



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 Dianne Bergant CSA

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.

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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!

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 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 lift 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

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

We pray for all who are sick in our parish community.

RECENTLY DECEASED

We pray for all the Recently Deceased

ANNIVERSARIES

Antonia Micallef(1 month), Francesca Muscara(1 month) Giuseppina Celata(1 month), Pascal & Lola Attard, Stella & William Cutayar, Roberta Pavlic

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For further information, please contact Teresa Paradowski 9337 3103.

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tues 20 Sep Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon,
Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions
Wed 21 Sep St Matthew
Fri 23 Sep St Pius of Pietrelcina

COMMEMORATION MASS FOR THE LATE ANNE COMMADEUR AND PARISH FAREWELL TO ADRIAN COMMADEUR - Saturday 15 October at 11am

There will be a 1 year Commemoration Mass for the late Anne Commaeur, who passed away on 13 October 2021, during the COVID restrictions. The Mass will be held on Saturday 15 October at 11am. This will be followed by a BBQ near the church gazebos to farewell Adrian Commaeur, who after many years living in Keilor East and volunteering at St Peter's, is moving to another suburb and parish. For catering reasons, please let Adrian or the Parish Office know of your attendance at the BBQ by 11 October. Please pass this information on to anyone you know who may like to attend. All welcome.

PARISH NEWS

FR SEBASTIAN AWAY

Fr Sebastian is travelling to India, leaving on Sunday, to visit his mum who is sick. We wish Fr Sebastian a safe flight and pray for the return of good health for his mum.

The weekday and weekend Mass times at St Peter's will be as normal. We will be having visiting Priests come to our Parish to celebrate Masses. Please make them feel welcome and please assist where possible.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, 23 September due to the Public Holiday. Please advise any names for Death Anniversaries for next weekend, by 12noon on Wednesday, 21st September.

WHAT IS ALPHA?

Alpha is a parish tool for evangelisation based on hospitality, sharing and open conversation. The Program is run all over the world, by Christians of all traditions, and provides a common expression of proclamation, service, and witness. Over 29 million people have tried Alpha. Why not you? For more information about Alpha in a Catholic Context visit <https://australia.alpha.org/catholic-context/home>

An Alpha Program is being run here at St Peter's Parish, Keilor East, with the blessing and support of Fr. Sebastian, Fr Nhan (Avondale Heights) and Fr. Thomas (Niddrie).

The Program will run on Thursday evenings from Thursday, 6 October-Thursday, 8 December from 7.00pm to 9.15pm. All are welcome and there is no cost although donations are gratefully accepted.

For more information or to register call Sam Montalto (0425-800-085) or Paul Whiting (0488-455-008). To register, please scan the QR code.



CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

Sunday 18 September 2022 marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. This is an opportunity to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and support those who are disadvantaged and vulnerable in our communities. It is also a moment that you can take to think about how you might be more involved in work for justice, service and peace in your own community. For more information please go to www.css.org.au or call (03 9287 5566).

Loving God, you made each of us in your image and likeness, open our eyes to recognise one another.

May your unconditional love for all inspire our hearts and empower our action for those who are most vulnerable.

May we boldly and humbly serve our brothers and sisters, and be steadfast in working for justice for all your people.

Keep our hearts open to the joy and the hopes of our world, and our ears ready to hear your call to truth, justice and reconciliation.

We pray for those who serve in social services, who hear the cry of the abandoned, who dress the wounds of those mugged at the roadside and speak for the silenced.

May the seed of the Gospel germinate within us and let us continue to draw inspiration and strength from those like St Mary MacKillop whose shoulders we stand on.

Amen

"THANK YOU" PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION – ANNUAL FATHER'S DAY APPEAL 2022

The recent collection for the retired and sick priests of our Archdiocese raised \$1,821.35 Thank you for your kind donations.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times:

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

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ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS!

Wishing all children, their families and teachers a happy, safe and restful holiday.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.