

Dutton Park and South Brisbane Parish Newsletter



You cannot be slaves of both God and money

What a strange Gospel we have today. For centuries we've heard time and time again, God –good! Money – bad! Our reading today highlights a slightly nuanced position and indeed the position that has always been the case.

Money in and of itself is not evil. It doesn't hold any inherent malevolence. Money is just an object. The scriptures is saying that being a 'slave' to money is not good. So what does it mean to be a slave to money? The Greek word here is οἰκέτης (oiketēs) which refers to a house servant who reports directly to the Master of the household. It's implied that there's affection between the servant and the master.

Say a person was to have this kind of affection towards money, then they would be making an idol out of an object. The servant of our Gospel today did not make money his master but used it to position himself in a favourable way. He may have been dishonest by using the master's money, but it was still working in favour of the Master because the Master's debts were slowly being payed. Jesus is not praising the dishonesty of the servant but using a rhetorical technique that involved an argument from lesser to greater. It's a way of saying 'if this lesser is true, then this greater thing is even more true.'

The point Jesus is making here is that even dishonest people act prudently in regards to their future, how much more prudently should honest and just people act in regards to theirs. Focusing on God then, over and above money, puts us in an honest and just position.

We're all stewards. We've been entrusted with many gifts and talents, but at the end of the day, we will need to account for it. In what way did we give to those in need? In what way was I generous with my time, talent and treasure to those around me? May we hold God as our highest priority after which everything else will fall into place.

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Welcome to new Parishoners

We welcome any new Parishoners among us. Take the time to meet with our priests and get connected to the broader community.



Embracing the communities of:

*St Mary's, South Brisbane,
St Francis of Assisi, West End
St Ita's, Dutton Park*

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, Fairfield

The community of St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which our Churches stand.

Readings at Mass

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
21st September 2025

First Reading

Amos 8: 4-7

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

Psalm 112:1-2, 4-8

R/ Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

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/**

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/**

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 Timothy 2:1-8

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 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.

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

Luke 16:1-13

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There was a rich man and he had a steward 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 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.'



Next Sunday Readings:

Amos 6: 1, 4-7

Ps 145: 7-10

1 Tim 6: 11-16

Lk 16: 19-31



Upcoming Events & News

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our RCIA Program will commence in September. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming catholic



**20TH SEPT, 2025
2:30PM**

St Mary's Church

Complete the enquiry form and email back to the Parish
stitaspar@bne.catholic.net.au



Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

Saturday 27th September 2025

11:30am

Cathedral of St Stephen

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary or beyond, are invited to attend, together with their family and friends.

Bishop Ken Howell and the Toowoomba Council of Priests cordially invite you to the *Jubilee Celebration of Ordination*

60 Years

Fr. Vince Carroll MSC

25 Years

Fr. Hermingildo Rafada PACEM

Fr. Nandana Saparamadu

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

St Patrick's Cathedral

11am Mass

followed by lunch from 12.30pm

St Patrick's Cathedral Centre

Neil St, Toowoomba

Please RSVP by Friday, 17th October 2025

to the Cathedral Office: 4637 1500 or email: stpatrickscathedral@twb.catholic.org.au
(please include any dietary requirements)

Congratulations to all our children who made their First Communion at St. Ita's Church on September 13th and at St. Mary's on September 14th — a special milestone in their faith journey!



Community News

A few notes:



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Mass Times

ST MARY'S**20 Merivale St, South Brisbane**

- Mon-Fri: 7am | Sat: 8am (Rosary after Mass)
- Sun: 9am & 5pm

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI**47 Dornoch Tce, West End**

- Sun: 9am

ST ITA'S**247 Gladstone Rd, Dutton Park**

- Sat(Vigil): 5pm
- Sun: 10:30am (Indonesian)

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR**72 Victoria St Fairfield**

- Sun: 7am

CONFESSIONS**St Mary's**

Fri: 7:30-8am | Sat 8:30am-9am

Sun: 4:15pm-4:45pm

PARISH ACTIVITIES**BAPTISMS**

- Sat: 10am

Booking is essential

Contact Parish Office 07 3324 3736

PRAYER & ADORATION

- Tue: 6:30pm - St Mary's Church
- Sun: 4pm - St Mary's Church

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

- Sat: after 8am Mass until Sundays 8:30am

ANointing OF THE SICK MASS

- 1st Fri - 7am - St Mary's Church
- 1st Sat - 5pm - St Ita's Church
- 1st Sun - 7am - OLPS Fairfield

CHILDREN'S LITURGY (SCHOOL TERM ONLY)

- Sun: 9am - St Mary's Church

ST FRANCIS TABLE - MINISTRY TO THE ELDERLY

- 1st and 3rd Monday: 9am - 1pm

Have you considered Planned Giving?

Many parishioners use Direct Debit for 'Planned Giving' to support the upkeep of the parish of Dutton Park & South Brisbane.

We ask that you prayerfully consider contributing to our planned giving program.

Please Contact the Parish 07 3324 3736 if you are interested.

St Mary's Catholic Parish and Dutton Park Catholic Parish have zero tolerance for abuse and are committed to safeguarding everyone involved in their activities, ministries and service. The safety of children and adults at risk is paramount.

To make an anonymous report call 1300 304 550

For more information visit:

www.brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding