



# ST. PAUL PARISH

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**The Season of Creation**, held from September 1 to October 4, is a time that brings together people from different churches to attend to the environment, writes Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ. Source: Australian Jesuits. To listen to the cry of creation is not like shutting out all other sounds in order to hear a single bird's cry in a forest. The environment is around us, within us, above us, beneath us and beyond us. Its voice is the voice of the universe. When we listen to the cry of one part of the environment for which we have responsibility, we are also led to attend to all the relationships that compose our environment and to the way in which they interact with one another to form the world in which we live.

This vision of a world in which all is connected has been the distinctive gift of Pope Francis. In his encyclical *Laudato Si'* he insisted that action to protect the environment and to address climate change is as much an issue of justice as actions to provide shelter and food for the poor. Pope Francis offers a vision of an interrelated world in which what we do well or badly in one of our relationships will affect all our other relationships. This vision is challenging but it is also reassuring. When we see the world as a network of relationships in which all is interconnected, we can work at seeking harmony between all the relationships that shape our own lives. For more see <https://jesuit.org.au/the-season-of-creation/>

St Paul's Elderly Support Group is having an afternoon tea Tuesday 27th of September from 1 to 2.30pm in the hall. Speaker on self defence will be present, all welcome, bring a friend.

**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**

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**WE PRAY FOR: For Healing:** *Rose Hurt, William Reynolds, Charlie Bonello, Recently Deceased:*

*Felix Camilleri, Pamela Jacinto, Phillip Magri, Hazel Win, Pamela Jacinto, Thi Nghi Pham, Lucy Dobrani, Maria Maro, Doris Paris, Anniversaries: Lourdes, Freddie & Charlie Cutajar, Maryanne Spiteri, Our Dear Departed: Iginio Zanni, Natu Portelli, Liberata, Carmelo, Mikelina, Cikku, Carmena, Guzeppi, Mathew & Gloria Montebello, Tereza, Guzeppi & Carmenu Mifsud, Nina, Carmenu & Salvu Portelli, Sam & Vicky Cassar, Grace Avellino, Joe Caruana, Emy Saffarese, Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Patricia Snaize, Snaize, Cleur & Dougherty families, Joseph & Victor Aquilina, Jim Borg & Mark Sheean and all Souls.*



## Church Diary (Week beginning 18th Sept 2022)

### Saturday 17th /18th Sept Baptism:

Saturday Mass	8.00am	English Mass
	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am
6.00pm	Vigil Mass + <i>Tarcisio Cutajar</i>	
Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)		
8.00 am	English Mass + <i>Maryanne, Michael, Joseph, George &amp; frank Azzopardi, Kelina &amp; John Grech, Bill Camilleri, Phillip Magri, + Charles &amp; Catherine Sciberras, Manuel &amp; Doris Curmi</i>	
9.30am	English Mass + <i>Joan &amp; Carmelo Micallef, Isaac (for healing), Danica Marie (for healing), + Emmanuel Fenech, &amp; Jason Micallef</i>	
11.30am	Vietnamese Mass	
1.00pm	Spanish Mass	
6.00pm	Youth Mass	



### Monday 19th Sept

8.00am	English Mass + <i>Rose Chetcuti</i>
9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
11.00am	Lady of Knots
7.00pm	Choir Practice

### Tuesday 20th Sept

St Andrew Kim	8.00am	English Mass + <i>Freddy Brockdorff, + John Mary Vella</i>
	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
	10.00am	Italian Prayer Group
	10.30am	Funeral for Pamela Jacinto
	6.45pm	Benediction, Novena, Adoration

### Wednesday 21st Sept

St Mathew, Apostle	8.00am	English Mass +
	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
	7.30pm	Legion of Mary (Vietnamese)
	11.00am	Funeral for Felix Camilleri

### Thursday 22nd Sept

8.00am	English Mass +
9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
9.30am	Legion of Mary (English)
7.30pm	Spanish Prayer Group

### Friday 23rd Sept

St Pius of Pietrelcina	8.00am	English Mass +
	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass
	3.00pm	Divine Mercy

### Saturday 24th /25th Sept Baptism: Vanna Trixie Mangapis

Saturday Mass	8.00am	English Mass
	9.00am	Vietnamese Mass followed by Rosary till 10.15am

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday Masses (Confession half an hour before all Masses on Sunday)

8.00 am English Mass + *Vincent Abela & John Galea*

9.30am English Mass + *Joan & Carmelo Micallef, Isaac (for healing), Danica Marie (for healing), + Rosario Russo & Carmelo Cataldo*

11.30am Vietnamese Mass

1.00pm Spanish Mass

6.00pm Youth Mass



ONE WAY



Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Lk 16:10-13

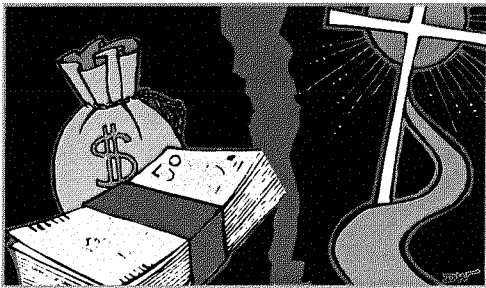
A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Luke.

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can 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.**

*Longer form Lk 16:1-13*



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# Breaking Open the Word



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

18 SEPTEMBER 2022

## NO ONE CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS

How are we to live in the world and yet remain faithful to the living God? What attitudes to wealth and material goods are appropriate for the person of faith? How are we Christians to balance the demands of the world and those of our faith? Each of us has to address these complex questions and today's readings provide us with some useful orientations.

Amos had the courage to call some of his contemporaries to account because they had come to see their poor brothers and sisters as an opportunity for personal gain. They are reminded that while they have forgotten their responsibilities, God has not. Jesus' statement that none of us can be the servant of two masters goes straight to the heart of the matter. We are called to use material goods astutely but to always remember that these have been entrusted to us.

A regular part of civic life in the ancient world was the worship of the gods of the city and empire. But how were Christians to resolve this dilemma? Timothy's community members are encouraged to live their Christian lives in peace by making it known that they prayed to their own God for their rulers and authorities. It is made clear to them that this is not a case of having divided loyalties. God is the ultimate authority and God's plan is that all be saved through Jesus. By means of this creative response, these Christians were able to remain faithful to the demands of faith and their rulers.

## FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

*The Lord 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 sweeping 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.**

## RESP PSALM

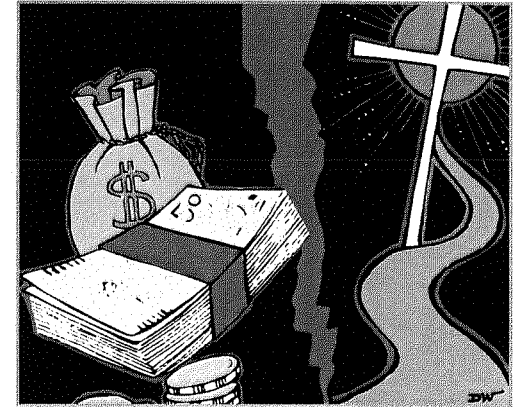
Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. cf. vv. 1, 7

**R. Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.**  
(or 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 dunghheap he raises the poor / to set him in the company of princes, / yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**



## SECOND READING

1 Tim 2:1-8

A reading from the first letter of St Paul  
to Timothy

*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 humankind, 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.**