

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 16:10-13

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

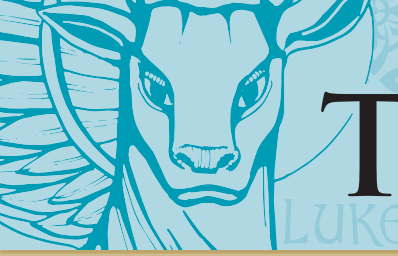
RELEASE OF DEBT

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 dungheap 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.**

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR C)

21 September 2025

Faith in Secret: The Remarkable Beginnings of the Catholic Church in Korea

In Korean history, the country remained closed to outside influences for nearly four centuries due to a strict policy of isolationism. Contact with foreigners was forbidden, and as a result, no missionaries were permitted to enter. However, a few lay scholars sought knowledge of the outside world during their annual diplomatic visits to the embassy in Peking (now Beijing).

One such scholar was **Seung-hoon Lee**, a member of the Realist School of Confucianism. In 1784, during a diplomatic mission, he discovered Christian texts. Intrigued by their moral teachings, he studied them alongside fellow scholars as part of their academic work. Deeply moved by what he learned, Lee chose to be baptised of his own accord, taking the Christian name **Peter**—marking the first known Catholic baptism in Korea.

What began as intellectual curiosity gradually blossomed into genuine faith. The teachings of the Gospel took root in their hearts, and the Catholic faith began to grow—not through missionaries, but through laypeople seeking truth. It was a unique and remarkable beginning.

However, Christianity soon came into conflict with Korea's Confucian-based society. Catholicism was outlawed, and believers were forced to worship in secret—in homes, on mountains, or in caves—much like the early Christians in the Roman catacombs.

Between 1785 and 1866, four major waves of persecution occurred, resulting in the martyrdom of approximately 10,000 Korean Catholics. Among them was **St. Andrew Kim Dae-gon**, the first Korean-born Catholic priest. Ordained abroad, he returned to serve his people but was arrested and executed just one year later, at the age of 25. He is now honoured as the patron saint of Korean priests.

Friends, this extraordinary history reminds us of the power of faith, even amid isolation and danger. It also speaks to the universal nature of the Catholic Church. The word “**Catholic**” means “**universal**”, and so we honour saints not only from our own country but from all cultures and nations around the world.

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LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Sick List

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Fr Martino Jung, Pina D’agostino, Theo Aitchison, Susan Foster, Bernadette McWhinney, Nancy Purpera, Eva Aschberger, Julie Ahearn, William Charles Piercel and all people who are in need of our prayers..

PLEASE NOTE: Names in the sick list will remain there for 4 weeks. If you wish for that person to continue to be prayed for, please advise the parish office again. If you are submitting the name of someone other than yourself and family, please obtain their permission.

Anniversaries

Cass Tuohey, Thomas Keran Schwab, Joseph Perez, Mary Gabrielle Boran, Helena Schembri, Brenda Maher, Fanny Cernesi, Margaret Hyndes, Jill Reeves, Teresa Donovan, Frank Scollo, Philip Sant, Suzanne Hutchins, Marie Therese Broome, Audrey Meier and the anniversaries of all which occur at this time.

Recently Deceased

Maria Hoa, Philip Benedict (Ben) Mendis

CHURCHES

- ST. PATRICK’S**
37 Sutherland St, Kilmore
- OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS**
Cnr The Parade & McKenzie St, Broadford
- OUR LADY OF THE WAY**
30 Alcantara Blvd, Wallan East
- ST. MICHAEL’S**
33-35 Wandong Ave, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

- Sat (Vigil)** 5 pm, Broadford
6.30 pm, Kilmore
- Sun** 8.45 am, Wallan
10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

- Tue, Thu-Sat** 9 am, Kilmore
- Wed** 9 am, Wallan

CONFESSION

30 minutes prior to each Mass & during Adoration (Thu)

DEVOTIONS

- Adoration & Benediction**
Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore
- Divine Mercy Chaplet**
15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore
- Rosary**
after each weekday Mass

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ROSTER

FOR THIS WEEKEND (20/21 SEP)

BROADFORD (5pm, Sat 20 SEP)

Reader: C. Stokes
EMHC: P. Fleming

KILMORE (6.30pm, Sat 20 SEP)

Reader: M. Fleischmann
EMHC: V. Barro
PowerPoint: P. Duff

WALLAN (8.45am, Sun 21 SEP)

Reader: Q. Britto
EMHC: G. Pannuzzo
EMHC: P. Hutchinson
PowerPoint: F. Thompson

KILMORE (10.45am, Sun 21 SEP)

Reader: TBA
EMHC: L. Dunlop
PowerPoint: K. Curry

FLOWERS: J. Jain
HOME COMMUNION: J. Dixon
M. Donovan
CLEANERS KILMORE: TBA

FOR NEXT WEEKEND (27/28 SEP)

BROADFORD (5pm, Sat 27 SEP)

Reader: P. Kelly
EMHC: B. O'Dwyer

KILMORE (6.30pm, Sat 27 SEP)

Reader: R. Emmanuel
EMHC: J. Jain
PowerPoint: P. Duff

WALLAN (8.45am, Sun 28 SEP)

Reader: R. Bryar
EMHC: M. Hoban
EMHC: A. Moore
PowerPoint: F. Thompson

KILMORE (10.45am, Sun 28 SEP)

Reader: M. Bourne
EMHC: TBA
PowerPoint: K. Curry

FLOWERS: M. Fleischmann
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WORD OF A SAINT

St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
Priest, (Feast: 23 September)

"My past, O Lord, to Thy mercy,
my present, to Thy love,
and my future, to Thy providence"

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Each year, on September 20—which falls on a Saturday this year—the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Korean Martyrs**, reminding us of their courage and conviction. Their witness challenges us to live out our faith—not only as hearers of the Word but as doers.

Let us pray to Jesus, who is always with us, asking for the grace to deepen our relationship with God and with one another. May we continue to grow as members of God's family, strengthened by the example of the martyrs who gave everything for their faith.

Rev. Fr Andrew Choi

Fr Andrew will be away from the parish this Sunday as he is serving as music director and organist at the First Solemn Thanksgiving Mass of Fr Josh McDermid, a newly ordained priest.

In his absence, **Fr Aurelio Fragapane will kindly celebrate the Parish Masses on Sunday, 21st September**—8.45 am at Our Lady of the Way, Wallan, and 10.45 am at St Patrick's, Kilmore.

We extend our thanks to Fr Aurelio for his generous assistance.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD 2025

We are delighted to share that on **Saturday, 20th September at 10 am**, Deacons **Joshua McDermid, Tuong Nguyen, and Ian Vergel** will be ordained to the Sacred Priesthood by **Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli** at **St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne**.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend this beautiful and significant occasion. If you're unable to attend in person, the Ordination Mass will be livestreamed on YouTube: [Watch live here](#) or search: **Solemn Mass of Ordination to the Priesthood of Joshua McDermid, Tuong Nguyen & Ian Vergel**.

Please keep these newly ordained Priests in your prayers as they begin their priestly ministry in service to the People of God across our Archdiocese.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This program prepares children to receive the Body of Christ in the Eucharist for the first time. Along with the basic teachings of the Eucharist, children will learn about the significance of Mass, how to approach the altar, and the grace that flows from the Sacrament.

- **Baptised children who have already received First Reconciliation**
- **8 Fridays, from 10 October, 4 – 5 pm**
- **First Communion: Sunday 7 December at 10.30 am Mass at St. Patrick's Catholic Church**

A **compulsory Information Session** for candidates and their parents/guardians will be held on Saturday, 4 October, following the 6.30 pm Mass at St. Patrick's Church, Kilmore.

To register or for further enquiries, please contact the Parish Office during office hours by Wednesday, 8 October.

OUR LADY OF THE WAY SCHOOL SITE WORKS OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please be advised that during the school holidays, **the Staff Car Park at Our Lady of the Way will be unavailable for use**. The builders will be using this time to run power to the new building.

The Church Car Park and the driveway adjacent to the Church will remain accessible and will not be affected.

THURSDAY 2PM ROSARY @ KILMORE

From this week, there will be no more Thursday 2pm Rosary at St. Patrick's Church. We sincerely thank to Kate Archer who leads the Rosary every Thursday.