

Twenty-fifth Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C 18th Sept 2016

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: 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!

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.

Saints of the Week

St Januarius (Mon 19/9)

Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn & Paul Chŏng Ha-sang (Tues 20/9)

St Matthew (Wed 21/9) St Pius of Pietrelcina (Fri 23/9)

COUPLES FAMILY DAY: BUILD YOUR HOME ON THE ROCK given by the Verbum Dei Missionaries: Saturday 8th October 9.30am to 4.30pm. Our Lady of Mt Carmel Catholic Church, Varroville. 193 St Andrews Rd Varroville. Contact Ana on 0402 830 990 or verbumdeisydney@gmail.com

AUSTRALIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY CONFERENCE 2016. The Society will be holding a **conference** on **Saturday, 24 September 2016** at the North Sydney Campus of the Australian Catholic University. The theme of the conference is **To and from the Antipodes: Catholic missionaries over two centuries.** A **welcome reception** will be held on **Friday, 23 September** from 6.00pm to 7.30pm at St John's College within the grounds of the University of Sydney. The reception will include a tour of the chapel and a short talk on the history of the college. Conference participants are asked to indicate if they will attend the reception (for catering purposes). The keynote speaker, Dr Ennio Mantovani, SVD is Lector Emeritus at the Yarra Theological Union. All participants, including presenters, are required to register using the conference registration form with the conference fee. For further details and to register

visit www.australiancatholichistoricalsociety.com.au/conference

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We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality, love and commitment

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We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

Fr. Greg Sunter



Parish Collections 11/9/2016
First: \$698.20 Second: \$702.50

FOOD & Flea MARKET (Mini Fete) yesterday, **Thank you** to everyone who volunteered and came on the day.

We would also like to *Thank* the volunteers for the Working Bee last Saturday in making the grounds spick and span for our parish & the First Holy Communion children and their families.

FIRST FRIDAY OF THE MONTH There will be Mass & Adoration on Friday 7th October commencing at 7pm Adoration commences at 8pm followed by Reconciliation. Please put this in your diary.

SYDNEY ARCHDIOCESE NEWS:

THE CAPUCHIN FRANCISCAN FRIARS and The St Padre Pio Centre of Australia kindly invite you to celebrate the Memorial Feast of St Padre Pio of Pietrelcina on **Sunday, 18 September, 2016** at 11.00am. Mass and Veneration of First Class Relics at St Fiacre's Catholic Church, 96 Catherine Street, Leichhardt NSW 2040. For further information contact the Centre on **9569 1880** Monday to Friday 9:00am to 12:30pm.

MENTION MY NAME – 5 October 2016. All are welcome to the annual *Mention My Name* Remembrance Service to be held on 5 October 2016 at St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney, commencing at 7.00pm. Launched in 2015, this special remembrance service honours the lives of those who have lost their lives through suicide or misadventure. This gentle and peaceful service offers hope and counsel to those who are also grieving the loss of loved ones. **RSVP by Wednesday, 28 September 2016** to Nancy **Murdocca 02 9646 6908** or visit bereavementsupport@catholiccemeteries.com.au.

A PLACE AT THE TABLE – Archdiocesan Social Justice Gathering. The Justice and Peace Office invites you to join us as we celebrate this year's Bishops' Social Justice Statement, 'A Place at the Table – Social Justice in an Ageing Society'. We will explore what it's like to grow old in Australia and in our Church and be challenged to recognise and act in ways that demonstrate the value, dignity and contribution older people make to ensure they do not become part of a throwaway culture. There will be guest speakers, workshops and time to connect with people from parishes across Sydney working for social justice. We will also offer a very special lunch prepared by our friends from Parliament on King – a social enterprise run with recently arrived refugees and asylum seekers. **15 October 2016 11:00am-3:30pm.** **St Columba's Parish Hall, 213 Elswick St, Leichhardt North. Free event. RSVP: Essential by Oct 13. Register: Eventbrite.com or visit justiceandpeace.org.au; or ring 9307 8465.**

Saturday 17th Sept 5.30pm.....	Vincent Hung (RIP)
Sunday 18th Sept 8.00am	Joseph Quoi (RIP)
Sunday 18th Sept 9.30am.....	Eliata Ramalinga (RIP)
Sunday 18th Sept 5.30pm.....	Parishioners Intentions
Monday 19th Sept 9.15am.....	No Mass
Monday 19th 10.30am	Funeral Mass for .Margaret Patterson (RIP)
Tuesday 20th Sept 9.15am	Matta Thich (RIP)
Wednesday 21st Sept 9.15am	Pray for the sick
Thursday 22nd Sept 9.15am	Souls in Purgatory
Friday 23rd Sept 9.15am.....	Anna Nho (RIP)
Saturday 24th Sept	Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM

Volunteering/ Nominating/New election:

*The current Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) has served the St Christopher's Parish Community for 2 years and it is time to elect a new Parish Pastoral Council. We would like to call for volunteers to become members of this important and rewarding Parish Ministry. The PPC has a number of roles in the parish including the responsibility to listen to parishioners and respond to the hopes, ideas, needs and concerns of parishioners. Grow in knowledge and awareness of what is already happening in the parish, and to develop, implement & improve parish initiatives to assist parishioners' continuing efforts to live as effective Christians in society, to name a couple. **If you are interested please place your name and contact details in the suggestion box of in the Church foyer.// If you notice some ones whom you think they are good to server our community, you may nominate a couple, with their details and your name and your details . All volunteers and nominees will be on the list for new election.//***

Weekend Mass Times: Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

Weekday Mass Times: Monday— Friday 9.15am..

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays 4.30pm—5.15pm

BAPTISM: Please contact the Parish office 9825 1679

Recently Deceased: Margaret Patterson

We Pray For The Sick

Tony Azavedo, Ian Morrison, Kerry Stark, Jack Hamilton & Peter Sidgreaves

Anniversaries:

Eliata Ramalinga



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them
May they rest in peace. Amen.*