

18 September 2022

**Twenty Fifth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year C**



Entrance Antiphon

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

First Reading from the
prophet Amos 8: 4-7

Responsorial Psalm

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

Response: Praise the Lord
who lifts up the poor.

Second Reading from the
first letter of St Paul to
Timothy 2: 1-8

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Holy Gospel according to
Luke 16: 1-13

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your
precepts to be carefully
kept; may my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes.

Next Week

25 September 2022

World Refugees &

Migration Day

Twenty sixth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

First: Am 6:1. 4-7

Resp Ps: 145:6-10. R. v.2

Second: 1 Tm 6:11-16

Gospel: Lk 16:19-31

*We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand,
the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.*

PARISH MINISTRY DRIVE

You are invited to reflect upon our Parish prayer:

'Creator God life is your gift to me.

*Through baptism you invite me to share
the gift of my life in service to others....'*



Until this time where have you responded to God's call to share your gifts with our faith community?

To help you ponder upon what you are gifted to give and how you may share it in our community, we are going to have a **PARISH MINISTRY DRIVE** starting this weekend, 17 September and each weekend through to 30 October.

Every weekend we will present a different ministry through information material in the foyer, talks at mass, an information stall after mass, talking to people that are/have been in this ministry.

Each weekend you will have an opportunity to enquire about a ministry where you may want to share your gifts. You can express an interest to find out more about the ministry and sign up to join if you feel a particular ministry is calling to you.

This weekend we are focusing on the generous and gracious Refreshments Team. Have you considered how much effort this team puts into preparing for the refreshments offered after weekend Masses and during special occasions. Thank you Team, for all your effort.

There is information about various ministries on our website and you are encouraged to call the parish office for more information during the week.



THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
In support of the retirement and health of clergy
*Caring for those
who have cared for us*
and the sound and holistic formation of seminarians
our future priests

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO DONATE VISIT DOW.ORG.AU/GIVING

Bishop's Annual Appeal To Support the Dignified Retirement and Health of Clergy, and the Sound and Holistic Formation of our young Seminarians - will be promoted in our parish on the weekend of 17/18 September.

To find out more, view the special appeal video and to make a secure on-line donation, please visit www.dow.org.au/giving, or call (02) 4222 2446 to make a donation over the phone. Our parish will also hold a special collection after Mass.

Contact us	Mass times	
Parish Priest: Fr. Shane Kelleher OCD Assistant Priest: Fr “Sam” Ransom Rapirop OCD Parish Associate: Sr Ines Comiling, CM Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9.30am-12.30pm	Sunday Mass times	Weekday Mass times
	Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat Mass at 9am
	Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm
	Reconciliation: Saturday at 11am	All Sacramental enquiries: call the parish office

Rosters

25 September	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Monitors	Berna & Ron	Gerry, Margaret & Irene	Terry & Marie
Altar Servers	Cody & Christian	Orly & Carlos	Robert
Readers	Richard & Tracey	Tess & Aida	Sheenalyn & Kavya
Refreshments	Berna, Suzanne & Emmarie	Tina & Ronda	
CLOTW		School Holidays	
Flowers	Audrey	Church Vacuuming	Lorraine & Jackie
Counters	Christine, Nellie & Cira	Foyer Cleaning	Parish office staff

Prayer intentions



For the sick & homebound: Amanda & John Meredith, John McDermott, Reg Gardner, Phyllis Cooper, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, John Ingster, Elizabeth Moore, Greg Watson, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doreen Gribbons, Clayton Diack, Emily Rose Pavicin, Pat & Denise Furner, Tracey Bokor, Lily Pereira, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys, Erlinda Hermes, Aurelia Vertucio, Mary & Frances Raithi, Jeanna San Diego, Hugo Garzotto, Eileen Butcher,
May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.

For our recently dearly departed: Sinjaey Pillay, Peter Ingster, Tito Lintag, Joan Wilson, Nonato San Miguel, Wendy Wright

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sam Wilson, Margaret and Joe Farrell, Anne Migus

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Adoration with the Rosary is going to be held in the church every Saturday morning at 9.30am for 1 hour. The Intercessory Prayer group will lead the prayers and all are welcome to join.

Faith Circles is on every Monday at 2pm and 7pm via zoom

Friendship Group is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 9.30am.

Alliance of the 2 hearts Mass and devotion is held on the first Friday of each month at 7.30pm.

The Samoan Mass will be at 12 midday on the first Sunday of every 2 months; October and December 2022.

The Filipino Mass will be at 11.15am on the third Sunday of each month.

The Divine Mercy Devotion is held on the third Sunday of each month at 3pm.

Readers Inservice meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

The Fundraising meeting is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm via zoom

Altar Servers formation and training sessions for both junior and adult to commence on Saturday 10 Sept at 4:30 to 5:45pm. Existing and new Altar Servers are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to the parish office.

The Journey, Weekly Podcast: On The Journey This Week: Fr Robert Reidling's gospel reflection on our personal slavery. Mother Hilda with a true story of an intellectually and physically disabled woman's creative artwork, plus, Fr Mike Delaney, Trish McCarthy, and Pete Gilmore. The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

Catholic Family Camping Weekend Fri 4 Nov – Sun 6 Nov 2022 Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton) This will be an awesome opportunity for families throughout the diocese to come together in a relaxed camping environment for connection, formation, walks, fun, meals, prayer, games, music, and Sunday Mass with Bishop Mascord. It will be a self-catered weekend, tents and caravans are permitted and with



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limited spots for a male and female bunk room. Cost is \$50 per adult or \$100 per family regardless of size to register go to www.dow.org.au/events. For more info or to help with the organisation, please email helen.bennett@dow.org.au

UOW Catholic Society 2023 Executive Roles: The UOW Catholic Society is looking for executive members to support the growth of the society in 2023. The executive team will consist of returning experienced members and we are looking for a secretary, social media manager, treasurer, faith formation officer and event coordinator. Students, staff & community members can fill the executive positions. The roles will be confirmed in the upcoming AGM meeting. When: Saturday 24 September 2022 @ 11:00 AM Where: Online ZOOM meeting: Get in contact for the link. If you have skills in these areas or are passionate about promoting the Catholic Faith at the university then we encourage you to get in touch with Nathan by email nb055@uowmail.edu.au or text message 0478 904 715 or message us on our Facebook page (UOW Catholic Society).

Blessing of Animals, 9:30a.m. Monday, 3 October 2022
The Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 3 October at 9:30am, at the Church of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church. All animals under 800kg and their carers are welcome, though please keep the larger boa constrictors on a tight leash. The feast of St Francis of Assisi is on Tuesday, 4 October, with Mass at 5:30pm at St Michael Parish, Thirroul. – animals are welcome at that Mass.

A vocation view You cannot serve two masters. Whom do you choose to follow? You have to make a choice. (Luke 16:1-13). If you want to talk about your vocation, please contact the diocesan vocations director, Fr Duane Fernandez at vocations@dow.org.au

Season of Creation Resources for Parishes: We are in the Season of Creation and there are some wonderful activities and resources for families delve into at <https://seasonofcreation.org>. Take the time as we move into Spring to pray, to plant, to recycle and enter into the awe and wonder we find in dwelling on and being in God's creation.

menALIVE to the MAX2022 5pm Fri, 7 Oct – 2pm Sun 9 Oct, Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. menALIVE to the MAX is a National Catholic Gathering of men called MAX 2022 it is Hosted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (CAS) and menALIVE. The theme this year is-- RENEW/REFRESH/ RECONNECT. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be: better husbands, fathers, and men of God. There will be nothing in Australia this year like this! So come on: REassemble, REgather, to REbuild and REgain the REal you and the Fullness of Life. REjoice!! For costs and more information and to register <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd>

Growing Good Men Father & Teenage Son Weekend Experience Friday 6.30pm 21 October – Sunday 1.30pm 23 October 2022 to be held at Cataract Activity Centre, Appin. A weekend experience for fathers and their teenage sons. One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father

figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world.

GROWING GOOD MEN is an experientially based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood. It is designed for fathers and their adolescent sons aged 12 to 16 years (school years between 7 and 10). Don't miss this! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon (founder of menALIVE) and his team. Please Register and pay online at www.dow.org.au/events. Any enquiries please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Marriage Enrichment Weekend 28 – 30 October 2022 Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville; Join us to learn together to live your best life in love! A stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or Email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au.

Embrace the Call to Global Mission: American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these Mission opportunities abroad and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 and Register for a Webinar on Saturday 24 September at 11:30am where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our 13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16th to 28th

JOIN OUR TEAM - Team Leader: SRE Catechist Teachers (Parish SRE Coordinator) St Mary MacKillop Parish, Oran Park, currently provides Special Religious Education (SRE) to over 1000 state school Catholic children within 6 state schools in the parish boundary, delivered by approximately 18 SRE Catechist Teachers. The number of state schools in the parish boundary is continuing to grow, seeing a need for further expansion of the parish's SRE/catechist ministry. The Parish Priest of St Mary MacKillop Parish Oran Park is seeking a suitably qualified Team Leader/Coordinator for the parish SRE ministry (often called 'catechist ministry'); to facilitate the ongoing provision of SRE in the state schools in the parish boundary, to support the SRE Catechist Teachers and Helpers who lead each school team, and to lead the whole parish catechist team in SRE delivery throughout the year. The role being offered is a casual, paid position during school terms, and scheduled to commence in Term 4, 2022. Detailed job description available on request by emailing: oranpark@dow.org.au. Applications to be sent in confidence to: Fr David Catterall PP, St Mary MacKillop Catholic Parish, PO BOX 889, Narellan NSW 2567 or to: oranpark@dow.org.au. Applications close at 5pm on Friday 16 September 2022.

Holy Gospel according to Luke 16: 1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

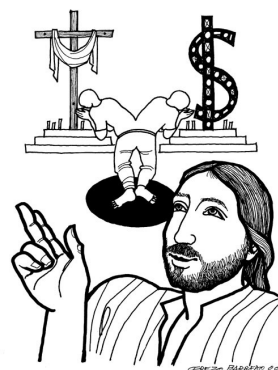
Jesus said to his disciples: 'There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong 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, 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.



Reflection by Pope Francis

The parable in this Sunday's Gospel passage has as its protagonist a sly and dishonest steward who, charged with wasting his master's goods, is about to be dismissed. In this difficult situation, he does not complain; he does not seek justifications nor does he allow himself to become discouraged, but thinks of a way out in order to ensure himself a calm future. He initially reacts with clarity of mind, recognizing his own limitations: "I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg"; then he acts shrewdly, robbing his master for the last time. In fact, he calls the debtors and reduces the debts they owe to the master, in order to make them friends and to be repaid by them later. This is to make friends through corruption and obtaining gratitude through corruption, as sadly is common practice today.

Jesus presents this example certainly not to encourage dishonesty, but prudence. Indeed he emphasizes: "The master commended the dishonest steward for his prudence", that is, for that combination of intelligence and cunning, which enables one to overcome difficult situations. The key to reading this narrative lies in Jesus' invitation at the end of the parable: "make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous mammon, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal habitations".

This seems somewhat confusing, but it is not so: the "unrighteous mammon" is money — also called "devil's dung" — and in general material goods.

Wealth can propel one to build walls, create division and discrimination. Jesus, on the contrary, encourages his disciples to reverse course: "Make friends for yourselves by means of mammon". It is an invitation to know how to change goods and wealth into relationships, because people are worth more than things, and count more than the wealth they possess. Indeed, in life, it is not those who have many riches who bear fruit, but those who create and keep alive many bonds, many relationships, many friendships through a variety of "mammon", that is, the different gifts that God has given them. But Jesus also points to the ultimate aim of his exhortation: "Make friends for yourselves by means of mammon so that they may receive you into the eternal habitations". If we are able to transform wealth into tools of fraternity and solidarity, not only will God be there to welcome us into heaven, but also those with whom we have shared, properly stewarded what the Lord has placed in our hands.

Brothers and sisters, this Gospel passage makes the question of the dishonest steward dismissed by his master, resonate in us: "What shall I do now?". In facing our shortcomings and our failures, Jesus assures us that we are always in time to put right with good the harm done. Those who have caused tears, make someone happy; those who have wrongfully taken, give to those who are in need. By doing so, we will be commended by the Lord "because we have acted with prudence", that is, with the wisdom of those who recognize themselves as children of God and challenge themselves for the Kingdom of Heaven.

May the Blessed Virgin help us to be prudent by assuring ourselves not worldly success but eternal life, so that at the moment of the final judgement, the needy people whom we have helped can testify that in them we saw and served the Lord.