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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

21st/22nd September 2019

What kind of a steward am I?

Today's question to us is very simple: what kind of a steward am I with all that has been given to me? It is not just a question about the ways that I handle money or material possessions, but a question about who I am and how I live.

The first reading, from the Prophet Amos, describes those who actively plot to defraud others. Probably if we are listening to this homily, we are not people who actively work to defraud others. If we are, we are invited to change our ways! If we are not, then we need to look more deeply at our attitudes towards others.

The second reading reflects on our need to pray for everyone. The second reading is rarely related to the theme that is put before us in the first reading and the Gospel. Today, however, we can recognize that only in prayer will I come to live fully this mystery of Christ present in every other person. In prayer I must ask for the Holy Spirit to illumine my mind and my heart so that I can live these deepest mysteries of faith with fidelity.

The Gospel gives us the story of the steward who was cheating. When his master fires him from his job, he gets together with others who are also willing to cheat his master and they all take advantage of the master. Then the steward is able to go and work with these other cheaters. Of course, we know that they could never trust one another, but they now have a bond because they have conspired together in their cheating.

This illustrates what we often experience: if I tell one lie, then I have to begin to tell a whole string of lies because of the first one that I told. Cheating is the same kind of reality. It begins to create its own way of living and it is not good for anyone. Yet it brings a momentary gain.

So often we are invited by our Lord Jesus to have wisdom in the way we live. Wisdom is about recognizing the effects of the choices that we make and the actions that we perform each day. Jesus can see in the steward of today's Gospel story cunning about living. That cunning will help the steward in the short run. Jesus wants us to have that same cunning with regard to spiritual reality: we need to recognize what will truly help us live and then have the courage to do it.

Let us pray today for this gift of spiritual wisdom. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to show us the way to life!

(Monastery of the Christ in the desert)

Readings: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 6:1, 4-7

1 Timothy 6:11-16

Luke 16:19-31

WE REMEMBER

We remember Ivan Acres, Nancy Reddel, Maureen Bland and Irene Hughes. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Deveney-Wade family as they celebrated the baptism of Blaize in the parish last weekend.

PARISH HAPPENINGS

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

UNLOCKING YOUR PARISH

Unlocking Your Parish meets again this Tuesday at 7:00pm to watch another Alpha film. It's never too late to have a look. No obligation.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 PARISH SESSION NEXT SUNDAY

Continue the journey "Listening and Discernment" – is a time of prayerful consideration of the "big" questions that have been raised by the faithful.

Carole Danby from Evangelization Brisbane is facilitating a parish group next **Sunday, September 29th after the 9:00am mass beginning 10:30am in the Parish Centre.** The duration of the meeting is about 2 hours. Over the coming weekends there will be Sign-on Sheets in each of the churches to indicate your attendance. You are encouraged to join with other parishioners in prayerful discernment.

We all need to take action in responding to the call for the future of our Church. For change to occur the voice of the people must be heard. We are all part of that voice that must speak up.

Ever thought about taking a trip to the Holy Land?



Would you consider joining a group from our parish?

I would like to organize a combined trip to the Holy Land + India in September 2020. If anyone is interested please feel free to talk to me.

Fr Joson



LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING

Here comes our Parish 'Listening and Discernment' on Sunday, September 29th at 10:30am (after the 9am mass) in the Parish Centre. Please sign on to the Sheets located in both Churches.

Our theme is **Mission and Evangelising.**

Parish Diary

Monday, September 23rd

Mass 8:00am
St Joachim's

Wednesday, September 25th

Benediction 5:30pm
St Agnes'
Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, September 26th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, September 27th

Mass 9:00am
St Joachim's

Saturday, September 28th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 28th

Mass 6:00pm
St Joachim's

Sunday, September 29th

Mass 7:30am
St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

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CARE FOR CREATION
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RESPONSIBLE CITIZENS,
BUT ALSO AS
FOLLOWERS OF CHRIST!

POPE FRANCIS

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Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish Website

The Parish now has its own website and it is accessible on the link below:

<https://hollandparkmtgravattcatholicparish.com.au/>

Go online and check it out.

The more often it is visited the higher its rates on the search engine. It is continuing to develop.



FROM AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

2019-2020 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT LAUNCH

Wednesday, September 25th commencing 7:00pm in St James' parish Hall, Coorparoo. Archbishop Mark will launch the statement, *Making It Real, Genuine Human Encounter in a Digital World*. There will also be panel discussion, moderated by Madonna King exploring the positive and problematic possibilities of the increasingly digital world in which we live. Guest panellists include Dave Jorna, Founder and Director of Project Hatch and Host of 'Do Life Better' Podcast, Elizabeth Kehoe and Zoe Dennehy, Founders of Edible Brisbane Instagram and Veronica Kopinski, Communications Officer, Digital and Publications, and CJPC member. Everyone is welcome.

BRISBANE CATHOLIC HISTORICAL SOCIETY MEETING

On Tuesday October 1st Dr Chris Hanlon will speak on The Catholic Church in Colonial Queensland 1859-1918. The Brisbane Catholic Historical Society meets at 5.30pm in the Hanly Room of the Francis Rush Centre, beside the Cathedral of St Stephen. Annual Membership of the Society is \$35 per person / family.

OUR LADY OF FATIMA ROSARY PROCESSION

To be held at St Stephen's Cathedral on 5th October commencing with The Rosary (2 mysteries) at 10:30am following by a Marian Mass at 11:30am. After mass there will be a street process at approx. 12:15pm returning to the Cathedral to conclude with Benediction.

COMMUNITY

LAUDATO SI CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

You are invited to Who Cares? ... for our common home on Monday, September 16th from 7:00-8:30pm in The Aspinall Centre in the grounds of St Bernard's Upper Mt Gravatt. Includes supper. For further information phone 3849 7158.

BRISBANE CATHOLIC EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Brisbane Catholic Education (BCE) is offering scholarships to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander tertiary students who are enrolled in a full time teaching degree at a University campus located within the Brisbane Archdiocese from the beginning of 2020. Successful applicants will receive up to \$4,500 in fee support per annum towards an education degree and a teaching position in a BCE school/college for a minimum of two years after graduating. For more information Contact Gemma Crowley, Organisational Development on 3033 7523 or email orgdev@bne.catholic.edu.au or to apply go to: <https://tinyurl.com/bceteachingscholarship> Submit your application and references by 8th November 2019

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

On October 18th *Aid to the Church in Need* is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and for prayer resources visit, www.millionkidspraying.org

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Friday, October 11th from 3:30 – 7:00pm. Bookings via their website: lhc.qld.edu.au

EUTHANASIA – WE CAN LIVE WITHOUT IT E-PETITION

The State Parliamentary Health Committee has been asked to give weight to the views of the community in its final report about the suitability of introducing Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation similar to that now operating in Victoria. A tangible way to share your views with them via a newly raised e-petition "Euthanasia – we can live without it."

While this is a privately generated petition started by medical professionals, the local Church is in agreement with its call for properly funded palliative care across all metropolitan and regional areas of Queensland as the only outcome to pursue. It is a fairly simple process to add your voice to the Petition link here: <https://www.parliament.qld.gov.au/work-of-assembly/petitions/petition-details?id=3176>

MISSION ADVENTURE? PALMS AUSTRALIA REACH BEYOND

Communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seek volunteer medics, teachers, tradies, business and admins to assist their development. Contact Palms and find out how sharing your skills can immerse you in a world of deep cultural discovery. Apply by November 1st to start your adventure in 2020. Call 02 9560 5333 or see www.palms.org.au

THE PSYCHOLOGY OF EMPLOYABILITY AND THE HISTORY OF THE FUTURE OF WORK

Lourdes Hill College presents the *CiTEL Community Lecture* with Professor Peter McIlveen a researcher and international expert in psychology, employability and career education on Thursday October 17 at 6:30pm at Lourdes Hill College, 86 Hawthorne Road, Hawthorne.

A person's "employability" is crucial to success in the world-of-work and there are important psychological factors that contribute to employability. What are those factors? What is the evidence? The future of work is very topical and the lecture is of particular interest to school leaders, managers, careers' advisers, those interested in advancing their careers and those starting out in the world of work. Educators, parents and students are welcome. Free lecture, but bookings are essential at:

<https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=542825>

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