

SLAVES OF GOD OR MONEY?

Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in my distress, I will hear them. And I will be their Lord for ever.

1st Reading Amos 8: 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

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

All: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Ps 112:1-2,4-8

RESPONSE: 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/

2nd Reading 1 Tim 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

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 8: 9

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

Gospel Lk 16: 1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary time /Year C

21st September 2025

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Saturday 11:00 am to 12:00pm

Saturday 5:00pm to 6:00pm

Only by Appointment

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday, 21st Sept 2025

8:00am Mass

*Mrs Bertha Maude Narula RIP 7 yrs

*Mr Rajesh Narula RIP 4 months

*Mr Rajendra Narula RIP 1 month

9:30am Mass

*Tony Donovan –For health

*Arlene Dagman (healing & recovery)

*Sharon McFarlane for healing & recovery

*Roy Holt RIP 21/9/2018

*Peter Wells RIP 13/9/2016

*Sister Mary Jo Wells rsj RIP 17/9/2017

*Tess Turton RIP 27/9/2024

*Patrick Ryan RIP

*Antonio Spadanuda RIP 22 yrs

*Denko Sucur RIP 9 yrs

*Catalina Eusebio (recently deceased)

11:00 am Confirmation Ceremony

St Brigid's Primary School and St Brigid's

Catechist Class

Mass Schedule



6:00pm Mass

*Filippa Vinciullo RIP 31 yrs

*Salvatore Di Dio RIP 11 yrs

*Celestina Di Dio RIP 17 yrs

*Domenica Carnuccio RIP 18 yrs

*Pasquale Stefanelli RIP 25 yrs

*Nieves Corpuz RIP Birthday Remembrance (60th)

Monday, 22nd Sept 2025

8:00am Mass

7:30 PM Catechism @ Parish Hall

Tuesday, 23rd Sept 2025

8:00am Mass

Wednesday 24th Sept 2025

9:30am Mass

11:30am St John of God Hospital Mass

Thursday, 25th June 2025

8:00am Mass

9:30 am Italian Mass

7:30 PM Catechism @ Parish Hall

Friday, 26th June 2025

9:30am Mass

Golden Oldies Morning Tea after mass

*Baiju Mathew RIP 10 yrs

6:00pm Divine Mercy Devotion

Saturday, 27th June 2025

8:00am Mass

11:00am Confessions

12:00 pm Baptism Pearl Amity Dolores Degebrodt

5:00pm Confessions

6:30pm Mass

8:00pm Mass -Parish Hall

Neocatechumenal Way

You cannot be the slave both of God and of money

The Lord Jesus, true teacher of the precepts that lead to salvation, wished to urge upon the apostles' in his own time and all believers today the Christian duty of almsgiving. He therefore related the parable of the steward to make us realize that nothing in this world really belongs to us. We have been entrusted with the administration of our Lord's property to use what we need with thanksgiving, and to distribute the rest among our fellow servants according to the needs of each one. We must not squander the wealth entrusted to us, nor use it on superfluities, for when the Lord comes we shall be required to account for our expenditure. Finally, at the end of the parable, the Lord adds: *Use worldly wealth to make friends with the poor, so that when it fails you, when you have spent all you possessed on the needs of the poor and have nothing left, they may welcome you into eternal*

dwelling. In other words, these same poor people will befriend you by assuring your salvation, for Christ, the giver of eternal rewards, will declare that he himself received the acts of kindness done to them. Not in their own name, then, will these poor folk welcome us, but in the name of him who is refreshed in their persons by the fruit of our faith and obedience. Those who exercised this ministry of love will be received into the eternal dwellings of the kingdom of heaven, for the King will say: *Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the beginning of the world; for I was hungry and you fed me, thirsty and you gave me a drink. But if you have been untrustworthy in the administration of worldly wealth, who is going to trust you with true riches?* For if someone cannot be relied on to administer worldly possessions that provide the

means for all sorts of wrong doing, would anyone dream of trusting that person with the true heavenly riches rightly and deservedly enjoyed by those who have been faithful in giving to the poor? The Lord's query above is immediately followed by another: *If you cannot be trusted with another's property, who will give you your own?* Nothing in this world really belongs to us. We who hope for a future reward are told to live in this world as strangers and pilgrims, so as to be able to say to the Lord without fear of contradiction: *I am a stranger and a pilgrim like all my ancestors.* What believers can regard as their own is that eternal and heavenly possession where our heart is and our treasure, and where intense longing makes us dwell already through faith, for as Saint Paul teaches, *Our homeland is in heaven.* Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Commentary: Gaudentius of Brescia

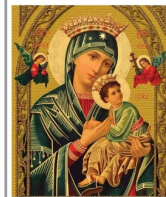
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First Collection go towards the priest in the parish and to support priests across the Archdiocese who are retired, sick and for those who are in remote areas.

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 Mary Mother of Perpetual Help Wednesdays 7:00 PM	 Divine Mercy Devotion Fridays 6 PM Benediction 1st Friday of the Month	 Legion of Mary Wednesdays 10:30 AM	 Neocatechumenal Way Mass (Everyone is invited) Saturdays 8:00 PM
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Next Sunday Readings: 28 Sept 2025 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading Amos 6:1,4-7 **Responsorial Psalm** Ps 145:6-10

2nd Reading Timothy 6:11-16 *Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!* (2 Cor 8:9) **Gospel** LUKE 16:19-31

PARISH NEWS



IN THIS JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE

CATECHESIS FOR YOUNG AND ADULTS

We announce to You a Good news!
*GOD LOVES YOU, HE WANTS TO GIVE
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We invite all young people and adults to join us for a series of enriching catechetical sessions designed to deepen our understanding of the Catholic faith. **COME AND LISTEN** on Mondays and Thursdays starting on September 22, Monday, 7:30 PM - 8:30 PM at St Brigid's parish hall. Baby sitting and transport provided on request. Contact Matthew 0413793679/ Fr Rodrigo 9274 1495

Golden Oldies Our next date is Friday September 26th. Mass at 9.30 a.m. followed by a scrumptious morning tea. Surprise activity follows. As it is Grand Final Eve, come with your footy colours.

Pet Blessing Join us for a heartwarming and joyful Pet Blessing service on 4 October, Saturday, 9am where we celebrate the special bond between you and your furry companions! Attendees will receive a **Certificate of Blessing** for their beloved pets. Important guidelines. All pets must be kept on a leash or in an appropriate carrier for safety and comfort. Come, it's a paws-ively wonderful experience! For more information please see Notice Board.

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