



OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR



22 September 2019

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St Francis (Tannum Sands)

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Star of the Sea (Gladstone)

4972 1305

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Chanel College (Gladstone)

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You cannot be the slave both of God and of money

Jesus invites his disciples to reflect on their relationship with money in the Gospel for this Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. Jesus tells his disciples, tells us: "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." Jesus was aware of how influential money was in his day, arguably it is even more so now and so we always have to be on guard, because, "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."

Jesus tells a parable about money and our relationship with it. A steward was denounced to the rich man he served and had to decide what he was going to do next. To ensure that he would be welcomed by a new master, he called each of his current master's debtors and got them to alter their bonds, reducing their debt. He was praised and so this reduction was not about their real debt but about the amount that he had put on top of their debt to make money himself on the side. He was willing to take a loss so that he would be able to have a future, to be welcomed into a new job when he lost his current one.

Jesus calls money "tainted" and wonders, "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?" I wonder how many people in our world today would be surprised with what Jesus says in our Gospel today? Money, economics and finance has such a central place in our lives that it would be very strange to call it 'tainted' or to suggest that it does not represent our 'genuine riches'.

We are so used to hearing about the movements on the Stock Exchanges or the latest economic data that it is difficult to stand back and reflect. Money is important but it does need to be put in perspective. Having more money is not always the answer. Economics, it seems to me, fails to be as accurate as it claims at measuring the value of things. It is good at telling us how much the trees in a forest are worth, but what about the value of the standing forest as a whole? The market can tell how much a house is worth, but what about a 'home'? And it is difficult for policy makers and ordinary investors to rein in executive salaries because they have so little influence and people want the opportunity themselves to get that dream salary. But it is obscene to have some people on multi-million dollar salary packages while others are struggling to make ends meet. It is wrong to have multinational companies avoiding paying taxes, because it helps the bottom line, while those on welfare are being squeezed to ensure they are not roting the system.

As believers, we are always invited to see the great value in each person and in all of creation. To recognise that our lives are more than what we own or what we are worth. In part this is because our most precious things cannot be truly valued, they are priceless and no amount of money can be exchanged for them. In a recent movie, a human being was valued at about 3 dollars for the magnesium, but you and I are worth so much more. And the reality is that it is a mistake to think that a system with winners and losers is sustainable. If we cannot respect and value each person then no one is truly respected or valued. There is no price for peace and justice, but if we do not work towards these ideals and raise others up, then peace and justice will not be achieved and in the end we will all pay the price. The love of God is free and you and I are invited to love in return.

May God bless you and all those whom you love.

Kevin Redmond sm

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL PIZZA NIGHT

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal SOS Parish invites you to an evening of Pizza, Refreshments, Dvd, Supper. The Dvd 'The Cross' with Billy Graham/David Payne Catholic Faith Exploration.

Venue : SOS Parish Hall

Time : 6.30pm

Date: Friday 27th September 2019

Cost: \$10.00 p/p (bookings essential)

Contact: Colleen 0407 160 642

Jim 0418 614 179 Maryanne 0409 898 895

Fundraiser: CCR Rockhampton Diocese for Youth Ministry Training New Zealand.

MERCY ASSOCIATES

Parishioners are welcome to join the Mercy Associates for their **Mercy Day Mass Tuesday 24th September at 5.30** S.O.S. Church. At this celebration, Sr Beryl will 'receive' 2 new Associates and all present Associates will recommit for another 3 years of 'Service in Mercy'.



MARIST FAREWELL

The Marist Farewell celebrations are planned for the weekend of 23 & 24 November. If you have details of Parishioners who have moved away and might like to attend, could you please contact the Parish Office.

CHANGES THIS WEEK

Please Note

Due to Fr Kevin being away on Retreat for part of this week the following changes are necessary.

Lay Led Liturgies:

Star of the Sea: 7am Thursday and 9:30am Friday

Reconciliation:

There will be no Reconciliation at 9am Saturday

Date Claimer

LISTENING SESSION WITH BISHOP MICHAEL

Our Bishop Michael invites all parishioners to come to the Parish Hall on Wednesday 2nd October, 2019 between 5—7pm.

He wants to hear from us about our hopes and dreams for our Parish next year and into the future. He is interested in hearing about what is working and what can be improved.

Bishop Michael wants to listen to you.

SAFEGUARDING REQUIREMENTS

The Church is continuing in its efforts to ensure that all people are welcomed and are safe from harm in our communities. Tragically, we are all too familiar with the devastating results to individuals, their families and friends and the Church when abuse occurs. Through the work of the Safeguarding Office, our Diocese is striving for the best practice in ensuring that our communities are safe and welcoming places, especially for the most vulnerable.

Over the coming months, I am asking for your cooperation as we expand our requirements for ministry and service in the Parish. During September, I am asking that everyone who volunteers for a public ministry at a Mass or Liturgy has a Blue Card. There will be a Matrix published to check if your ministry requires a Blue Card. For those who do not have one, there will be opportunities to apply at the end of Mass. Please take note of the announcements when this will be available at your Mass.

We are not doing this because we do not trust our current beautiful and wonderful volunteers and ministers but because we need to ensure that the Church avoids allowing anyone with ill intent to access those most vulnerable in our communities.

If you already have a Blue Card with another organisation then there will be Linking forms available as well. Please bring ID like a Driver's License and Medicare Card when applying.

Fr Kevin Redmond sm

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CHERISH LIFE

Cherish Life Qld presents "*Live and Let Die: The Human Right to Live Well*"

WHEN: Tuesday 8 October at 7:00pm

Light refreshments from 6:00pm

WHERE : Rockhampton Leagues Club

SPEAKER: Dr. Mark Robinson MP

RSVP : 29 September to 0437 822 231 or

rockhampton@cherishlife.org.au.



Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) Australia is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and for prayer resources visit, www.millionkidspraying.org.

INVITATION TO WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Bishop Michael McCarthy invites the Diocesan family of the Diocese of Rockhampton to gather in the presence of the Apostolic Nuncio His Excellency Adolfo Tito Yllana to mark the occasion of **World Mission Sunday** at St Joseph's Cathedral William St Rockhampton for the 9.30am Mass 20 October. Mass will be followed by a Filipino Festival of food and song hosted by the Filipino Community.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY.

We celebrate **Social Justice Sunday on 29 September**. This year, the Australian Bishop's Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world' but active citizens shaping it. **There will be a second collection at our Masses next weekend.**

PUBLICATIONS FOR 2020

GOD'S WORD AND 365 DAYS WITH THE LORD

If you would like to place an order for either of these publications for 2020 please contact the Parish office.

BREAK OPEN THE WORD/ROSTERED READERS

This book is designed for those who proclaim the Scriptures at Sunday Mass. For each reading and psalm, there is a commentary which gives a little background to the text and assists the reader to proclaim the text well. If you would like to order a copy please contact the Parish office.

CHILDRENS MASS

The Parish is organising a Children's Mass on Sunday 10 November at 6pm. We are looking for children who can read, sing or play an instrument. If your child/children are interested please contact the Parish office or e-mail adfaithsos@rok.catholic.net.au

MERCY ASSOCIATES

All Parishioners are welcome to come and listen to a **Reflection by Fr Kevin** on "**The Marian Way**" Saturday 5th October at **S.O.S. Church at 09:45am.**

'Yummy' morning tea will be served at the Piety Stall following the Anointing Mass, provided by the Mercy Associates, in preparation for Fr. Kevin's presentation. As this will be one of the last opportunities for Fr Kevin to share with our Parish PLEASE attend.



Thank you for the generosity of those parishioners who contribute to our Planned Giving. If you are new to the parish and would like to be part of the Planned Giving Program, either through Direct Debit or Weekly Envelopes, please contact the Parish Office.

The total of parishioners contributions for this week amounted to \$2492.95

LITURGY ROSTER 28 & 29 September

Readers:

8am M. Ramirez, L. Amahit
6pm D. Conley, M. Maudsley

Co-Ordinator

8am M. Duncan
6pm J. Munt

Eucharistic Ministers

8am H. Vale, E. Hughes, J. Barry
6pm L. Balisnomo, A. Babijis, D. Mason

Data Projector

8am A. Goman
6pm M. Gallardo

Alter Servers

8am J & M Ngan Woo, S. Gamba
6pm R. Babijis, J. Ponciano, H. Evangelista

Service Rosters next Sunday

PRAYER INTENTIONS

For our recently deceased Sisters and Brothers

Ross Gurgo, George Button, Fr Donal O'Dea, Ronilo Gier, Bernadette Geary, Suzette Luna

We remember in prayer:

Ron Williams, Jose Nacario, John Lynch, Precila Nacario, Luis Nacario, Briggitt Campo, Luis & Claudia Carreon, Ken & Gert Moore, Dora Bradford, Maria Rose, Mary Mathews, Margaret Blows, Jacinto & Apolonia, Gordon Leech Joseph and Sylvia Jendra, Marty Burkett

For those we love who are ill and frail

Lincoln Rose, Barbara Filer, Paul Sundstrom, Janene Porter, Eli Colin Vale, Maria Binek, Tom Barry, Betty Smith, John & Joy Massingham, Noon Family, Eion MacLeod, Ron O'Brien, Dene Kershaw, Bob Armstrong, Brian Booxson, Evie Trenamen, Shane Dawes, Benjamin Gibson, Michael Harrigan, Kathy Immoos, Patricia Lynch, Dorothy Maudsley, Alice Hodowaniec, Julian Watkins, Ben Rose, Charlotte Larose

Readings Next Week 26th Sunday in Ord Time

1st Reading: Amos 6:1,4-7

2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

Responsorial Psalm: 25th Sunday Ord Time Yr C

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

PARISH LITURGY SCHEDULE

MASS TIMES

Star of the Sea Gladstone

- ◆ Tuesday 5:30pm
- ◆ Wednesday 7:00am (except 8am 1st Wednesday of month at Mater)
- ◆ Thursday 1 0:40am Chanel College otherwise 7am
- ◆ Friday 9:30am
- ◆ 1st Saturday of the month Healing Mass 8:30am
- ◆ Sunday 8:00am & 6:00pm

St Peter Chanel Tannum Sands

- ◆ 6:00pm 1st, 3rd, and 5th Saturday Vigil of the month
- ◆ 8:00am 2nd & 4th Sunday Lay Led Liturgy
- ◆ 9:30am 3rd Wednesday of the month Lay Led

St Peter Chanel Miriam Vale

- ◆ 11:00am 2nd Sunday of the month

Our Lady of Mt Carmel, Mt. Larcom

- ◆ 11:00am 1st Sunday of the month

St Patrick's Calliope

- ◆ 6:00pm Saturday Vigil 2nd & 4th

St Mary's Ubobo

- ◆ 11:00am 3rd Sunday of the month

St Agnes, Agnes Water

- ◆ 12:00pm 4th Sunday of the month
- ◆ Lay Led Liturgies on the other Sundays at 12:00pm

NURSING HOME MASSES

Bindaree Lodge

- ◆ 1st Wednesday of the month at 2:15pm

Eden Vale

- ◆ 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:30pm

Domain Auckland Place

- ◆ Last Wednesday of the month at 2:15pm

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Available every Saturday morning 8:30am Star of the Sea Church except when Mass is celebrated on the first Saturday of the month.

ROSARY

Star of the Sea

- ◆ 1st Saturday of the month after the 8:30am Mass
- #### St. Peter Chanel Tannum Sands
- ◆ Wednesdays at 10.00am

We acknowledge the Gooreng Gooreng, Bailai & Gurang people, traditional custodians of what we now call Gladstone

RECONCILIATION

Star of the Sea

- ◆ 9:00am - 9:30am Saturday
- Other Mass centres available on request

BAPTISMS

Star of the Sea Church

- ◆ 2nd Sunday after 8:00am Mass

Other Mass centres

- ◆ Available on request

Parents are to take part in a baptism preparation class held on the 4th Sunday of the month in the Parish Office 38 Herbert St. Gladstone. Baptism packs are available at the Parish Office.

MARRIAGES

An appointment with a priest is required prior to booking the marriage date.

MANAGING COMPLAINTS in the DIOCESE OF ROCKHAMPTON:

The Catholic Diocese of Rockhampton abides by the principles and procedures of Towards Healing. The Diocese is committed to healing for victims by providing a sensitive and compassionate response to complaints.

Contact the Diocesan Professional Standards and Safeguarding office:

Response Line on m: 1800 830 113 (free call) or email: pssso@rok.catholic.net.au

Diocesan Website for more information: www.rok.catholic.net.au

TIMETABLE THIS WEEK

Saturday 21 September

St. Patrick's, Calliope—6:00pm

Sunday 22 September

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8:00am & 6:00pm

St Peter Chanel, Tannum Sands—8:00am lay led

St Agnes, Agnes Water—12 noon

Tuesday 24 September

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—5:30pm

Wednesday 25 September

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—7:00am

Thursday 26 September

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—7:00am Lay Led

Friday 27 September

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—9:30am Lay Led

Saturday 28 September

Peter Chanel, Tannum—6:00pm

Sunday 29 September

Star of the Sea, Gladstone—8:00am & 6:00pm

St Agnes, Agnes Water—12 noon Lay Led