

## Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ord Time Yr C - Sept 18, 2022

### First Reading Am 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.'

### 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 Tm 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.

### 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.'

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## Reversal of Fortunes

Jesus, surprisingly, found something appealing about this steward who was in the rapacious lending business. What was it? Faced with the news that he was about to lose his position, his catastrophic reversal of fortune, he cut a deal with his debtors to help secure his future. Jesus gave him full marks for being astute and shrewd.

Jesus laments the fact that many of his followers, 'children of the light,' are not as smart in the face of the Great Reversal – which He is inaugurating in which 'the hungry will be filled with good things and the rich sent empty away' (Mary's *Magnificat*).

We should be using our money ('mammon') to alleviate the myriad hungers of the world, not to buy our way into Heaven, but so that we become the sort of person who will be able to enjoy the heavenly companionship of those who hungered.

We could take a moment to pause and take stock of the use of our resources which are *passing*, so that we may be received into the *eternal* habitation.

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**MASS AND PRAYER TIMES AT ST BRIGID'S CHURCH**

**Week Day Mass**

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7.00 am  
Wednesday 6.00 pm  
Saturday Morning 9.00 am



**Sunday Mass**

Saturday Vigil 6.00 pm  
Sunday 8.30 am sometimes live streamed

**St John's Windabout Road, Beechmont** 1st Sunday of each month - 9.00am  
Next Mass at St John's 2nd October 2022

**Rosary**

Monday, Tuesday, Friday at 6.30 am  
Saturday at 8.30am. Sunday 8.00am

**Divine Mercy Prayer** Thursday 7.30 am  
**Adoration** in Church Wednesday 5.30pm followed by 6.00pm Mass

**Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** Saturday 9.30 am

**Reconciliation: St Brigid's Church** Saturdays 8:15am & 5:15 pm and  
Wednesday 5:15 pm

Mass at Earle Haven - 2nd Friday of Month—9.15am  
Next Mass 14th October 2022

**We remember** all those who have gone before us to rest in the loving embrace of Jesus


**We pray for the recently deceased:** Jim Rebgetz, Paul Mahan

**We pray for the departed whose anniversaries occur at this time:** William Pennings, Louisa Teofilo

**We also remember** their families—may they be comforted in their loss by this Community of Faith.

**We pray for those who are sick or in hospital:** Mary Topui

*Our prayers are also offered for those who are elderly and in Nursing Homes.*




**Holy Land Pilgrimage**  
**Jordan - Israel - Egypt**  
**Praying in the footsteps of Jesus & Mary**  
**Chaplain: Fr. Albert Wasniowski OSPPE**  
**17—28 February 2023**  
**Tour departing from Manila, Philippines**  
**Total Cost approx. AUD \$5000 Package tour \$4000, Brisbane—Manila return airfare \$1000**  
**Departs Brisbane for Manila 14 February 2023**

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**Tap & Go**

You will notice a new Tap & Go machine at the church entrance. This is a very handy method of giving to St. Brigid's. The machine has been pre-set so that One tap equals \$10, two taps equals \$20 and multiples thereof. This takes care of the problem of being caught without cash and is a great benefit to our parish. Please use before or after Mass, not during.

**BAPTISM PREPARATION -**

The preparation meeting for Baptism of infants will be held on **Saturday 24th September 2022 at 10.00am. in the Parish Centre.** All parents who wish to have their children baptised in the next few months are encouraged to attend.

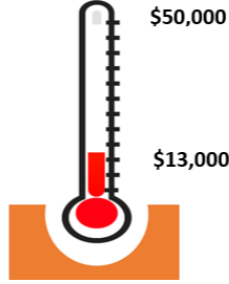
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Let us work together to rebuild, restore & revitalize our beautiful parish.

**BUY A BRICK CAMPAIGN**

**Week 2 "An incredible response"**




What an incredible response in a week!!! \$10,000 has been donated to the Buy A Brick Campaign by a number of wonderful givers. God has multiplied his gifts in you. Sincere thanks for those who have quickly responded so promptly to the needs of the parish. Please consider becoming a giver through Planned Giving Direct Debit as this is also a sure and certain way to remain committed to the parish. Every dollar given allows the Parish to budget for the future, especially the ongoing maintenance of the parish. Wouldn't it be an amazing gift to the parish to have the first stage of \$50,000 collected by Christmas? We encourage you to get on board and buy a brick or two for your family. All names will be placed in a Donors Window in the church. You can give anonymously. Please remember the generous donors and the success of the campaign in your prayers.

Have a great week. Fundraising Team

**THE SHRINE OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**  
**MARIAN VALLEY MASS TIMES**

Weekday Mass is at 9.00 am Monday to Friday  
Saturday Mass time is 11.00am Sunday Mass times 11.00am and 4.00pm



- September 18, 2022 **25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**
- "No servant can serve two masters. He will hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (wealth)." Luke 16:13

Jesus knows that for many of us, God and money run "neck and neck" as top priority. Is money a "god" that you put before God? Giving money to support the Church and other charity is a pillar of our faith, just like attending Mass every Sunday and participating in parish ministry. Giving money frees us from becoming a slave to money. It increases our dependence on God and our trust that God will provide all that we need. <https://www.archstl.org/about-stewardship/bulletin-inserts/weekly-bible-reflections>