

**OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 10am-4.30pm; Friday 10am-12pm.
Other times - we respond when able to.

Sunday Mass Times: *English* - Saturday Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30am & 5.30pm.
Mass in other languages: *Chin* - 1st, 3rd, 4th Sundays 2.30pm; *Burmese* - 2nd Sunday Sept, Nov
Vietnamese - Saturday Vigil 7pm, Sunday 12.30pm, Friday 7pm *Tongan* - 1st Sunday TBC
Weekday Mass Times: Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am; Tuesday 7.30pm, Friday 11am.
Confessions: Saturdays 9.30am (English or Vietnamese) **Novena:** Tuesday 8.00pm

MASS INTENTIONS 17-24 September 2022

Saturday 5.30pm Margaret & Shirley Martin RIP
Sunday 9am John Spiteri RIP
Sunday 10.30am *Pro Populo*
Sunday 5.30pm Giuseppe Nicosea RIP
Monday 9am Pauline Thomas (Birthday)
Tuesday 7.30pm The soul of Maria & souls in purgatory
Wednesday 9am Parish Intention
Thurs. 9am Fri. 11am * Sat. 9am Parish Intention
***every Friday 12noon - 3pm Adoration & silent prayer**

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND 22- 23 October, at St John Bosco, Niddrie
“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. Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676**
Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au. Website: wwme.org.au

ANNUAL MISSION FETE - Saturday 8 October 9am-2.30pm. Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds will aid the missions in Africa, specifically the construction of a wall to prevent landslides.

EMMANUEL YOUTH RETREAT: For youth in Years 9-12. September 26-28 Casa Palotti, Wesburn. \$180 p.p. Activities include bushwalking, talks, group sharing, talent night Mass and Confession and great food.
Bookings: Annie Lawrence 0423 057 297 or steveannielawrence@yahoo.com

RELIGIOUS ITEMS FOR SALE Handmade religious articles made by the Sisters of St. Elisabeth Convent (Belarus) will be on sale after 11am Mass on **Friday 7 October**. The Sisters of St. Elisabeth were founded in 1996. They take care of mentally challenged children and adults. Please support the work of the sisters by making a purchase.

Prudent Stewards

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: *Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8, 1 Timothy 2:1-8, Luke 16:1-13*

The steward in today’s Gospel confronts the reality that he can’t go on living the way he has been. He is under judgment. He must give account for what he has done.



The exploiters of the poor in today’s First Reading are also about to be pulled down, to be thrust from their stations (see Isaiah 22:19). **Servants of mammon, or money, they’re so in love with wealth that they reduce the poor to objects;** they despise the new moons and sabbaths—the observances and holy days of God (see Leviticus 23:24; Exodus 20:8).

Their only hope is to follow the steward’s path. He is no model of repentance. But he makes a prudent calculation—to use his last hours in charge of his master’s property to show mercy to others, to relieve their debts.

He is a child of this world, driven by a purely selfish motive—to make friends and be welcomed into the homes of his master’s debtors. Yet his prudence is commended as an example to us, the children of light (see 1 Thessalonians 5:5; Ephesians 5:8). **We too must realize, as the steward does, that what we have is not honestly ours, but in truth belongs to another, our Master.**

All the mammon in the world could not have paid the debt we owe our Master. So He paid it for us. **He gave His life as a ransom for all, as we hear in today’s Second Reading.**

God wants everyone to be saved, even kings and princes, even the lovers of money (see Luke 16:14). But we cannot serve two Masters. By His grace, we should choose to be, as we sing in today’s Psalm, “servants of the Lord.”

We serve Him by using what He has entrusted us with to give alms, to lift the lowly from the dust and dunghills of this world. By this we will gain what is ours and be welcomed into eternal dwellings, the many mansions of the Father’s house (see John 14:2).

Child Safety Reminders & Important notice for Parents

- Please accompany your child if they need to leave the building.
- Please ensure you know where your child is if not beside you.
- Talk to your children about ways to stay safe.

Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and vulnerable people.

PARISH CENSUS - During September
We invite everyone who regularly attends Mass here at Our Lady’s to register with the Parish.

Your contact details will be used only by the Parish Office for communication purposes and to update our records. Please Scan the QR code and fill in. Thank you.

