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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C– 21 September 2025

Dear Brothers and Sisters, “You cannot serve both God and mammon.”

This Sunday’s Gospel presents us with the challenging parable of the dishonest steward. At first glance, the story can seem confusing—why is the master commending a servant who manipulated the accounts? But as always, Jesus invites us to dig deeper to uncover spiritual truths.

The steward is about to lose his position for mismanaging his master’s property. Faced with a crisis, he acts shrewdly reducing the debts of his master’s clients, likely removing his own unjust commission. While his motives may be self-preserving, his quick thinking and foresight are what the master praises—not his dishonesty, but his cleverness in preparing for the future.

Jesus uses this moment to contrast the “children of this world” with the “children of light.” Those who live without reference to God often show remarkable creativity and urgency in securing their earthly futures. But do we, as disciples, show the same passion and intention when it comes to our eternal future?

The parable is not a lesson in shady business tactics—it is a call to wise stewardship. Jesus urges us to be faithful in small things, to manage earthly wealth in a way that reflects heavenly values: generosity, justice, compassion. He challenges us to use even the resources of this world (“unrighteous wealth”) for good, building relationships and helping others, so that we may be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

The passage ends with a powerful truth: “No servant can serve two masters... You cannot serve God and mammon.” In a world obsessed with wealth, status, and consumption, we are reminded that our hearts must be undivided. Money is a tool—not a master. When we allow it to rule our lives, we lose sight of the kingdom. But when we place God first, even our financial decisions become part of our discipleship.

Let us then examine our stewardship—how we use our time, treasure, and talents. Are we preparing not only for retirement, but for eternity? Are we faithful in the small things, trusting that God sees and rewards our efforts?

May we serve God with undivided hearts, using all we have—not for personal gain—but for the glory of His Kingdom. Amen
Fr Vinco Muriyadan

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend the gospel speaks about the way we deal with money, so I thought I would like to reflect with you on a catholic perspective on **Redefining Wealth: A Catholic vs. Secular Perspective**. (page 3)

25th September (next Thursday) - I would like to invite you to a talk on **Marriage as a pilgrimage and partnership, from conflict to healing**. Open to all Married, single, in new relationships or want to know about how to deal with relationships in a Christian perspective. See inside for details. **Fellowship, Food and Fabulous Speakers -Free Event**.

Prayers for the Sick: You may have noticed that some people whom we have been praying for have been on our prayer list for a very long time. Shortly, we will be updating this list and would appreciate if you can contact the office to inform whether names should still be appearing. Please email: apostles@bigpond.com or call the office. We thank parishioners who keep us up to date with progress and let us know when they or family/ friends recover and can come off the list.

Communion for the Sick: Can you please contact the office if you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion at home. The priests will contact you to organize a convenient time to visit. **Fr Leonard**

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday 5pm Sacred Heart Church, Newstead
Sunday 7.30am Carmelite Monastery
9am St Patrick’s Chapel, Prospect
9am St Finn Barr’s Church, Invermay
10.30am Church of the Apostles, Launceston
5.30pm Church of the Apostles, Launceston
RECONCILIATION
Saturday 9.30am-10.30am Apostles
4.15pm– 4.45pm Newstead

WEEKDAY MASSES 22-27 September

Monday-Saturday **7.30am**
Carmelite Monastery
Tuesday 12noon Newstead
Wednesday 12noon Apostles
Thursday 12noon Mass Invermay
Friday 12noon Mass Apostles

MASS LIVE-STREAMED

Every Sunday at 9am
Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston or:
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>
Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday

SACRAMENTAL BOOKINGS

Baptisms, Wedding and Funeral Enquiries
Please contact the Parish Office

Interested in becoming Catholic

(RCIA Programme)
Enquiries: Parish Office

CHILDREN’S LITURGY

1st and 3rd Sundays –9am Invermay
2nd and 4th Sundays –10.30am Apostles

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Teens Group: Gr 6-12
2nd and 4th Sundays, Pastoral Centre
4.30pm-5.30pm
YAS (age 18-35) 2nd and 4th Sundays in
the Pastoral Centre 4.30pm-5.30pm
Enquiries: Parish Office

We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

FEAST OF ST THERESE – The feast of St Therese will be celebrated with a Sung Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, 7 Cambridge St., Launceston on **Wednesday 1st October at 9:30am**. Archbishop Tony 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

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION will be held in the Nano Nagle Room on Wednesdays at 11am and at 5pm. Christian Meditation is a method of prayer to help us set our eyes on God, in silence and grow closer to Him with Gratitude and Love. All are welcome. **Enquires: Tina: 0417305546**

LECTIO DIVINA Every Friday morning 10.30 am for 1 hour, at the Pastoral Centre, Lectio Divina - Contemplating and praying the scriptures for the upcoming weekend Mass readings. A time to slow down, to listen with the ears of your heart. Everyone is welcome.

FRIDAY HOLY HOUR Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for one hour every Friday when the 12noon Mass is held at the Church of the Apostles.

HEALING MASS for all the sick and aged in our parish for all those who are in need of Our Good Lord's anointing and mercy. **Every First Friday at Church of the Apostles at 12 noon.**

THE CARMEL SHOP: The Carmel Shop, 7 Cambridge St, West Launceston is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays. Enquiries: carmelshop@yahoo.com

Safe community request Launceston Catholic Parish - Can I please request parents to not leave your children unaccompanied during Masses as leaving your children to wander in the church grounds with doors open to the parking areas and the main streets could cause harm without proper supervision. Children must be accompanied if visiting toilets as these are sometimes able to be accessed by the public.

Parking in church premises- May I request that 1st priority for parking slots in the church compounds be given to the elderly and disabled members of our parish community, so that they may have easy access to the churches.

Thank you, Fr Leonard

Launceston Catholic Parish presents

JUBILEE PILGRIM TALK SERIES

Join us for our first informal talk on Marriage as a Pilgrimage and Partnership- from Conflict to Healing.

Fellowship, Food and Fabulous speakers

Peter and Sue McKenzie, Tony and Heidi Portugal

Peter and Sue are responsible for the preparation and formation of young couples through the Parish Marriage Preparation Program.

Tony and Heidi come to us from Ulverstone as active members of our Tasmanian Couples for Christ.

25th September, 2025, From 6.00pm – 8.00pm

Pastoral Centre @ Church of the Apostles

This is a FREE event

INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DAY

SUNDAY, 12th OF OCTOBER 2025

A CALL TO CELEBRATE OUR UNITY WITH- IN THE COMMUNITY

We invite you to join us for 9AM Mass at St. Finn Barr's Church, followed by morning tea at the SFB School Hall from 10-11:30AM. There will be presentations from our international communities showcasing their traditional songs and dances. We encourage everyone to wear their national costumes at Mass and during the celebrations. Please bring a plate to share if you can.

Enquiries: Christina (0400183341) or Sr Elizabeth(0407215702)

YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

FOR OUR NEWLY BAPTISED especially **William and Hamish Hardacre** (Broderick and Bridget) and **Remy Simmons** (Shaun and Renee) who will celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism within our parish this weekend.

FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Merrill Thompson, Marcus Hughes, Jenny Bowe, Christina Waiss, Kath Aldred, Carol Cleary, Christopher Chauvet, Elsie Saltmarsh, Ruth Adams, Joanne Foley, Margaret Grossmith, Therese Brennan, Irene La Palombara, Kees Moolenschot, Egidio Tosello, Brigitte, Pat McCarthy, Shirley O'Byrne, Will Smith, Merrill Thompson, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Maria Holton, Louisa Buttazzoni, Alida Moolenschot, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Bev Callahan, Alfred Weeding, Maureen Saunders, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Beardwood, 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, and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED Charlie Randall and Drew Duncan who have died recently, Patricia Ahearn, Graeme Page, Len Bailey, John Izard, Mary Johnson, Colin Meek, Theresia Zegveld, Patrick O'Brien, Irena Silva, Mervyn Slater, Dorothy Williams, Pat Duffy, Patricia Hawksley, Maree White, Bob Powell, Frank Buttazoni, Leslie Lavelle, Helen Cunningham, and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

Redefining Wealth: A Catholic vs. Secular Perspective - In a world where success is often equated with financial abundance, the Catholic approach to wealth presents a stark contrast. Rather than viewing wealth as an end in itself, Catholic teaching frames it as a tool for stewardship, service, and spiritual fulfillment. Christopher McMahon, CEO of Aquinas Wealth Advisors and author of Faithful Finances, offers valuable insights on how Catholics can align their financial decisions with their faith.

Secular society often ties wealth to personal gratification—luxury possessions, extensive travel, and prestigious assets. Many seek fulfillment in accumulating riches, only to find themselves searching for deeper meaning. McMahon argues that this pursuit frequently leads to emptiness rather than contentment. In contrast, the Catholic tradition emphasizes wealth as a means to provide for one’s family, support those in need, and contribute to the greater good. Rather than being an end goal, financial success is viewed as an opportunity to live out one’s faith through responsible management and generosity.

Financial Planning as a Moral Responsibility - Managing wealth wisely is not just a practical necessity but a moral obligation. Catholics are encouraged to plan their finances prudently to ensure stability, care for loved ones, and prepare for the future. McMahon highlights the importance of intergenerational wealth, emphasizing that parents play a crucial role in teaching their children financial responsibility and faith-driven stewardship.

A well-structured financial plan enables individuals to avoid excessive debt, invest ethically, and make charitable giving a consistent practice. Thoughtful financial decisions ensure that wealth serves a greater purpose rather than fostering materialism.

The Role of Charity and Philanthropy - Giving is a fundamental aspect of Catholic life. Inspired by Christ’s call to care for “the least of these” (Mt. 25:40), Catholics are called to be generous with their resources. McMahon advises individuals to do the following:

Establish a Giving Plan: Allocate a set portion of income for the church as a donation weekly or monthly. Talk to parish office if you would like to be a plan giving member.

Focus on Meaningful Causes: Rather than spreading contributions thinly, identify a few impactful organizations that align with Catholic values.

Engage Beyond Finances: Volunteering and actively supporting causes can be as valuable as monetary donations. Many Catholic charities and religious orders, such as the Sisters of Life or the Missionaries of Charity, are deeply committed to serving those in need. Supporting such organizations ensures that resources are used effectively to make a lasting impact. I hope this is helpful as your financial planning.

Nationwide Public Rosary Rally to Our Lady of Fatima to be held in the grounds of Church of Apostles on **Saturday, 11th October, 2025, at 11.00am.**



Come along to pray for Peace in the World. Limited seating available, so please bring a chair if needed.

Refreshments to follow in the Pastoral Centre. All Welcome. Enquiries to Rozanne on 0498278057.

WEEKEND RETREAT ON CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY

You are warmly invited to attend our Carmelite Secular Order Retreat at the **Emmanuel Centre, Launceston from Friday 24th – Sunday 26th October.**

Fr Aloysius Rego, Carmelite Friar based in Sydney, will be the Spiritual Director who will guide us closer to draw God through the writings of two great women Doctors of the Church “**St Teresa of Avila and St Therese of the Child Jesus**”.

Cost of weekend including all meals and accommodation is \$300.

Call Sandra on 6331 4991 for further information and bookings

Catholic Theological College

Online Information Session

Monday 27 October at 7pm (AEDT)

Register via our website:
ctc.edu.au/information-session

Catholic Theological College

Knox Public Lecture

Wednesday 15 October 2025

7.30pm

For more information:
ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture/

Catholic Theological College

Engaging Your Faith

in October 2025

From \$25 per session.

For more information:
ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

A VOCATION VIEW

You cannot serve two masters. Whom do you choose to follow? You have to make a choice. (Luke 16:13)

“My Son Carlo” Biography of St Carlo Acutis

Written by his mother, Antonia Salzano Acutis
Notre Dame Monastery Tasmania has secured the Australian rights to the book which is now available at The Carmel Shop, West Launceston for \$30
E: carnelshop@yahoo.com



The Catholic Parish of Launceston embraces and whole-heartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework.

**Enquiries: Safe Communities officer- Parish Office 63314377 or email: launceston@aohtas.org.au
Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church or visit: SafeCommunitiesTas.com.au**

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

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 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Corinthians 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

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.'



Next Sunday's readings- 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1,4-7

Psalm 145:6-10

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

Ponder and pray the living Word of God



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Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish

BSB: 067 000; **Account No:** 1031 6153.

Reference: "your surname"

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. Never permit me to be separated from You.