



Sacred
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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 21 September 2025



Readings for
this week:

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-8
Luke 16:1-13



Readings for
next Sunday

Amos 6:1, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Justice III

Those who participate in liturgy are called to integrate Faith and Life so as to live out their faith through acts of service, charity, and advocacy for the marginalised. Yet there are some difficulties that emerge for example: **divergent priorities**—some Catholics focus more on liturgical practices, while others prioritize social justice, sometimes leading to tensions and divisions. Also **balancing liturgy and action**—tension may arise between ensuring a reverent liturgy and actively working for social justice. The Church offers this prayer.

Prayer for Peace & Justice

O God, who have revealed that peacemakers are to be called your children, grant, we pray, that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.
Roman Missal, Mass for civil needs #30.
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Looking at the Readings

In today's first reading, Amos's description of the attitudes, dishonest business practices, and abuse of the poor is classic. People in every generation can recognize it. Today one of its strategies even has a new name in some parts of the world. "Lowering the bushel" (8:5) is now called **shrinkflation**. But in the context of the Season of Creation, Amos's description of the dishonesty and abuse of the poor must be expanded to include the arguments and political policies that give the growth of "the economy" priority over more urgent and wise care of Creation.

In the gospel, the steward is praised for his prudence because he recognizes that his future will not be secured by gathering up his commissions (or more), his part of the rich man's wealth. He uses the wealth to make friends who will welcome him and support him in the future. Jesus taught – and Catholic social teaching has long emphasized – that the successful human life is not measured by the accumulation of wealth or power. The "good life" is the fruit of strong and loving relationships, bonds of friendship and justice, and commitment to community wellbeing.

"Mammon" means "what we trust in." Jesus is uncompromising: we cannot put our trust in both God and money. The severe socioecological crisis in these times makes very clear how pursuing and valuing a practical idolatry of wealth above all else threatens and destroys God's gifts in Creation. It betrays our sacred mission to care for Creation and share it in gratitude and love.

Paul reminds Timothy to pray for everyone because God wills everyone to be saved and come to know the Truth.

From Peace with Creation by James E Hug SJ.

Pope Leo on Creation

The Lord, in the culmination of the mystery of the Incarnation, chose to reach our intimate depths through a fragment of matter. He comes not from above, but from within; he comes that we might find him in this world of ours" (Laudato Si' , 236). ... St Augustine, in his Confessions, brought together creation and humanity in a cosmic hymn of praise: Lord, "your works praise you, that we may love you; may we love you, that your works may praise you" (XIII, 33, 48). May this be the harmony that we spread throughout the world.

Pope Leo XIV, Homily on 9 July 2025

On the Lighter Side

Breaking News: Cartons of eggs now contain only 10 blue eggs: much smaller robin eggs! Shrinkflation has even hit cowboy hats. Now instead of 10 gallons hats, they're only 7!"



 Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list	For those who have died and those who are grieving	
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	
	Our sick and their carers	

Baptism congratulations

- Ivy Shepherd who was Baptised on Saturday morning, daughter of Rose and Jarryd.
- April-Violet and Ruby Draper who were Baptised on Saturday evening during the Mass, daughters of Kristy.



We welcome them into our parish and faith community. May God bless you and keep you safe always Ivy, April-Violet and Ruby.

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 28th September 10:30am

Commentator: Debbie Worm
 Reader: John Keane
 Gospel Procession: Doreen Corrigan
 Gifts: L Mercuri & A Basile
 Eucharistic Minister: Connie Serra
 Screen Operator: Lou Worm
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: E Worm & L Worm

Saturday 4th October 6:00pm

Commentator: Gemma Reyes
 Reader: Domelina Phelan
 Gospel Procession: Peter Crombie
 Gifts: J Caiafa & D Hamilton
 Eucharistic Minister: Not required
 Screen Operator: Carol Coulston
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett

Sunday 5th October 10:30am

Commentator: Rob Miller
 Reader: Denice Bourke
 Gospel Procession: Anne Hutchison
 Gifts: D Corrigan & P Moroney
 Eucharistic Minister: Steve De Lai
 Screen Operator: Debbie Worm
 Music Operator: Trish Warnett
 Money Counters: Lou & Debbie Worm

Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance during Mass.

Two Week Mass Timetable Week Commencing 24th September

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 24th September 9:15am
 Friday 26th September 9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 28th September 10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 1st October 9:15am
 Friday 2nd October 9:15am

Weekend Masses

Saturday 4th October 6:00pm
 Sunday 5th October 10:30pm

Monthly events

Anointing Mass every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am
Italian Rosary every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church
Reconciliation every 1st Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)

Saturday evening Masses: 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month
4th Sunday of the month: Shared lunch in St Mary's Hall

A reminder that from October to March the Saturday evening Mass on the 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month are at 6:00pm.

Ladies Cuppa & Chat



1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.

The next one will be next Wednesday 1st October

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

APPEAL for retired Priests of Sandhurst. We have 12 retired Priests. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the priests and people of the Diocese.

A special collection will be taken this weekend and is the major fundraiser of the year. This day is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication. and to

Plate Collection and Envelope

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the parish.

May God bless you always.

Last week: \$765.00



Thank You

For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.

Luke 16:8

Safeguarding Training – All Parish Volunteers

For all those who support Fr. Uday as volunteers in our Parish we are running another group training on Friday October 10th in the Mercy Centre after Mass at 10am.

The training is designed to provide base knowledge in understanding of our duty of care in relation to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable persons in our Parish.

If you haven't already completed this training this year you would be most welcome to join us. It should go for approximately 1 hour.

Please add your name to the list in the Narthex after Mass.

If you have already completed the training this year could you please give a copy of your certificate to the Parish Office – if not already done. Thankyou.

Orders for **God's Word 2026** (\$20), **Daily Mass Books & Columban Calendars** are being taken.

Please add your name to the list in the Narthex.

Orders are needed by next Sunday 5th October

The Gospel for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C tells the story of a steward who mismanages his master's wealth and then acts shrewdly to secure his future. Though his motives are selfish, his actions show the value of generosity. Even a man driven by greed can see the importance of building relationships and gaining favor through kindness.

This parable challenges us to think about our own use of resources. Everything we have comes from God, and we are stewards of His blessings. Do we use what we have wisely? Do we share generously, or do we hold on tightly, thinking only of ourselves?



Social Services Sunday: Anchors of Hope

Sunday 21 September 2025 marks Social Services Sunday in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne.

On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in Victoria, reaching the lives of more than 300,000 people each year. We recognise and appreciate their commitment and compassion, and reflect on our shared call to be anchors of hope in building a more just and equitable society.

Reflection question: How might we better support each other to support those doing it tough in our communities and society?

You are invited to attend the Diocesan Formation Gathering **"Building Communities of Belonging"** on Saturday, 11 October 2025, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Notre Dame College, Shepparton.

This full-day event will have a particular emphasis on *Strategic Direction 2* (from the [Strategic Mission and Pastoral Goals](#)): *Belonging and a Sense of Community*.

We are pleased to welcome **Dr Paul Sharkey** as our keynote speaker. Paul serves as the Postgraduate Coordinator at Catholic Theological College and is a respected consultant on mission and identity for various Catholic dioceses and religious congregations.

The program will feature a selection of engaging workshops, a plenary session, and dedicated time for parish groups to meet and consider together the important themes and messages from the day.



Register using the barcode or the link here: <https://www.trybooking.com/DBJGS>

We look forward to sharing this enriching day with you.

Registration opens on 1 September 2025.

Lord, help us to be faithful stewards of Your blessings. Teach us to care for the poor, to pray for peace and justice, and to share what we have with those in need. May we always seek to serve You above all else and reflect Your love to the world. Amen.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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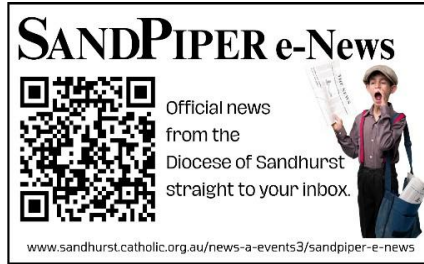
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Fr Brian Boyle

Diocesan Administrator



Today, the College of Consultors elected Very Rev. Dr Brian Boyle EV as Diocesan Administrator.

Fr Brian, Administrator of the Cathedral Cluster of parishes, will serve in this new role until the installation of the ninth bishop of Sandhurst, exercising the administrative authority of a bishop guided by the principle: "While the see is vacant, no innovation is to be made" (Canon 428 §1).

Having worked closely with Archbishop Shane Mackinlay for over twenty years in the Diocese of Sandhurst and at Catholic Theological College, Fr Brian is well-placed to "... remain faithful to the direction set by the former bishop", ensuring continuity across several key diocesan initiatives, including:

- The implementation of the Sandhurst Mission and Pastoral Goals
- The development of Cathedral Square
- The Formation Support Plan
- The diocesan pilgrimage to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Fr Brian brings a wealth of relevant experience to his new role – as a priest, an academic, an educator and fraternal leader. He holds a Licentiate and Doctorate in Sacred Theology from the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and served as Dean of Studies at Corpus Christi College, Carlton from 2015 to 2020. In Sandhurst, he has served as Episcopal Vicar for Education since 2014 and is a Member of Catholic Education Sandhurst Ltd.

Fr Brian has been a pastoral leader to Sandhurst Clergy, having served as Director of Clergy Life and Ministry from 2017 to 2023. He was a member of the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart before being incardinated into the Diocese of Sandhurst in 2012.

Delegate of the Diocesan Administrator



Fr Brian Boyle has appointed Fr Jake Mudge as his Delegate.

Fr Jake will , to assume administrative responsibilities during Fr Brian's pre-arranged annual leave from 6–10 October.

The Bishop's Office remains the primary point of contact for all official engagements and correspondence during this period.

An opportunity for your consideration...

The **Catholic Women's Network** is hosting the Anointed Women's Conference in Sydney on Saturday September 27, featuring keynote speaker Sr Miriam James Heidland SOLT. The event is a time to gather with other women of faith and be reminded that you were created with purpose, chosen by God, and anointed by the Holy Spirit to live fully and freely in your vocation.

Through worship, fellowship, and inspiring talks, you'll have space to reflect, be renewed in prayer, and hear messages that speak to the heart of womanhood in today's world.

Find out more and register at <https://catholicwomensnetwork.org/conference/>

Youth Podcast: Catch The Flame

Sandhurst Youth Ministry has just launched its first episode of a new podcast for young people to explore faith, share real stories, and journey together in discovering what it means to follow Jesus today.

Come as you are — this is your space!

Now streaming on Spotify and Apple Podcast: Catch the Flame: A Sandhurst Catholic Youth Podcast

Like and Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: Sandhurst Youth Ministry Email:

sandhurstyouthministry@sandhurst.catholic.org.au

St Mel's Majellan Club – Celebrating 60 Years of Togetherness

In 2025, we mark a remarkable milestone – 60 years of friendship, faith, and community at St Mel's Majellan Club.

We warmly invite all past and present members to join us in celebrating this special occasion at our St Gerard Majellan Feast Day Mass.

Date: Thursday, 16th October 2025 Time: 11:00 AM

Location: St Mel's Church, 18–22 Hamilton Street

Mass will be followed by a celebratory lunch at the GV Hotel at your own cost.

Please register your attendance before October 2nd by contacting:

Lorraine Corish – 0412 848 548, Maree McKenna – 0409 956 464



DIOCESAN FORMATION GATHERING

Building Communities of Belonging

Keynote Presentation by Dr Paul Sharkey:

The Place of Community and Belonging in a Catholic Parish

Part 1:

Why is it important in the context of the mission of the parish/Church in today's culture?

Part 2:

What can a parish do to grow the sense of belonging amongst its parishioners?

The day offers **insights** and **tools** to help parishes grow a deeper sense of welcome and connection.

SIX PRACTICAL WORKSHOPS TO CHOOSE FROM!

Opportunities to share ideas and experiences through:

- Round Robin dialogues between parishes
- Parish group discussions
- Plenary conversations with shared reflections.



Register Now!

Registrations close
30 September 2025

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1394762>

WORKSHOPS

DIOCESAN FORMATION GATHERING

Geoff Gowdie

Building Communities of Belonging – learning from what others have discovered.
What are the insights from other parishes who are intentionally well into this journey?

Claire Spinelli and Team

A Community of belonging for Young People
What sort of parish culture is invitational, welcoming and inclusive of young people?

Christine Sebire

A community of belonging for Children and Families
What sort of parish culture is invitational, welcoming and inclusive for children and families?

Dr Paul Sharkey and Kim Butler

Parish-School Partner-ship in building communities of belonging
The critical role of parish and school working together to build connection, welcome, trust and belonging with families/children/ young people.

Fr Junray Rayno

Building communities of belonging – local strategies in practice
Examples of practices that are in use in our Diocese.

Dr Chris Cotter and Team

Welcome, hospitality and belonging in Scripture
The essential and foundational role of welcome, hospitality and belonging in the biblical narrative.

Catholic Diocese of Sandhurst



Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 16:10-13

A reading from the holy Gospel according
to Luke.

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can 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.

Longer form Lk 16:1-13



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Breaking Open the Word

RELEASE OF DEBT

Today's Gospel returns us to a favourite repetitive Lukan theme. It is about the disciples' attitudes to wealth and possessions. The teaching takes the form of a story from Jesus. The main character is a rich landowner – a character with which some in Luke's Gospel community could well identify with given that they, too, were property owners.

There's a problem which the owner identifies. He presumes that his manager has been 'wasteful with his [the owner's] property'. We are not sure what 'wasteful' means in this case and we can superimpose our expectations from our Western ideas on to what might be going on. But there could be another agenda at play from Luke's world. Wealth came about through other people becoming poorer. The evangelist wants the wealthy to reconsider their responsibility to poorer Gospel members. The manager could be acting to redistribute wealth in a way that the property owner considers 'wasteful.' The manager's 'redistribution program' might also be operating later when he considers what he will do after he has been fired from his position because of the greed of his landowner.

The release of debt that the manager brings about from those in debt (a key petition in the 'Lord's Prayer') is a release from greater poverty. The wisdom that emerges from the story and is explicated in the final lines of the Gospel is about the use of wealth. It is, for the faith community, the building up of friendship and, for the disciple, to be free. This is being released from being possessed by possessions. Today's Gospel is a timely reminder for us in a world of wealth, bitcoins and foreign exchange.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

21 SEPTEMBER 2025

FIRST READING

Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

The Lord 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 sweeping 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.

RESP PSALM

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

**R. Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor.
(or Alleluia!)**

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 dunghill he raises the poor / to set him in
the company of princes, / yes, with the princes
of his people. **R.**



SECOND READING

1 Tim 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 humankind, 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.