



St Patrick's Parish Emerald Welcomes You

Year C
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
17th & 18th September 2022

SUNDAY CONNECTIONS

Gospel Reading

Luke 16:1-13 (shorter form, Luke 16:10-13)

Jesus tells a parable about a dishonest steward who is commended for his prudence; one cannot serve both God and money.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favor for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

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Becoming Catholic

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith?

Welcome! The Catholic Church's mission is to offer people of all ages and backgrounds the opportunity to deepen their understanding and relationship with Jesus Christ.

Becoming Catholic involves a journey of faith, accompanied by the support of a parish community. This process is called Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, or RCIA. During the RCIA process you meet with others to share, reflect, pray and learn more about the Catholic faith. There are ceremonies or 'rites' at each stage to signify the steps along the way.

If you or someone you know would like to know more about becoming Catholic, please contact the parish office on 49 821066. All enquiries most welcome.

Wishing all our students, families and teaching staff a safe, happy and relaxing holiday.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE HERE !!



**We acknowledge the Gayiri People,
Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather today,
and pay respects for their Elders, past and present.**

We extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island peoples here today.

*We, St Patrick's Catholic Parish, welcome all into a personal relationship with Jesus Christ through
Community, Service, Spirituality and Faith Formation.*

Please Especially Pray For

Sick: Terry Smith, Myra Stanton, Vinita Allix, Mike Burns, Margaret McCormack, Shirleen Piltz, Rita Ross, Dane Tappenden, Dolour Yore, Mary Hornery, Lawrence McNamee.

Deceased: Queen Elizabeth II, Shirley Burow, Pam Dallas, Sr Anne-Maire Kinnane rsm, Ross Gooley, Peter Finch, Bryan (Les) McConnell.

Anniversaries: Jim Moriarty, Denise Kirby, Brian Anger, Kath Dwyer, Eric Chapman, Daph Arthur, Dallis Daniels, Mary Finch, John Campbell, Aileen Campbell, Marie Sweeney, Danny Hooper, Helen Hatte, Adam Garde, Norm Martin, Lyn Schofield, Roy Dale, Lincoln Gretton, Noel Murray, Dulcie Brown, Sr Francesca McGuire, Tim Mahony, Gail Hanrahan, Kathy Pearce, Monica & Robert Bailey, Yvonne Davidson, Peter Sweeney, George Bulger.

Please contact the parish office if you are aware of people or families within our community requiring our prayers and/or support.

Weekly Giving Results

	July	August
Envelopes	495	385
Direct Credits	3095	3680
Loose	3142	3586
Average	1346	1912

Recently the Parish Finance Council finalised the 22/23 Budget. In upcoming weeks detailed information will be presented. Below for your information is the financial report for the year ended June 2022.

St Patrick's Parish Emerald Profit and Loss Report Year ended 30 June 2022

Income	
Collections	
(Planned & Loose)	98,201.57
Donations	1,330.00
Fundraising Income	76,383.12
Investment Income	2,659.89
Stole Fees	3,375.00
Holy Goods	7,550.47
Other Income	12,206.03
Total Income	201,706.08
Expense	
Administration	
Expenses	29,746.96
Employment Expenses	78,880.89
Fundraising Expenses	39,150.46
Motor Vehicle	
Expenses	12,558.06
Priest Expenses	39,959.00
Repairs & Maintenance	2,695.36
Utilities & Insurance	24,720.60
Other Expenses	6,338.72
Total Expense	234,050.05
Operating Profit/(Loss)	-32343.97
Less:	
Extraordinary Leave Entitlements	34,638.23
	-66982.20

September Emergency Weekend Relief -
Calvary Christian Church
M: 0488 261 182
Weekday support The Neighbourhood Centre
P: 4982 1896

**National Police Remembrance Day****29 September 2022**

St Patrick's Parish will host the 2022 Police Remembrance Day, commencing at 10.30am. On this National day of Remembrance, communities around Queensland will honour the police officers who have been killed in the line of duty. Please join us.

St Patrick's will also provide a light lunch following the service. A roster has been left on the kitchen bench requesting donations of refreshments and assistance.



Save The Date
Diocesan Safekeeping Inservice
Wednesday, 28 September
5.30pm to 6.30pm

**Baptisms this Weekend**

Alexander Gorden Trefor Jones
Parents: Alexander and Bernadette

**Morning Tea****Sunday 18th September**

Parish gathering for morning tea after Mass this Sunday.

Please bring a plate to share.
All are very welcome.

Baptism Blessing**Evie May Murdoch**

Parents: Stephen and Corina

Ben and Kendal look forward to the occasion of the baptism of Mary Iona Fraser on Saturday, September 24th. Following mass, they will celebrate Mary's baptism at the 'Little Theatre' on Anakie Street. They extend an invitation to all to join their celebration.

Donations being sort to fill our trailer with goodies for the Christmas Raffle.

Catholic School's Roundup**St Brigid's School**

✦ St Brigid's is taking enrolments for Prep-Year 6 in 2023. Go to [sberok.catholic.edu.au](https://www.sberok.catholic.edu.au) and find the enrolments tab.

✦ We wish all our families and friends a safe and happy school holiday break

Best Wishes, Tegan Green - Principal

St Patrick's School

✦ Enrolments for 2023 are now open. For more information and online application please visit: <https://www.stpatricksemerald.com.au/>

Best Wishes, Chris Ferguson - Principal

Church September Roster

Ground Maintenance: Michael & Jack Heinemann

Church Linen: Cathy Chapman

Church Cleaning:

23rd: Jackie, Loyola, Marie

30th: Lyn, Cathy

THIS WEEKEND 17/18 September

Sacristan:

6pm: John Millard

8am: Peter Agius

Commentators:

6pm: Margaret Smith

8am: Ben Fraser

Readers:

6pm: Rod Devlin, Margaret Daniels

8am: Yvonne Farrell, Loyola McKinlay

Communion Ministers:

6pm: Kevin Bickhoff, Margaret Daniels

8am: Sharon McDonald, Janice Moriarty

Altar Servers:

6pm: Volunteers please

8am: Volunteers please

Children's Liturgy:

6pm: No Liturgy School Holidays

8am: No Liturgy School Holidays

Holy Goods:

6pm: Margaret Boland

8am: Sue Peters

Musicians:

6pm: Noel, Cathy, Lorraine Marsh, Volunteers

8am: Roslyn, Mila, Nita

2022 catholic community fair Nov 4th from 5.30pm