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We return again to the Lukan theme of money and how it can get in the way of being a true disciple. This week's gospel passage reminds us that we cannot be a follower of God and chase after riches at the same time. That parable of the steward and his master is one that is rarely quoted and would be unfamiliar to most readers. The actions of the steward upon learning that he is to be dismissed seem to us to be evidence of his dubious dealings and yet the master praises his astuteness.

When a steward entered into loans and deals on behalf of his master, he would build into the repayment a profit for himself. This was quite normal and acceptable. So the amount that the steward asks the debtors to reduce their debts to the master is actually the cut that he had built into the deal for himself. His actions are, surprisingly, quite noble and legitimate. What he is doing is ensuring that his master receives all that is owed to him whilst the steward is making himself more popular with the debtors because they don't have to pay back as much. It would be like a modern day salesman saying that he would forego his commission on the sale so that the purchaser didn't have to pay as much.

But why does Jesus use this parable? He makes the point that when the crunch comes – when the kingdom of God is imminent – monetary wealth is going to be meaningless. It is best to cut your losses and turn your energy to building relationships rather than riches.

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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.'

First Reading Am 8:4-7

The Lord God 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 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 w.1. 7

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

or

(R.) 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 Tm 2:1-8

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 mankind, himself as a 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 life their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

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

or (shorter form Lk 16:10-13)

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.

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

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

RECENTLY DECEASED

Irene Lachowicz

ANNIVERSARIES

Valerian Pinto, Maximo Salvador Sr, Leticia Salvador, Celeste & Rocco Albino, Daniel & John Galea, Joe & Carmen Galea, Santo & Angela Sciacchitano, Eileen & Michael Tomlin, Emma & Charlie Vassallo

BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 5th October 2025

Alessia Cosner

Ethan Damian

Lenna Gusman

Please pray for these children and their families.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

A successful Enquiry Night was held on Tuesday, 16th September. It is not too late to come along to our next meeting this Tuesday, 23rd September in the Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.00pm. Enquiries: Parish Office.

PARISH SUPPORT Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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If you notice anything unusual on your bank statement related to your pledge to our parish, please contact the parish office promptly. We'll investigate the matter for you. It should show as *Fat Zebra*.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tue 23 Sep St Pius of Pietrelcina

Sat 27 Sep St Vincent de Paul

PARISH NEWS

ST PETER'S 2025 CHRISTMAS CAROLS – THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2025

This year's Christmas Carols will be held on **Thursday, 4th December**. Food will be served from 5.00pm, followed by Carols from 6.30pm.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS – RAFFLE – PRIZES NEEDED

We are looking for prizes for our raffle, with major prizes being printed on our raffle ticket books. If you can sponsor or donate a prize or know someone who would be able to assist us with prizes, please email the Parish Office at: keiloreast@cam.org.au

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, 26th September due to Grand Final Public Holiday. Please advise any Death Anniversaries for the Bulletin to the Parish Office by Tuesday, 23rd September.

MINISTERS' ROSTER – 1/11/25-28/2/26

The next Ministers' Roster will be prepared soon. Please contact the Parish Office with your 'away' dates from 1/11/25-28/2/26, by **Tuesday, 30th September**. Volunteers for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be advertised separately.

ORDERS FOR ANNUAL PUBLICATIONS

Break Open the Word

Contains readings and psalms for each Sunday. Suitable for Parish Groups, Readers of God's Word etc.

Daily Mass Book

This Mass book contains all the texts for Sunday and weekday mass and begins in Advent 2025.

Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to order a copy of either publication, by 7th October - \$33.00 each.

ORDINATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

On Saturday, 20th September, Deacons Joshua McDermid, Tuong Nguyen and Ian Vergel were ordained to the priesthood. Please pray for them as they embark on their priestly ministry.

Sunday 21 September 2025

Social Services Sunday

anchors of hope

A day to give thanks and pray for those who serve the marginalised



Sunday 21st September 2025 marks Social Services Sunday within 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. We acknowledge with gratitude all of Catholic Social Services Victoria's 40+ member organisations, their 7,510 staff and 15,800+ volunteers and the important work that they do to serve over 300,000 people across 150 sites in Victoria, plus more nationwide.

Loving God,

We give thanks for those who stand at the margins,

who hear the cry of the abandoned, who dress the wounds of those mugged at the roadside,

and carry hope into forgotten places. May your unconditional love inspire us to see your presence in every person,

and to act with steady hands in courage and compassion,

to sow seeds of justice and peace. Guide us with the wisdom of saints like Mary MacKillop,

so that we may walk in the footsteps of Jesus,

gently alongside our human family in hardship.

We pray for those who serve in social services.

May we who gather here join them as builders of peace,

companions to the vulnerable, and bearers of hope.

Amen.

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MASS TIMES

Weekend Mass Times:

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am, 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

Weekday Mass Times

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (or upon request of Parish Priest)

ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Monday 22nd September-Friday 3rd October

October

Wishing all St Peter's students, families and school staff a safe and relaxing School Holidays.

The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.