots in the world where religious freedom is under great threat from religious fanatics. Recently I heard of a religious group of Catholic women in Egypt whose convent and church was threatened by some militant group of Islam. The sisters left to take shelter with families, and the men of the village, both Christian and Muslim, surrounded the property, willing to defend it with their lives. Within all religions there is deep goodness wrestling with a terrible fanaticism. Let us pray for all leaders, that they may feel within their hearts the deep truths of their religious heritage and act with compassion and justice for their people.

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

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Weekend 24/25 September

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	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Pauline Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	John Collins	Corrie Barnes
Counters		Mark & Erica Lazarus	Sharon & Ryan Moore

Parish Calendar


Sept Mon 19	8.00am	Communion Service (Week 25, Ordinary Time) Church
Tue 20	8.00am	Mass (Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang) Church
Wed 21	8.00am	Mass (St Matthew) Church
Thu 22	8.00am	Mass (Week 25, Ordinary Time) Church
Fri 23	8.00am	Mass (St Pius of Pietrelcina) Church
Sat 24	8.00am	Mass (Week 25, Ordinary Time) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (26th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church
Sun 25	7.30am	Mass (26th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church
	9.00am	Mass (26th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church
	11.00am	Chinese Mass (26th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church

First Reconciliation
10.30am-12.00pm
Sat, 29 October 2022
 Commitment Mass
 Saturday 6.00pm 15 Oct 2022

Divine Mercy Hour
 Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament,
 Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and
 Benediction every third Sunday.
 Please join us this Sunday at 3.00pm.

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A church worker is anyone in the parish in
 any role – paid or voluntary.

The session will cover the Safeguarding
 Policies and Procedures, the importance of
 Safeguarding in the parish and the role of
 the Parish Safeguarding Officer.


The calendar dates are:
 Monday, 10 October 2022 at 2 pm
 Friday, 21 October 2022 at 10 am
 Wednesday, 26 October 2022 at 7pm
 Tuesday, 01 November 2022 at 10 am
 Wednesday, 16 November 2022 at 2 pm
 Wednesday, 07 December 2022 at 2 pm
 Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 7 pm

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First Reading

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.'

Responsorial Psalm

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

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

1. 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 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.

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

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.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

Jesus tells us that trust is based on performance. If you have shown yourself to be responsible in small things, then you will be trusted with larger things. If you have shown yourself to be careless or dishonest, even in a small matter, you will not be trusted in a more important matter.

- Do these words ring true? How does your trust level – high or low – affect your relationships?
- When has your 'track record' with your parents or teachers come back to haunt you? When have you lost trust, and then lost an opportunity for something you wanted?
- When has your track record with your parents or teachers helped you? When have you proven yourself to be responsible so that you earned a privilege you wanted?
- Jesus warns us that we cannot be a slave to two masters – God and money. We must decide which is more important, and then live our life accordingly.
- Do you think that Jesus is implying that you can't have any money? Or do you think Jesus is concerned only with an excess of money, a preoccupation with material things, and the greed that makes us jealous or dissatisfied with what we have?
- If Jesus were to rate teenagers based on excess of money, preoccupation with material things, and a tendency toward greed, jealousy, and dissatisfaction, how well would most teenagers do? How well would you do?
- Why is money such a problem? Why is greed so common? How do people learn to become so selfish?

Next Sunday Readings

25 September 2022

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

CHILDREN'S CORNER



How can money be used well?



How can money be used badly?