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No one can serve two masters

Either you will love the one and hate the other
or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other
You cannot serve both God and money
Matthew 6:24 NIV



Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am [1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

- After 9:15am Mass Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:
Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church

ENCOUNTER Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House.

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Link:

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Upcoming Holy Days:

- Tue 20th: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, and Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions & Martyrs
- Wed 21st: St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist
- **Thu 23rd Mass offered to Queen Elizabeth II**
- Fri 23rd: St Pius of Pietrelcina, Padre Pio

Next School Grade Mass:

- Friday 14th October: 9.15 (Yr. 3)

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Wilma McCoy, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Dennis Sullivan, Evan Senn, Athan Loucas, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Raymond Cope, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Lauren Evans, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Cinzia Coboche and Leo Falzon.

Special prayers for Julie Seal at this time, as she is gravely ill.

Death Anniversaries: James Hird.



First Reading

Am 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord God 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 sweepings of the wheat.'
The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob,
'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(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.)**

Second Reading 1 Tm 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 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.

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 16:1-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples: '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?

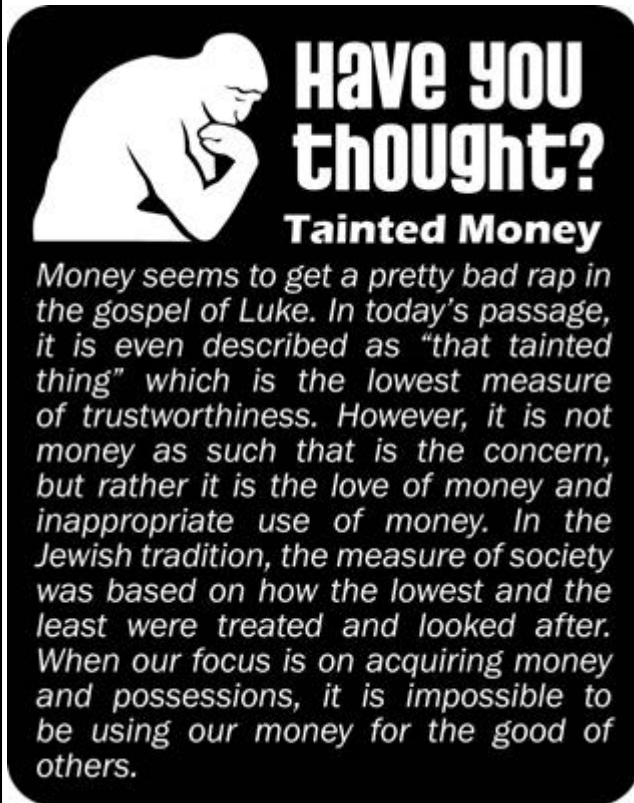
'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

Communion Antiphon

Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

EXPLORING THE WORD



At first reading, this text is very puzzling. How can dishonesty be so rewarded? The action in the text is easier to understand when we know something of how commerce was conducted at the time. According to Jewish Law, it was not permissible to charge interest. To get around this, the practice developed of increasing the original debt to cover what would have been a normal interest rate. What the cunning steward has done is to reduce the debt to the level of the original loan. The Master will be paid his due according to the Law, but no more. If the Master complained of this action, his sin would come to light. The real criticism in this text is directed to those who have been entrusted with the riches of God's kingdom

and have not used them well. The point is that all who are called to share the riches of the kingdom must commit themselves to careful administration of those inestimable treasures. This is much more important than administering the riches of this world.

MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Are you the sort of person on whom others can rely, whether it is for little things or great things?
- On what are your real friendships based?
- What is the single most important thing in your life?
- The steward was praised for being 'astute'. Explore together what talents and gifts you can identify in members of the group. What talents or gifts would you like to have? How can you cultivate these talents?
- Use your talents for others this week. Be good stewards of creation and act in an ecologically sound way.

DID YOU KNOW?

- One of the dominant themes in Luke's Gospel is the right use of money and the need to beware of becoming distracted by it from the pursuit of God.
- A measure of oil was around 35 litres so 100 measures was a considerable debt.
- A measure of wheat was about 10 bushels so, again, a considerable debt.
- In Jesus' time, wealth was seen as a reward for virtue so these words were a great challenge.

SHARING THE TRADITION

- A closer look at the Scripture of the day, to see how it makes more explicit God's word to us through the teachings of Jesus Christ
- Truth, honesty, integrity and trustworthiness are among the virtues to be cultivated by Christians who are committed to following the way of Jesus. The Church has formulated a series of virtues over the ages: 'Four virtues play a pivotal role and accordingly are called "cardinal"; all others are grouped around them. They are prudence, justice, fortitude and temperance' (CCC, §1805).
- Use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to explore what these terms mean. How may they be practically understood in the present age?
- The theological virtues are faith, hope and charity (CCC, §§1812–1829).
- Again, use the Catechism of the Catholic Church to explore what these terms mean. How may they be practically understood in the present age?
- St Paul gives lists of virtues to be cultivated and vices to be avoided (see, for example, Galatians 5:19–23 or 1 Thessalonians 5:12–22).
- Find and read some of these lists, and discuss how these 'virtues' and 'vices' are manifested in practical ways in our world and in our daily lives.
- How are Christians called to respond in certain situations? Be very practical in the examples chosen for discussion.

SYMBOLS AND IMAGES

Just like the steward in this story, we are entrusted with God-given talents and we must use them in a way that will yield genuine riches. Increasingly in the modern world, we are also aware that we must be good stewards of God's creation to ensure its riches for future generations.

Pope to civil authorities in Kazakhstan: 'Harmonise with your past and present'

Pope Francis meets with civil authorities and the diplomatic corps in Kazakhstan, and urges them to find harmony, as they do in their history and traditions, to allow peace and democracy to prevail in the country.

By Francesca Merlo

Pope Francis arrived in Kazakhstan on Tuesday for his 38th Apostolic Journey outside of Italy. Meeting on that same afternoon with Authorities, Civil Society, and the Diplomatic Corps in Nur-Sultan, the Pope offered a "cordial greeting" to all, before expressing his "honour" at being there as "a pilgrim of peace, seeking dialogue and unity". The Pope began by stressing the urgency with which our world needs peace and to "recover its harmony". He went on to use the Kazakh traditional instrument, dombra, one of the most important symbols of the country, as an example of this.

The dombra

Born in the Middle Ages, the dombra has accompanied, down the centuries, the recitation of sagas and poetry linking the past to the present. "As a symbol of continuity in diversity," Pope Francis said, "its rhythm accompanies your country's memory; it how important it is, amid today's rapid eco-changes, not to neglect the bonds that connect us to the lives of those who have gone before the memory of Kazakhstan holds "a glorious humanity, and suffering". The Pope noted that the country's history of culture, He recalled the prison camps and mass deportations that occurred in the country's history, and the fact that despite this "Kazakhs themselves remain prisoners of these injustices: the memory of your seclusion led to a deep concern for inclusion", he said. Returning to the image of the dombra, the Pope noted that it is played by plucking its two strings. The two parallel strings can symbolize the harmony between Kazakhstan's freezing winters and scorching summers, between modern and historic cities, and "above all we can hear the 'notes' of two souls, Asiatic and European, which give it a permanent 'mission of linking two continents'".



The 550 ethnic groups and the over 80 languages present in the country, with their diverse histories and cultural and religious traditions, make Kazakhstan "a unique multiethnic, multicultural, and multi-religious laboratory and disclose its particular vocation, that of being a country of encounter".

The contribution of religions

With this in mind, the Pope stressed that his presence in the country is "to emphasize the importance and the urgency of this aspect of encounter, to which the religions are called especially to contribute". Religious freedom represents "the best channel for civil coexistence", he added.

The Pope went on to note that the word "Kazakh" refers to walking in freedom and independence. Seeds of hope In recent months a process of democratization has begun in the country, "with the aim of strengthening the competencies of the Parliament and of the local authorities and, more generally, a greater distribution of power". This is a meritorious, yet demanding process, said the Pope, and it requires persevering towards the goal without turning back. Considering Kazakhstan's geopolitical significance as a crossroads, "it has a fundamental role to play in lessening cases of conflict", said the Pope. "Thinking specifically of global commitment to peace, I express deep appreciation for this country's decisive repudiation of nuclear weapons and its efforts to develop energy and environmental policies centred on decreased dependence on carbon fuel and on investment in clean sources of energy, the importance of which was emphasized by the International Exhibition held here five years ago".

This, along with the commitment to interreligious dialogue, is a seed of hope sown in the common soil of humanity, stressed the Pope. "It is up to us to cultivate those seeds for the sake of coming generations, for the young, whose desires must be seriously considered as we make decisions affecting the present and the future". Bringing his discourse to a close, Pope Francis thanked all those present for their hospitality and for the opportunity granted to spend these days in fraternal dialogue with the leaders of many religions. "To you who have primary responsibility for the common good, and to all the people of the nation, I express my joy at being here and my readiness to accompany with prayer and closeness every effort being made to ensure the prosperous and harmonious future of this great country."



Parish Footy Tipping Semi Fianals



The Semi-Finals were exciting but not for most of our tippers who chose Melbourne. Melbourne, a logical choice seeing they had defeated Bris. Lions very easily just a few weeks earlier. Also, Brisbane have had a poor record playing at the MCG. The Magpies showed they were winners, not losers, and that their previous defeat was just a lost game. Marg. Canty and Maree O'Halloren failed to choose both winners so everyone is back in the Knockout Competition. There is only one Melbourne team in the remaining Preliminary Finals and one from Regional Victoria, Sydney Swans (ex Sth. Melb.) and Brisbane Lions (ex. Fitzroy).

HISTORY: We were saddened by the death of Queen Elizabeth the 2nd after her reign of 70 years. We do not know who will win the Premiership in 2022, her last year. However we do know who won in her first year back in 1952. Essendon failed to reach the top 4 for the first time since 1946. The top four were Geelong (the strong favourites!), Collingwood, Fitzroy and Carlton. Carlton knew how to kick points! They were 0--5--5 at 1/4 time and 3-10-28 at halftime in the 1st. semi against Fitzroy and lost. Geelong def. Coll. in 2nd Semi but the Magpies defeated Fitzroy, so had a 2nd chance against Geelong. In the Grand Final, Geelong 13-8-86 to Collingwood 5-10-40 closer than the semi. After the Carlton final, Keith Warburton collapsed due to a stomach injury. He had many blood transfusion and hovered between life and death. Fortunately he survived and continued his great career.



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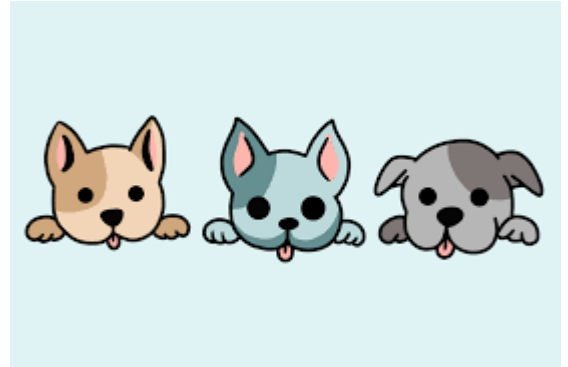
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Jokes of the Week



1) "Four and take two, myself." A businessman who heads his own company interviewed three applicants for a job. As a test, he asks: "If you divide six by two, what's the result?" "Three," answered the first applicant. He was not hired for being too honest. "Two," answered the second applicant. Again, he was not hired because he was dishonest and for being an ignorant fool. This third applicant answered, "Sir, if I were to divide six between you and me, I would rather give you four and take two, myself." He was hired for being clever.



2) Wisdom of the children of the world: The local Jewish Rabbi is out jogging through the countryside. He encounters a man with two puppies for sale. He asks the man what kind of puppies they are, and the man responds, "They're Jewish puppies, Rev. Rabbi." The Rabbi thinks that it is so great that the next day he brings his wife to see these puppies for herself. He asks the man to tell his wife what kind of puppies they are, and the man responds, "They're Catholic puppies." The Rabbi looks puzzled and says, "Yesterday, you told me they were Jewish puppies." The man smiles and says, "Yesterday, they were. But today, they have their eyes opened and a Catholic priest booked them offering a higher price and paying in advance!"

3) Trustworthy with dishonest wealth? Abraham wanted a new suit, so he bought a nice piece of cloth and then tried to locate a tailor. The first tailor he visited looked at the cloth and measured Abraham, then told him the cloth was not enough to make a suit. Abraham was unhappy with this opinion and sought another tailor. This tailor measured Abraham, then measured the cloth, and then smiled and said, "There is enough cloth to make a pair of trousers, a coat and a vest, please come back in a week to take your suit." After a week Abraham came to take his new suit and saw the tailor's son wearing trousers made of the same cloth. Perplexed, he asked, "Just how could you make a full suit for me and trousers for your son, when the other tailor could not make a suit only?" "It's very simple," replied the tailor, "The other tailor has two sons."

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25th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 17th & 18th September 2022

6.00pm Readers: Louise Renshaw, Faye Murphy

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Hird, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers: Kevin Morley, John Azzopardi

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Michael Harrison

Eucharistic Ministers: Rosina di Petta, Sandra Barrett

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 24th & 25th September 2022

6.00pm Readers: Brian Scantlebury, Iris Hallinan

Eucharistic Ministers: Joyce Ward, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino

Eucharistic Ministers: Patricia Thomas, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Joan Clements, Patricia Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: John Spaziani, Sandra Barrett

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