

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



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

THE SAVING WORD

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 dungheap 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.

18 Sept 2022
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WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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WEEKEND MASSES Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30pm

CONFESIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

*Or by appointment

WEEKDAY MASSES ***No weekday Masses this week.***
Mon 19/9/22 – Sat 24/9/22

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.

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

May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Valerie Chillingworth, Patricia Howlett, Sr Rita Vella, Barry Schipp.

ANNIVERSARIES: Greig Gallagher (30/8), Matthew Moloney (9/9), Lawrence McDonall (11/9), Sr Maureen Casey OP (13/9), Dulcie Smith (19/9), Mary Betts (24/9), Barbara Scott (25/9).

DECEASED: Lois O'Brien, Bill McCulloch, Hugh O'Brien, William Grima, John Fittler, Colleen Dunn.

SICK: Pauline Wiley, Joan Crowe, Shirley Collier, Norma O'Brien, Lisa Foster, Barbara Brennan, Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

VEENA'S VERSIONS:

 An American one: How much money would you be left with if you win \$5 million on the lottery and decided to donate a quarter of that to charity?
You'll still have \$4,999,999.75.

COMING EVENTS:

Mon 19 Sept: Our Lady of La Salette Feast Day
Thur 22 Sept Public Memorial Service for the Queen
Sun 25 Sept: World Day of Migrants and Refugees
29 Sep-2 Oct: Ignite Conference Sydney

PARISH COLLECTIONS:

BSB 082105

West Tamworth Cath. Church (St Pats) **Acc** 001041198
West Tamworth Presbytery (Dioc) **Acc** 001023642

'Refuse nothing to God's love.'



NSW STATE COVID GUIDE: * FACE MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED
* ANTISEPTIC WIPES ARE AVAILABLE TO WIPE OVER SEATS
* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. * NO CHECK IN REQUIRED

PUBLIC MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR THE QUEEN. Thursday 22nd Sept. 10am at Tamworth Town Hall organised by Tamworth Regional Council and run by Tamworth Ministers Fraternal.

JOSEPHITE CALENDARS: If you would like to order one of these calendars, please place your name on the list at the back of the church. Orders to be in by end October. \$10 each.

Enquiries Cheryl Lavell 0402124333

EMBRACE THE CALL TO GLOBAL MISSION: **Palms Australia.** 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. **Ph: 0422 742 567** and **Register** for a Webinar on **Saturday Sep 24th 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 Oct.16th to 28th.

IGNITE CONFERENCE: is a bold vision of the Church for the future: Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. The event will be held in Sydney from 29 September to 2 October 2022. There are opportunities to join the conference as a group from Tamworth. Please contact St Nicholas Parish if you would be interested in joining this group. See <https://igniteconference.com.au/> for more details.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED: ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. www.aidtochurch.org/construction

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: Giving to St Patricks Church is possible by electronic transfer to the Church Account as shown opposite, or by Direct Debit arranged via your bank. The parish is so thankful for all your support. Giving to the first collection goes to the Armidale Diocese to support diocesan clergy.

WEEK 1 ROSTER: 18/9/22

Vigil: R C Ledwos Sr Kathryn
9am Sun: R S Nichols G Clout
5.30pm Sun: R C Lavell M Murray
Counting Team P Sheils; A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 24/9 J Hutt & J Moran
Altar Linen: E Smyth

WEEK 2 ROSTER: 25/9/22

Vigil: R P Bamford N Pullman
9am Sun: R S Brown O Monet
5.30pm Sun: R D Bearman J Murray
Counting Team S Brown, A Bowden
Sat Cleaning 1/10 M Vella, R Pace
Altar Linen: H Reid

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

