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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C) - 18 SEPT 2022

SEASON OF CREATION 2022 – 1ST SEPTEMBER TO 4TH OCTOBER

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Corinthians 8:9

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.'

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8

(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.)**

GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

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.'

SECOND READING

1 Timothy 2:1-8

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.



Food for thought.....Reflection by Sr Dianne Bergant CSA

We are creatures of this world. We are made of it and we are totally dependent upon it for our very existence. We require its air, its water, its food, its heat. We need it for covering and for shelter; we need it to stimulate our minds and our spirits. Therefore, our use of its phenomenal resources cannot in itself be immoral. What is questionable is the character of our use.

There are many circumstances that contribute to the complexity of these matters. The merchant in the passage from Amos is not faulted because he was prosperous. Nor is the steward in the gospel criticised for putting resources aside for future use. But how much does a person need when there are others who are really needy?

We live our lives on the horns of a dilemma. We have the right to use and to enjoy the marvels of our world, but we cannot do this free of responsibility to each other and to the world itself. We are not called to disown the world. It is impossible for us to do that, because of our total dependence upon it. But we are called to live in it gently, using what we need and sharing what we can. We must make decisions as trustworthy stewards of the household of God, not like the man in the gospel who was only concerned with his own well being. We must serve God, not mammon.



PRAY FOR OUR SACRAMENTAL CANDIDATES WHO WILL RECEIVE THEIR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT OUR PARISH MASSES THIS WEEKEND,

Loving God, we ask you to bless these children. May they always feel your presence in their hearts and lives. We take them to our hearts as you take them to your heart. We pray that by our word and example we will help them along their journey of faith. May our Parish community always be a place where they feel welcome and cherished. We make this prayer in Jesus' name. Amen

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS



If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church with a view to becoming part of the Church, please come and join our RCIA group which is meeting again this coming Thursday evening, 22nd September at 7.30pm, upstairs in the Pastoral Centre.

For further enquiries contact the Parish Office, 6331 4377

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION

SEPTEMBER: Abolition of the Death penalty

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth who are so precious in your eyes.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth.

God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness.

Pope Francis

A VOCATION VIEW:

Do you think it is the Lord who is motivating you to make lots of money, to use people, to grab for power, to attend to the needs of others?

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY(

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **Billie and Tadhg Malthouse** (Cain and Siobhan) and **Lilly Coombs** (James and Rebecca) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR OUR FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATES and their families as they rejoice in the gift of the Eucharist and continue to grow in appreciation of the gift of the faith we all share.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Sr Teresa OCD, Fr Martin Aye Ngwe, Fr Brian Nichols, Fr Terry Yard, Mary Siejka, Teresa McMahon, Kim Izard, Patsy Heath, Alex Thrower, Marie Cousins, Alida Moolenschot, Archivaldo Pechon, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Qian Zhang-Allchin, Carole Cleary, Bev Callahan, Nanette Gunton, Helen Wright, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Mary Morgan, Mary Carter, Philip Carroll, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Tony Long, Kristel Latham, Joan Keefe, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Vincent Burke, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Hudson, Brian Beardwood, Denise Austin, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, Max Jamieson, Jan McClean, John Bennett, and Peter Marshall.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED: Arden McGuinness and Queen Elizabeth II who have died recently, Elizabeth Heckscher, Peter Smith, Philip Smith, Henk Kortekaas, Norah Durrant, Frank Buttazzoni, Paul Langford, Shirley Ranson, John Thynne, Catherine Moss, Mary Johnson, Colin Meek, Theresia Zegveld, Patrick O'Brien, Jackie Bannon, all victims of the COVID-19 virus and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY: As the COVID virus continues to affect our lives, we pray in a special way for all those involved in frontline services. We pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

Our mission is to love and serve our God, each other and the wider community

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

FEAST OF ST TERESE – The Feast of St Therese of Lisieux will be celebrated with a Sung Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston on **Saturday 1st October at 9:30am**. Fr Mark Freeman, Dean of Northern Tasmania, will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Mass will be followed by morning tea. All are welcome to join the Carmelite Nuns for this celebration.

SOLEMNITY OF ST TERESA OF JESUS - A Sung Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), the foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order, at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston on **Saturday 15th October at 9:30am**. Archbishop Julian will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Morning tea will follow Mass. All welcome. A Novena of Masses and Prayers will also be offered in preparation for the feast from 6th – 14th October. Intentions may be sent to Mother Teresa Benedicta at the Monastery by post, phone 6331 3585 or tascarmelvoc@gmail.com

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will take place for one hour every Friday after the 12noon Mass at the Church of the Apostles. Please come and spend time with the Lord and pray for our parish, our diocese, our nation and our world.

AN INVITATION TO MEDITATION The ancient tradition of contemplative prayer seeks God in silence and stillness, beyond word and thought. **Tuesdays at 10.45 and 5pm at the Emmanuel Centre, Newstead.** All welcome. Phone: 6334 1082.

ROSARY: is recited each and every Monday at 7:30pm in the comfort of your own home. We pray our Blessed Mother will watch over us all at this time of uncertainty and sadness. Enquiries: Jan (0409 175 940) or Adrian & Liz (0407 074 693)

THE CARMEL SHOP: 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston is open on Wednesdays between 11.00am - 4.00pm

Copies of the latest edition of *The Catholic Standard* and *Australian Catholics* are available for collection in the Church and from the foyer of the Pastoral Centre

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6.00pm Vigil	Sacred Heart, Newstead
Sunday	7.30am	Carmel
	9.00am	St Finn Barr's, Invermay
	10.00am	St Patrick's Chapel
	10.30am	Apostles
	5.30pm	Apostles (April–Sept)

WEEKDAY MASSES - 19th–24th September

Monday:	7.30am	Carmel
Tuesday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Newstead
Wednesday	7.30am	Carmel
	5.30pm	Apostles
Thursday:	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Invermay
Friday :	7.30am	Carmel
	12noon	Apostles
Saturday:	9.00am	Carmel

RECONCILIATION

Saturday:	10.00am - 11.00am	Apostles
	5.15pm - 5.45pm	Newstead

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Each and every Sunday at 10.00am



On Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston if you don't have a Facebook account go to:

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday Morning on WIN and WIN HD, 6.00am - 6.30am.

PARISH FAREWELL FOR FR MARK FREEMAN — Friday, 30th September 2022

All parishioners and friends are warmly invited to join Fr Mark in celebrating Mass in St Finn Barr's Church at 7.00pm followed by supper in the school hall. Please bring a plate of finger food to share. There are very limited food heating facilities in the hall. Due to the hall being in use by the school until 6.00pm, please do not drop food off before 6.25pm which will allow volunteers to set up the hall.

Enquiries: Parish Office on 6331 4377

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE CONFERENCE

Parishioners are invited to attend the 62nd CWL State Conference to be held at the Stan O'Doherty Parish Hall and Star Centre (Opposite Star of the Sea Church), George Town, **Friday 14th October to Sunday 16th October 2022.** **Keynote Speaker:** Monica Doumit, Director of Public Affairs, Archdiocese of Sydney. **Guest speakers:** Archbishop Julian Porteous; Ann Pereira, National President CWL, Mike Doherty, St Vincent de Paul Society, George Town; and Nicole Williams, Care Forward. Registration and advance payment is essential.

Contact: C W L Secretary, Wendy Fittler: wfittler@bigpond.com or (M) 0437370217



PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



*My Jesus,
I believe that You
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.*

DINING WITH FRIENDS

An initiative of the St Vincent de Paul Society together with the Launceston Parish.



If you are feeling lonely, would like to make new friends, or would just enjoy a **FREE** home cooked meal prepared by and shared with people who care, please come along to **Dining with Friends**.

Next gathering: Tuesday, 4th October at 6.00pm in the Pastoral Centre.

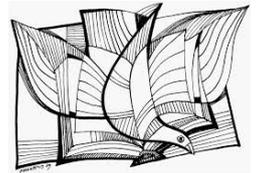
Bookings are essential for catering
Enquiries and RSVP phone 6326 5551

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK:

Monday 19th:	Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday 20th:	Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday 21st:	Matthew 9:9-13
Thursday 22nd:	Luke 9:7-9
Friday 23rd:	Luke 9:18-22
Saturday 24th:	Luke 9:43-45

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Amos 6:1,4-7
Psalms 145: 6-10
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31



Ponder and pray the living Word of God

UPCOMING RETREATS & REFLECTIONS

'One Step at a Time' - walking retreat
Freyrcinet National Park, 4th - 7th October, 2022.

For more information please visit here:
<https://belindachapman.square.site/one-step-at-a-time>
Or see the flyer in the foyer. All enquiries to Belinda Chapman ph: 0418 141 171
email: belindachapman.sd@gmail.com

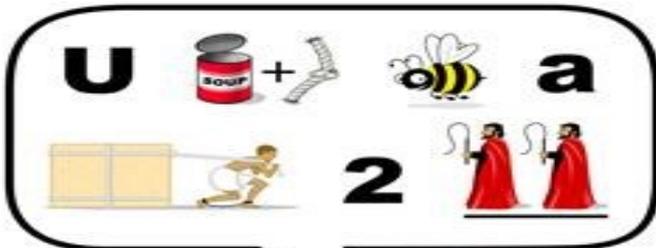
Carmelite Weekend Retreat
21st—23rd October, Emmanuel Centre
The Spiritual Genius of St Therese of the Child Jesus, with her thoughts on God and Prayer.
Retreat Director: Fr Aloysius Rego, OCD
Cost of weekend: \$240 includes accommodation and meals.
Enquiries and bookings: Sandra on 6331 4991

2022 JOHN WALLIS MEMORIAL LECTURE

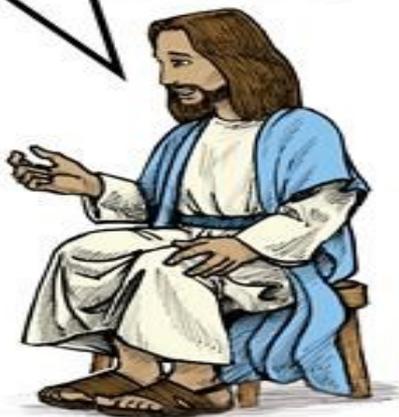
How we, as Church, engage today as discerning and evangelising Spirit-filled, joyful People of God, will be explored in the 2022 John Wallis Memorial lecture to be delivered by Dr Elissa Roper, of Melbourne, in an in-person presentation at Guilford Young College, Glenorchy on **Thursday, 6th October, 7.00pm**. This uplifting and inspiring event will be live-streamed.

Further information:
graciousgenerosity.com.au or Eva Dunn 0417 734 503.
Register for the link eva.dunn@gmail.com or spirit@graciousgenerosity.com.au

Children's Corner



Try to decipher this teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples.



How money can be used well?

How can money be used badly?



You cannot be a slave to two masters.