

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

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

21 SEPTEMBER 2025

RELEASE OF DEBT

Today's Gospel returns us to a favourite repetitive Lukan theme. It is about the disciples' attitudes to wealth and possessions. The teaching takes the form of a story from Jesus. The main character is a rich landowner – a character with which some in Luke's Gospel community could well identify with given that they, too, were property owners.

There's a problem which the owner identifies. He presumes that his manager has been 'wasteful with his [the owner's] property'. We are not sure what 'wasteful' means in this case and we can superimpose our expectations from our Western ideas on to what might be going on. But there could be another agenda at play from Luke's world. Wealth came about through other people becoming poorer. The evangelist wants the wealthy to reconsider their responsibility to poorer Gospel members. The manager could be acting to redistribute wealth in a way that the property owner considers 'wasteful.' The manager's 'redistribution program' might also be operating later when he considers what he will do after he has been fired from his position because of the greed of his landowner.

The release of debt that the manager brings about from those in debt (a key petition in the 'Lord's Prayer') is a release from greater poverty. The wisdom that emerges from the story and is explicated in the final lines of the Gospel is about the use of wealth. It is, for the faith community, the building up of friendship and, for the disciple, to be free. This is being released from being possessed by possessions. Today's Gospel is a timely reminder for us in a world of wealth, bitcoins and foreign exchange.

Fr Michael Trainor

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 dunghill 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.

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Michael Sullivan OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Francis Park OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Sat)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 21st September 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 20th September	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 21st September 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 22nd September Bl Josephine of the Purification		
Tuesday 23rd September St Pius of Pietrelcina	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 24th September 25 th Week in Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 25th September 25 th Week in Ordinary Time	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 26th September St Cosmos & Damian	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 27th September St Vincent de Paul	9.00am Mass 6.00pm Mass	



SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY

This Sunday marks Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. The day is an opportunity to keep in our thoughts and prayers the dedicated staff and volunteers working to stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **First Communion Classes:** Saturday 10am
- ▶ **Baptism Preparation:** Tues 23 Sept 7pm
- ▶ **SJOS Committee:** Wed 24 Sept 6.20pm
- ▶ **Catholic Faith Enquiry Night** Sept 25th 7pm

POPE LEO XIV 'SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE'



"Saint Augustine comments on the variety of ways the Holy Spirit has poured himself out in the world throughout the centuries as an invitation to make ourselves small in the face of the freedom and

inscrutability of God's action. Let no one think they have all the answers. May each person openly share what they have. May everyone welcome with faith that which the Lord inspires, in the knowledge that "as the heavens are higher than the earth", so his ways are higher than our ways, and his thoughts are higher than our thoughts. Only in this way will the Spirit be able to "teach" and "remind" us of what Jesus said."
 (Address to the Augustinian Chapter)

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ellen Allery, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, June Cochrane, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Michael, & Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills.

ENQUIRY NIGHT RCIA THURS 25TH



For those interested in learning about the Catholic faith – 7pm parish centre.

COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS 28th SEPTEMBER

After mass at St Thomas Aquinas next Sunday 28th September join us for coffee at Botanical hotel at 169 Domain Rd.



COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS 2026

Are available for purchase from the parish office. \$10 each. Be sure to receive your copy by contacting us.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAY 26th Sept
 Friday September 26th is a public holiday - the parish office will be closed.

CATHOLIC EVENTS

Discover Catholic Podcasts and events happening across Australia—retreats, pilgrimages, workshops, and more. Visit www.CathEvents.org.au to find opportunities to grow in faith and community.

AUGUSTINIAN CHAPTER CONCLUDES



The General Chapter of the Augustinians concludes this week in Rome after three weeks of intense deliberation and

the election of a new Prior General Fr Joe Farrell OSA and his Council for the coming six years.

MASS COLLECTIONS 14/09/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits...	\$ 933.75
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 351.50
Envelopes.....	\$ 160.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$ 450.00.
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 330.00
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IN LOVING MEMORY



Anniversaries

- ✦ Kathleen Huggins
- ✦ Elfrida Kiss
- ✦ Lawrence Atley
- ✦ Zilla Fay
- ✦ Anthony Alfred
- ✦ Cristina Cameron
- ✦ Eileen Ingham