

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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21 September 2025

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God's Economy

"You cannot serve both God and money."

In this curious parable of the dishonest steward, Jesus invites us into a deeper reflection on the role of wealth in our lives and how it can be used for purposes far greater than personal gain. At first glance, it may seem as though Jesus is endorsing dishonesty. But as always, his message lies not in the surface details of the story, but in the deeper truth he wishes to reveal.

The steward, facing dismissal, uses his remaining time and influence to reduce the debts others owe. While his actions are self-interested, he is commended not for his morality but for his shrewdness—his ability to act decisively in a time of crisis. Jesus uses this example to say: if only we, the children of light, were as urgent and creative in using our resources for the Kingdom of God as the worldly are in securing their futures.

Jesus then says something startling: *"Make friends for yourselves with dishonest wealth, so that when it fails, they may welcome you into eternal dwellings."* This is not a call to bribery or manipulation, but to generosity.

Money—something fleeting and corruptible—is to be used as a tool for building lasting relationships, especially with the poor, the overlooked, and the needy. These are the "friends" who, in the mystery of God's economy, will be the ones who welcome us into eternity.

It is a radical inversion of the world's values. Jesus is reminding us that we are stewards, not owners, of what we have. All wealth—material, relational, spiritual—is entrusted to us for a time, and its truest use is not in hoarding or status-building, but in service. To care for others, especially those in need, is to align our hearts with God's heart.

This teaching culminates in the challenge: *"You cannot serve both God and wealth."* Wealth in itself is not condemned, but the power it can hold over us is. Jesus invites us to ask: What am I doing with what I have been given? Am I using it to build God's kingdom or my own?

Based on: Gospel Focus – Using money, by Greg Sunter

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MASS TIMES

Vigil Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am, 6:00pm

Monday and Friday 9:30am

Liturgy of the Word with Communion:

Tues 9:30am

St Thomas Aquinas Charnwood Mass

Wednesday and Thursday 9:30am

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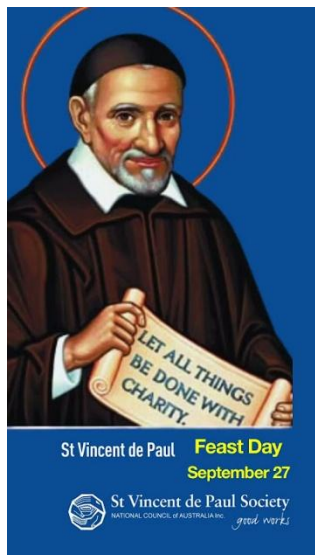
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St John the Apostle Parish Kippax

is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community



Vinnies celebrations

You are invited to join the celebration of 50 years of our Vinnies Conference at 10:00am Mass next Sunday, 28 September. It coincides with the feast day of St Vincent de Paul and 100 years of Vinnies in the ACT. After Mass there will be morning tea and a display of our Vinnies journey. More info: Mike 0419 818 410.



Pope Leo XIV calls on the Church and global communities to recognise migrants and refugees not only as people seeking safety and opportunity but also as **“missionaries of hope.”**

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/migration/documents/20250725-world-migrants-day-2025.pdf>

National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

Standard 2: Children and adults are safe, informed and participate. Some Key Competencies

The entity:

- Informs children and adults of their rights and the organisation's processes
- Empowers children and adults to participate
- Uses the insights of children and adults in safeguarding approaches

https://www.acsltd.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/National-Catholic-Safeguarding-Standards-Edition-2_FINAL_December2022.pdf

Pope Leo's Prayer intention for September

Lord, open our eyes to see Your presence in all creation; may we care for, respect, and protect life in every form. Guide us to contemplate the world with gratitude and hope, finding You in the beauty of all that exists.



FIRST GATHERING

Sunday 28 September – 3:00pm
Parish Library

Discussing our first Book

A relaxed gathering for conversation, reflection, and friendship over a cuppa.

If this sounds like something you'd like to be part of, please let us know!

Contact: Kirsty at kippax.finance@cg.org.au

“Be on earth the Heart of God”

Mental Health Week

Date: 5th – 11th October 2025

Theme: “Community”

Focus: Encouraging connection and support within communities to promote mental health and wellbeing.

10 October is World Mental Health Day

Be part of the conversation and join the Meaningful Connections Matter Campaign.

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

WOMEN'S BREAKFAST



TUESDAY 22 SEPTEMBER – 7:30AM

BEAN ORIGIN CAFÉ

NETTLEFOLD STREET BELCONNEN

Bishop Pat Power's funeral

Vigil Mass –

Tuesday 23 September 7pm

St Raphael's Church Queanbeyan

Funeral Mass –

Wednesday 24 September 11am

St Christopher's Cathedral, Manuka

Burial - Woden Cemetery

The funeral Mass from the Cathedral will be livestreamed via

<https://www.youtube.com/live/FpXEdxIYLYA>

Heart Spirituality

What does reparation involve?

Reparation is one of the main purposes of devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All Christians are called by Our Lord himself to walk this path. It involves many acts, the most important are: knowledge, adoration, love, satisfaction, prayer, praise, supplication, thanksgiving, imitation, union with Jesus Christ, zeal for his glory, for souls, for mortification. To repair the insults the Heart of Jesus receives, we must in the first place make a serious effort to realise his dignity, his excellence, his greatness, his love, his suffering, the treasures of grace his Heart contains, in a word, whatever makes him worthy of the admiration of heaven and earth.

Jules Chevalier msc

Le Sacré-Coeur de Jésus, p.222f., Paris 1900.

Mass Intentions the week of 22-28 September

Mon 12/05	
Wed 14/05	
Thur 15/05	
Fri 16/05	

Sat 17/05	
5:00pm	

Sun 18/05	
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

To ensure that a mass time is available please telephone the parish office to make a booking.

Canberra Catholic Ball

Date and Time: 27 September 7:00pm

Venue: The Marion

Step back into the Golden Age of Hollywood at this year's Catholic Ball! Young adults (18-35) are invited to dazzle us with the glitter and gleam of old.

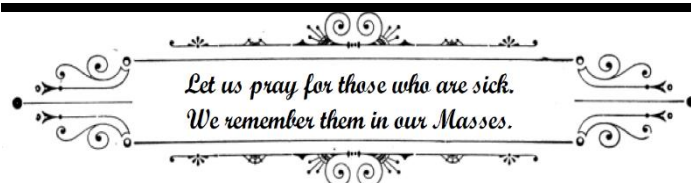
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2025-canberra-catholic-ball-tickets-1555044322429>

Pilgrims of Hope

Building a Civilization of Love

Saint John Paul II explained that by entrusting ourselves together to the heart of Christ, “over the ruins accumulated by hatred and violence, the greatly desired civilization of love, the Kingdom of the heart of Christ, can be built”. This clearly requires that we “unite filial love for God and love of neighbour”, and indeed this is “the true reparation asked by the heart of the Saviour”. In union with Christ, amid the ruins we have left in this world by our sins, we are called to build a new civilization of love. That is what it means to make reparation as the heart of Christ would have us do. Amid the devastation wrought by evil, the heart of Christ desires that we cooperate with him in restoring goodness and beauty to our world.

Pope Francis. *Dilexit Nos: He Loved us, #182*
On the Human and Divine love of the Heart of Jesus Christ



Recently Deceased: Bishop Pat Power

Anniversary:

John Haley, Frances Critchlow, Antonio Ahn, Magdalen Ripszam, Marijona Grybaitis, Jana Nassir, Bernard M Roberts, Luke White, Josephine Mulligan, Beryl Mannix, Aileen Antcliffe, James Sharah, Zoila Wait, Philip Hazell, Patrick Clarke, Lidia Torelli, Georgina Kukolic, Hok Tung, Carol Gibb, Fr. John Rate msc, Joyce Smith, Kim Cormick, Edmond, Sarrah, Joseph Sciberras, Vic Puzas, Patrick Tyers, Antonia Prieto, Victor Bitterman, Antonella D'Ambrosio, Bernard F Roberts, Robert Smith, Martino Salvaneschi, Maxine Kennedy

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus be everywhere loved.....forever!

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Baptisms	1st & 2nd Sun during Mass
Reconciliation	Sat 4:00pm – 4:30pm
Sacramental Program	Contact Parish Office
School of Religion (Parish Centre)	Sunday 9.15am during school term

PRAYER LIFE

Meditation	Friday 5:15-6.30 pm
Rosary	Monday – Friday 9:05am
Eucharistic Adoration	1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30pm – 8:30pm

SOCIAL LIFE

SJAFriendship Group	<i>Last Wednesday of the Month 10:15am shared morning tea</i>
Pins & Needles	<i>3rd Monday of the Month 7:15pm Parish Library</i>
Women's Breakfast	<i>4th Tuesday of the Month 7:30am Bean Origin Belconnen</i>
Men's Group	<i>3rd Friday of the Month 6:00pm Parish Centre</i>
Movie Night	<i>4th Friday of the Month 7:00pm Parish Library</i>
Community Connections	<i>3rd Sunday of the Month 3:30pm – 5:00pm Parish Centre</i>

RESPONSE TO THE PSALM:

Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Readings **28 September 2025**

First Reading	Amos 6:1, 4-7
Psalm	Ps 145:L6-10
Second Reading	1 Tim 6:11-16
Gospel	Luke 16:19-31

Bequest: Have you ever thought of leaving a Bequest to your parish?

By remembering your faith community in your Will, you contribute to the spiritual legacy that has enriched your life. Your bequest ensures the continuation of the traditions, teachings, and support that have shaped your journey.

ROSTERS

28 September

Acolyte Roster

5:00pm	Di & Murray Bruce
8:30am	Sigrid Kropp, Lourdes Asoy
10:00am	Anthony Noakes, Dennis Puniard
6:00pm	Sabina Van Rooy

28 September

Lector Roster

5:00pm	Judy Netting, James Nield
8:30am	Shane Murtagh, Victoria Gonzales
10:00am	Edgar Nnajide, Kerry Yard
6:00pm	Meg Millband, Peter Igoe-Taylor

28 September

Ministers of Communion

5:00pm	John Drury, Laurine Smeaton
8:30am	Darren Maharaj, Karen Bower
10:00am	Boni & Rose Benedictos
6:00pm	Priscilla Momi, Marian Crowley

28 September

Hospitality Roster

5:00pm	Joan Galpin, Marie McKie
8:30am	Joan Beswick, Pamela Blackwell
10:00am	John Blackwell & family
6:00pm	Francesca Deklin

28 September

SJAShop

5:00pm	Helen Kennedy
8:30am	
10:00am	
6:00pm	

Weekly Rosters

Altar Society	21 Sept	Angela Boreham
Church Cleaning:	22 Sept	

On a Lighter note



"The healthiest part of a donut is the hole. Unfortunately, you have to eat through the rest of the donut to get there!"