



St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Ballarat

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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)
Sunday 18th September 2016

Reflection: John Thornhill sm

All three readings of today's liturgy point to issues of social justice. In an age in which self-interest and individualism often call the tune, we Christians must not neglect these issues. Our world is far more complex than that of Amos the prophet. Corruption has different forms these days – carefully concealed but just as sinful, because of the damage it does to the life of the community. The inequitable sharing of the world's resources, often artificially maintained, that contributes significantly to world tensions, should be a matter of concern for all Christians.

The situation described in the letter to Timothy is very different from ours – but at the same time so similar. The Christians of that community had no possibility of manipulating the levers of power in the politics of the Roman Empire. The Church should not endeavour to manipulate the political processes of today's democratic state. In both situations, however, Christians still have great responsibility, as citizens. We must make an honourable contribution to the common welfare, at whatever level we are involved. We must have no part in the corruption that can be very tempting, in the complex processes of today's social order. We must support legitimate authority; and have good will towards our fellow citizens, respecting their different points of view, and seeking to work together with them to make a just society. Our great contribution is the Christian values we live by – the vitality of a human community comes from the values its citizens are committed to.

In today's gospel, we meet again Luke's concern to bring home to his fellow Christians the responsibilities and dangers brought by this world's possessions. All will be well in this area of our social responsibility, if our real concerns look beyond the material things that are a necessary part of our lives. If the Church today, as Pope John Paul II has said, renounces any desire 'to be a participant or competitor in the game of politics', it is called to contribute to the wellbeing of the human community by the witness and example it gives. Our lives, and the quality of our relationships as a Christian community, should demonstrate to our troubled world that living according to the ways Christ has given us is not a bondage, but a fulfilment.

The parable of the unjust steward is puzzling. Scholars are not agreed whether the 'astuteness' praised by his master was making fraudulent changes to his debtors' promissory notes, or his forgoing claims for the commission customary in such transactions. In either case the lesson is clear: those dedicated to worldly pursuits are often more wholehearted in their projects than believers are in promoting the things of God. We certainly have a long way to go, if the effective witness held up to us by John Paul II as a goal is to become a reality.

Recent Deaths: Rosina (Rosa) Mondini, Golino Simmaco

Anniversaries: Geoffrey Hall, Vinko Marnica, Jim McArdle, Showrila Nagothu, Noel Pidgeon, Ruth Rush, Brian Scarff, Kevin White

Next week's readings: *Sunday 25th September 2016* *26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Amos 6:1.4-7

Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

We welcome to our Parish through the Sacrament of Baptism;

William Taylor Curran

son of Blake & Alexandra

Freddie James Kavanagh

son of James & Shanna

Jared Patrick Young

son of Kevin & Jinky



May they grow in faith in their loving families and our Catholic Community.

Invitation from St Patrick's Liturgy Committee

As part of the introduction of the new Mass setting - *Mass of Renewal* - to the Cathedral Parish, there will be two Sunday afternoon practices to which all members of the parish, singers and musicians are invited. These practices will be held in **St Patrick's Small Hall** on **Sunday 2nd October and Sunday 16th October at 2.00 pm in the Cathedral.**

Mary in the Bible" A Weekend Seminar in Ballarat (23-25 September 2016)

The Catholic faith has many well-developed traditions and doctrines about Mary, the mother of Jesus. Where did these come from? Protestants and Catholics alike are often surprised to learn that everything we teach about Mary comes *from the Bible*. In this course you will meet Mary in the source-book of Divine revelation, the Holy Scriptures. You will meet the Blessed Virgin Mary as the Apostles and Evangelists knew her and through God's Word your devotion to Mary will be deepened. Nazareth House, Mill Street, Ballarat, Friday 23 to Sunday 25 September, beginning Friday at 7.30pm and ending on Sunday at 4pm. \$95 payable in advance. Morning and afternoon teas provided. Lunch \$10 extra per person, per day. RSVP and Enquiries Maureen van der Linden Ph 0431 273 953
Email: mojo6163@hotmail.com Lecturer David Schütz BTh BA GradDip.

Soulfood

Prayer Group for young adults (18-35) to come together for Adoration and prayer, whilst getting to know a wonderful group of friends. Please come and join us at St Patrick's Cathedral beginning at 5.30 pm Saturday 24th September.

Holy Hour

Thursday 22 Sept 7-8.30 pm Nazareth House Chapel Mill St. Vocations Holy Hour extended to an hour and a half. This is the Hour of Mercy, prayers and singing organised by the Emmaus Group from Melbourne. Special for Vocations in the Year of Mercy. All welcome.

Beyond the Year of Mercy

A retreat afternoon, which is open to all adults, is to be held at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, on Sunday, October 30th from 1.30pm concluding with 5.00pm Mass. The afternoon will be led by Sr Veronica Lawson, a Sister of Mercy from Ballarat, biblical scholar and author of *"The Blessing of Mercy."* Register through the Cathedral Office ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.au or 5331 2933.

Novena

A 9 day Novena will be held at St Patrick's Cathedral from Friday, 29 September to Friday, 7 October, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary for Protection of our Clergy and Religious, Persecuted Christians and World Peace. All Parishioners are invited to join in this Novena because "Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His Mercy, and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Spirit, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering." St Louis de Montfort. Details on Cathedral Notice Boards

Would you like to volunteer overseas?

The Cagliero Project, run by the Salesians of Don Bosco, gives Australians an opportunity to devote six to twelve months in volunteer service to youth in overseas Salesian communities. The Salesians are known for their work with vulnerable and disadvantaged youth. Therefore our volunteers are placed in projects such as schools, youth centres and orphanages. Our aim is to walk in solidarity with young people and for volunteer and host to have a mutual learning experience. We are also present in host communities to be role models, people that young people can aspire to be. The experience as a Cagliero volunteer is not about the volunteer but is focused on the people we go to serve. However, serving as a Cagliero volunteer will probably be the most rewarding thing you ever do! Applications for January 2017 departures are open until October 15th, 2016. Please visit www.cagliero.org.au for more information.

The Gender Revolution

Parousia Media and the Australian Family Association invite you to hear Dr Gabriele Kuby, German author of 12 books including, "The Global Sexual Revolution: The Destruction of Freedom in the Name of Freedom". Dr Kuby will speak on her understanding of the gender revolution we are currently facing, including gay sex education built into the Safe Schools Program - Sunday, October 2, 2016 at St Patrick's Cathedral small hall, Dawson Street, Ballarat at 8.00pm. Free entry but donations would be greatly appreciated. Light supper will be provided. For more information contact Peter Denton, ph. 5334 7805.



eConference on Mercy: A Way of Being in the World

This eConference will commemorate the Jubilee Year of Mercy and take up Pope Francis' invitation to explore this central element of our faith. Tuesday, September 20th St Patrick's Cathedral smaller hall, cuppa from 9.30am eConference 10.30am – 2.45pm. BYO lunch.

Please register with Jacinta at the Parish Office

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Speakers - Archbishop Mark Coleridge, Archbishop of Brisbane and Member of the Pontifical Council for Social Communications, Sr Veronica Lawson RSM, Scripture scholar and author of the highly praised book, *The Blessing of Mercy*, Mr Phil Glendenning, Director of the Edmund Rice Centre and President of the Refugee Council of Australia.

Collections Envelopes \$6,223.00 Parish Loose \$434.20 Presbytery \$2,185.75

Counters 18th September Team 6 Next week Team 7

Masses during the coming week

Monday 12.05 pm Cathedral

Tuesday No Mass Redan 12.05 pm Cathedral 5.30 pm Loreto Sisters

Wednesday No Mass Sebastopol 12.05 pm Cathedral (Anointing Mass & Lunch)

Thursday 9.30am Redan 11.30 am St John of God 12.05pm Cathedral

Friday 9.30am Sebastopol 12.05 pm Cathedral 1.30 pm Benediction

Saturday 10.00am Cathedral

Sacrament of Reconciliation Friday 11.00 am, Saturday 11.30 am

Morning Prayer of the Church 8.00 am Tuesday – Friday in the Cathedral

Cathedral Parish Masses	September 24 th /25 th	Snake Valley	Beaufort	Skipton
6.30 pm Vigil, 8.00 am, 10.30 am, 5.00 pm		7.30 pm	8.30am am	10.30 am

Parish Office hours Monday - Friday 10.00 am – 5.00 pm Phone 5331 2933

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Clergy Frs Justin Driscoll, James Kerr, Anthony Nagothu, Sajan Matthew

Parish Office Jacinta Westbrook, Finance Officer Ro Danski

Family Ministry Anita Houlihan,

Ballarat Health Services Tracy Sillekens

Principals of our three Parish Schools

[St Patrick's Primary](#) Mark Hogbin, [St Thomas More](#) Rosa Tocchet, [Siena](#) at Lucas Jo Brewer