

25th Sunday in ORDINARY TIME

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

FIRST READING *Am 8:4-7*

A reading from the prophet Amos

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.’

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

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

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.

The word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

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

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.’

The Gospel of the Lord
All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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.

Next Week: 26th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
Readings: *Amos 6:1, 4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31*

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ST GERTRUDE’S PARISH

St Benedict’s Church

Corner Justin & Neville Street
SMITHFIELD

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 6.00pm;
8.00am (Italian); 10.30am; 6.00pm.


Weekday Masses:
9.15am Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday;
7pm Wednesday

Weekday Public Holidays: 10.30am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Adoration:
Wednesdays after evening Mass with Novena to St Benedict until 8.30pm; Saturdays from 4.45pm—5.45pm; & Fridays after the 9.15am Mass

First Friday of the Month:
7pm Mass & Adoration

Chaplet of Divine Mercy: Tuesdays after Mass



Parish Priest
Fr Jarek Zan OSPPE

Assistant Priests
Fr Wojtek Sliwa OSPPE &
Fr Peter James Strohmayer OSPPE

St Theresa’s Church

Corner The Boulevarde & Stella Street
FAIRFIELD WEST

Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil 5pm (Vietnamese);
7.30am & 9.00am; 12 noon (Spanish); 5pm (Arabic)

Weekday Masses:
Mon - Fri 7.00am; Saturday 8am

Weekday Public Holidays: 8.00am


First Friday of the Month:
from 6.30am

First Saturday of the Month:
7am Rosary 8am Mass

Chaplet of Divine Mercy:
Tuesdays after Mass

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22 September 2019



Congratulations to
Emily TUBNER & Kane RIPPINGILL
Married in our Parish

May God confirm them in their love.

We welcome the following
Lucan Pelli

Baptised in our Parish Community

We pray for the sick of this parish
Fr Anthony David OSPPE,
Kevin Dicconson, David Lazarus, Santina Pomili,
Adam Westwood, Emile & Mary Kody,
Kartia Grace Russell, Gino Mifsud & Ivy Fernandes.

Bless our sick today so that they may bear
their illness in union with Jesus’ sufferings and
restore them quickly to health

Please remember in your prayers
Grace Saliba, Nancy Maklouf,
Philomena Greenwood, Mary Grech,
Bertilla Colusso, Josephine Micallef,
James Singh, Rocco Febbo,
Giuseppe Speranza, Filomena Monaco,
Giglioli Puiatti, Rosina Gigliotti, Lorna Green,

Recently Deceased

And for those whose Anniversaries occur
at this time :

Innocenzo Panebianco, Pasqualina Garzaniti,
Gabriele Chiavaroli, Santa Reitano,
Dominic Napoletano,
Giuseppe Castagnella, Filippa Crisafulli

PARISH INFORMATION

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Adult Sacraments (RCIA) Mariola Herbert
Every Sunday at 8.30am in the
Crying Room (in front of St Benedict’s)
Contact Mariola: 0421 944 051.

Children’s Liturgy
Mariola Herbert

Reconciliation:
Smithfield - Sat 4.45—5.45 pm
(or by appointment)

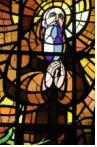
Baptisms: Parish Office 9604 1199
1st Sundays of the month during the
10.30am Mass at St Benedict’s Church; &
Every 3rd Sunday at 12noon St Benedict’s

Marriages: Parish Office 9604 1199
By appointment only (6 months required)


Sick Calls: 9604 1199
Any Time

Pope’s Intention: SEPTEMBER
The Protection of the Oceans
That politicians, scientists and
economists work together to
protect the world’s seas and
oceans.

Novena to St Benedict
Every Wednesday after the 7pm Mass
with Rosary & Exposition of the
Blessed Sacrament



Reconciliation is available during this time.
*Everyone is encouraged to
participate!*



Have you
thought?
Tainted Money

Money seems to get a pretty bad rap in the gospel of Luke. In today’s passage, it is even described as “that tainted thing” which is the lowest measure of trustworthiness. However, it is not money as such that is the concern, but rather it is the love of money and inappropriate use of money. In the Jewish tradition, the measure of society was based on how the lowest and the least were treated and looked after. When our focus is on acquiring money and possessions, it is impossible to be using our money for the good of others.

Church Cleaners

Weekending 28 September
Group B ~ PPC/Teachers