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TWENTY – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C- **21ST SEPTEMBER 2025**

The Gospel of Luke (16:1-13) offers the parable of the dishonest steward, a story that is often misunderstood and can seem at odds with Christian values. However, it's not a tale about praising dishonesty, but a profound lesson in prudence and using earthly resources for a heavenly purpose. The parable's central character, a manager caught wasting his master's possessions, acts decisively when faced with dismissal. He shrewdly reduces the debts of his master's debtors, not out of generosity, but to secure future favours. His master, upon learning of this, praises the steward not for his dishonesty, but for his cleverness and foresight. This is the key: Jesus is not commending the steward's immoral act, but his prudence in a crisis. The steward, uses worldly means to secure his future. Jesus then challenges us to be as shrewd, but for a different kind of future—an eternal one. He encourages us to use their worldly possessions to make friends for eternity, so that when these earthly resources fail, they may be welcomed into eternal dwellings. This parable urges us to be proactive and intentional with our wealth and resources. Instead of hoarding or wasting what we have, we're called to use it strategically to build God's kingdom and serve others, recognising that everything we have is ultimately a gift from God.

The first reading from Amos (8:4-7) provides a sharp contrast to the parable's lesson on prudence. Amos, a prophet who spoke out against social injustice, condemns those who exploit the poor and "fix the scales" to cheat their customers. He warns against the dangers of greed and the desire to "buy the poor for silver." This message serves as a powerful reminder that while we are called to be shrewd, we must never do so at the expense of others. Our prudence should be guided by justice and mercy, not by a desire for personal gain at all costs. Paul's first letter to Timothy (2:1-8) offers another layer to this reflection. He urges us to pray for all people, especially for leaders and those in authority. This prayer is for our ability to "lead a quiet and tranquil life in all devotion and dignity." This call to prayer for others broadens our perspective from individual stewardship to communal responsibility. It reminds us that our actions and prayers are interconnected, and that using our resources—be they time, talent, or treasure—for the good of the community is a part of our Christian duty. The "dishonest" steward's cleverness serves as an unsettling yet powerful mirror. It forces us to confront our own priorities and to consider if we are as proactive about our spiritual future as we are about our earthly security. Let us seek to be good stewards of all that has been given to us, so that when our earthly life comes to an end, we may be welcomed into the eternal dwellings promised by Christ.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? RCIA is held every second Monday .Please contact the Parish office for more information.



MASS TIMES

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart

7.30am: Tuesday - Friday
5.00pm: Saturday
10.30am: Sunday
6.00pm: Sunday

Sacred Heart Church New Town

9.15am: Tuesday- Thursday
8.00am: Saturday
8.30am: Sunday

Lawrenny Court

(131 Hill St West Hobart)
10.30am: Friday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St Mary's Cathedral, Hobart
4.00pm - 4.30pm: Saturday

NOVENA TO OUR LADY AND ROSARY

Sacred Heart Church, New Town
After 9.15am Mass: Wednesday
7.30am: Saturday

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Mary's Cathedral Crypt, Hobart
6.00pm - Midnight: Friday

SACRAMENTS & DEVOTIONS

*ENQUIRIES FOR BAPTISMS AND MARRIAGE
PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE*

PIETY SHOP Thursday, 10 am – 3pm. Saturday & Sunday the shop is open after every weekend Mass



Pope Francis has declared 2025 a Jubilee Year for our Church, themed "*Pilgrims of Hope*", a year of hope for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the climate crisis. As Pope Francis states "the forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope."

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

A heartfelt thank you to all who have generously volunteered their time and talents to support and enrich our Parish community. Your contributions are deeply appreciated. There are always many ways to get involved if you're willing! We are currently in need of **readers for all our Masses**. If you've ever considered it, please know it's not as hard as you might think, and your help would be most welcome.

You can also leave your **name and contact number** at the Parish Office, or get in touch with **Deacon Mick** directly—either in person or by text on **0403 741 913**.

"We would love to hear from YOU !!"

THIS WEEK

Mon September 22 **RCIA Session**, Cathedral 1st floor.

Tue September 23 **Chatter That Matters**, Fr Shami Perera Cathedral 1st Floor

Fri September 26 **Adoration** 6pm– 12 am, Cathedral Crypt.

COMING UP

September 27 & 28 **Education of Future Priest Appeal**

October 4th **Women's Retreat**, Our Lady of Victories Shrine Lutana

THE CATHOLIC STANDARD

The September edition of the Catholic Standard has arrived.

Please collect your own copy at the back of Cathedral/Church to take home and share with family and friends.

Here are the highlights from this edition:



- Sr Patricia Kingsley: 100 years young
- Holy habits on the Apple Isle: Dominican Sisters to visit Tasmania
- Golden Jubilee celebration marking 50 years of priestly ministry
- Vinnie's new Glenorchy precinct blessed
- Becoming messengers of hope to those living on the margins (Larmenier Catholic School)
- Hope shines bright on pilgrims' journey (Burnie-Wynyard Parish)
- Henry's testimony of faith (Campbell Town Parish)
- Kathy Tarte appointed new Director of Professional Standards Office
- Students learn about cold reality of homelessness (Larmenier)
- Heart-warming response to college blanket drive

The Angelus Prayer



V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, The Lord is with Thee; Blessed art thou among women, And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, Pray for us sinners, Now and at the hour of our death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done to me according to your word. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. And the Word was made flesh.

R. And dwelt among us. **Hail Mary. . .**

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord

Amen.

Cathedral Parish Vinnies Tin Drive

During the month of September our Parish will be running a Tin Food Donation Drive on behalf of Vinnies. We are asking you to bring tins of food and leave them in the baskets at the back of our churches.

All items must be within their 'use by date' and be in tins.

There are more and more people within our city being affected by the cost of living crisis but most of us cannot afford to give large donations.

Our tin drive then becomes a way that we can all help each other simply by sharing in a small way but culminating into a large affect.



Discover Palms Volunteering

Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change!

Discover Palms International Volunteering [online](https://www.palms.org.au) in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our [unique opportunities](https://www.palms.org.au) and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at

[palms.org.au/events](https://www.palms.org.au/events)

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Time: 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

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From Our Anniversary Book: Albert Harwood, Leonard Sattler, Francis Hickey, Evie Doggart, Elaine Brocklehurst, Harry Burton (Snr), Eileen Mazengarb, Jessie Martin, Colin Rollins, Lorraine Walter, Bruno Candon, Carmine Napolitano, Mirella Ghedini, Angelo Toigo, Ellen McAuliffe, Fedora Golembioski, Doris Beck, Leba Mikshakowa, Alfred Scanlon, James Saunders Felice Colavecchio, Jessie Fahey, Monica Fox, Helmut Berger, Christine Mary Graham, Gino Codignotto, Walter Clark, Nora Grace Clark, Constance Pauly, Archbishop Ernest Tweedy Sr Alacoque Shoobridge (PBVM), Sr Aloysius O'Sullivan (PBVM) and Sr Betty Bowes (PBVM).

May they rest in peace!





Women's Retreat

With the Dominican Sisters of St Cecilia

Saturday, 4 October 2025 | 9am - 3:30pm
Our Lady of Victories Shrine, Lutana
(12 Ashbolt Cres, Lutana)



Limited spaces, book now! For more information, or to book your place, scan the QR code or visit:
<https://events.humanitix.com/dominicans-womens-retreat>
Registrations close 27 September, 2025



Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre

Henri Nouwen Book Reading and Discussion Group –
Tuesday September 23rd and September 30th – 10-11.30
am (reading provided) \$5 per session

Dr Drasko Dizdar – Lectio Divina – October 4th and
November 1st – 10-12.30pm – Morning Tea provided -
\$20 per person

Fr. Chris Hope – The Parables of Luke – Monday October
6th, Monday October 13th, Monday October 20th and
Monday October 27th. 10- 12.30 pm – Morning Tea
provided \$20 per person

Beni Abbes Reflective prayer – second Tuesday of each
month – 5-5.40 pm – Gold coin donation (October 14th,
November 11th and December 9th)

Contact: admin.JMHC@sosjspirit.org.au to book or ring
(03) 62281628

Spiritual formation opportunities

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.

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 Wednesday 15th October at 9:30am. Fr Matthew Boland OP will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Morning tea will follow Mass. All welcome.

SAVING OUR UNBORN

HLPS PRESENTS

**TAKING UP THE FIGHT
PRO-LIFE CONFERENCE
HOBART, OCTOBER 25, 2025**

FOR DETAILS, VISIT HLPSTAS.COM.AU

Chatter that Matters

This coming Tuesday Evening at 7pm till 8:30pm on level 1 of the Cathedral Parish Centre.

FR SHAMMI PERERA will be talking about the early church fathers and their place in the history of our Catholic Church.

Beverages and bites to eat supplied. This is our second last talk for the year and not one to be missed.

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE

Archdiocese of Hobart

**Education of Future Priests Appeal
Sat 27 & Sun 28
September**

Help support our seminarian students who are in preparation for entering the priesthood.

Appeal envelopes available in your parish, or you can donate at hobart.catholic.org.au

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY



St Mary's Cathedral Parish embraces and wholeheartedly supports the Archdiocese of Hobart Safe Communities Policy and Framework, which can be found at the Parish office. Any enquiries regarding Safe Communities contact the Parish Office (03) 6234 4463.

READINGS OF THE DAY TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

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.'

GOSPELS FOR THE COMING WEEK

Monday 22nd September	-	Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday 23rd September	-	Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday 24th September	-	Luke 9:1-6
Thursday 25th September	-	Luke 9:7-9
Friday 26th September	-	Luke 9:18-22
Saturday 27th September	-	Luke 9:43-45

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

[TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C](#)

First Reading	-	Amos 6:1. 4-7
Responsorial Psalm	-	Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2
Second Reading	-	1 Timothy 6:11-16
Gospel	-	Luke 16:19-31

Pray and Reflect on the Word of God

Please take your copy of the AVE home to reflect and to share with family and friends.