

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

21 September 2025

First Reading Amos 8:4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos.

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.'

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 112:1-2. 4-8. R. see vv.1. 7

(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

A reading from the first letter to St Paul to Timothy.

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.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Corinthians 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



**SEASON OF CREATION
REFLECTION BY NICK BRODIE**

Jesus' instruction to use money to win welcome in the 'tents of eternity' is really an encouragement for us to be good stewards who are more concerned with the future than finances. After all, he makes this point after describing a wasteful steward who, for personal gain, dishonestly writes off chunks of money owed to his master – hardly a model citizen. Money is tainted, Jesus says, and it will inevitably fail us. Only the bigger picture and set of relationships we build with it really matters.

So, this Season of Creation we would do well to reflect on how we use both money and the earth's resources. Do we cut corners for our own selfish aspirations, like the dishonest steward? Do we trample the needy for our own gain and comfort, like the contemporaries of Amos? Or might we cooperate with God in lifting the lowly and raising the poor from trash piles and dung heaps? Do we recycle the world's resources, or throw away our unwanted things to accumulate and afflict the poorest? Do we pray with St Paul for those in authority to make right decisions, or do we vote for unjust policies which make the rich richer, the poor poorer, and the earth dirtier?

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection, through whom we are saved and delivered. COMMUNION ANTIPHON: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.	We remember in our prayers: Sick: Cecily Agnew, Michael Agnew, Mary Bailey, Sienna Baker, Chris Cantrall, Lorraine Cooper, Josè Joaquim De Sousa, Austin Hoffman, Dulcie Maynard, Anne McAleer, Indira Nanda, Jen Phillips, Marianne Reynolds, Allan Seque, Sharon Wood, Zoe. Bring healing, comfort, and peace to their bodies. Send strength to their carers. Baptisms: Xavier & Lincoln Maroney (Branxton). Flynn Holt, Koa Kereama, Myla Watson (Singleton). Called by name to be a child of God. Anniversaries: Reverend Bernard Murphy, James Bailey, Marie Ernst, Tracey Dagg, Greg Dunn, Henry Holz, Arlie Kennedy, Clyde Standing, David and Doreen Winsor. Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and may light perpetual shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.
NEXT WEEK'S SCRIPTURES 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 1st Reading: Amos 6:1, 4-7 2nd Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31	
MYSTERY OF FAITH When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim you Death, O Lord, until you come again.	

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MASS ROSTER – SUNDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2025						
	Branxton Saturday 6pm	Greta Sunday 8.15am	Singleton Sunday 7am	Singleton Sunday 10am	Singleton Sunday 5pm	Counters 9.30am Tuesday
Welcomer	E Bendeich	D & J Clarke	C Langford	J Dries	J Dries	
Commentator		K Ingold	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	H Rapp	
Readers	S Purdon M Thomas	M Ingold	S Bates N Alexandroy	L Stevenson H Sapitula	H Rapp C Brackenrig O Brackenrig	
Prayers		K Ingold	H Duldulao	Donna	A Skardon	
Offertory	C & A Trunk	Darryl Joy	J Tindale E Thomas	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
Extraordinary Minister	C Trunk		J Dunn	T Cochrane	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	

Faithful and compassionate God, your Spirit guides the Church and makes it holy; hear the prayers we offer, that in the ministry to which you have called us, may we serve you faithfully, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

WEEKLY MASS DIARY						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
22 September	23 September <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina</i>	24 September	25 September	26 September <i>St Cosmas & Damian</i>	27 September <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	28 September 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE OPEN	OFFICE CLOSED	OFFICE OPEN		
<u>8.00am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.20am</u> Anointing Mass St Patrick's Singleton	<u>9.00am</u> Novena <u>9.20am</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton <u>5.00pm</u> Mass Glendonbrook	<u>7.00am</u> Mass <u>10.00am</u> SCAE <u>5.00pm</u> Mass St Patrick's Singleton
	<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Catherine's Greta		<u>9.20am</u> Mass St Brigid's Branxton		<u>6.00pm</u> SCAE St Brigid's Branxton	<u>7.50am</u> Rosary <u>8.15am</u> Mass St Catherine's Greta

St Brigid, St Catherine, St Patrick, and St Paul – pray for us

Weekly Notices

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

We welcome visitors from all faith communities to our Parish Mass. If you are new members of our Parish, we ask that you take a Welcome Pack from the back of the church, complete and return the Member forms and one of our welcoming team will contact you.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians, the Wonnarua people, who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

SAFEGUARDING OUR CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

The Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle has an abiding commitment to promote the safety, welfare and wellbeing of children and vulnerable adults. Information brochures are available in the entrance to the church. If you have any concerns for a child or vulnerable adult, contact the Office of Safeguarding 02 49791390 or childprotection@mn.catholic.org.au or visit www.officeofsafeguarding.org.au for more information and resources.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Times

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at the following times each week:

- Branxton** from 5.30pm on Saturday evenings
After Mass on Thursdays
Greta After Mass on Tuesdays
Singleton After Mass on Saturday mornings

In an emergency, Reconciliation is available by appointment.

Parish Office Hours

Parish Office will be OPEN Monday 22 September, CLOSED Thursday 25 September.

Fr Thomas will be on leave from the Parish from Monday 29 September to 11 October. He will then attend Clergy Retreat from 12-17 October 2025. Coverage of Mass during his leave is still to be confirmed.

Weekday Mass Roster Singleton

A new Weekday Mass Roster for St Patrick's Singleton has been produced. Volunteers are needed for reading the Liturgy of the Word and Prayer of the Faithful during Mass Monday to Saturday. If you put your name down and can't make your rostered day, there will always be someone there to cover.

Novena Roster Singleton

The Novena Roster for Saturday mornings at St Patrick's Singleton needs some additional Leaders. If you are interested in putting your name on the roster, please call the Parish Office or speak with Frieda.

Australia Needs Fatima – Save the Date

Save the date for the 2025 Public Rosary on Saturday 11 October from 5.30pm. We will gather around the statue of Mary in the old St Brigid's School from 5.30pm. The Public Rosary is an international campaign to pray the rosary together in commemoration of the last apparition of Our Lady (October 13, 1917) at Fatima. It is a great opportunity for prayer groups and communities to join together in public prayer.

Hunter Homeshare – Sharing Homes, Enriching Lives

Are you willing to offer someone the dignity and security of a safe and welcoming place to live by sharing your home? In return your life could be enriched through companionship, connection and some practical help. Hunter Homeshare is a local initiative that bridges the gap between compassionate homeowners and those seeking a safe home. For more information, visit www.embracepp.org.au/projects/hunter-homeshare

Caritas - Season of Creation

The Season of Creation's call for Peace with Creation aligns powerfully with the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges. This Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October), Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by:

- signing the Turn Debt into Hope petition - caritas.org.au/debt
- committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a Catholic Earthcare Household – www.caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/

Discover Palms Volunteering

Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change! Discover Palms International Volunteering online in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online - Scan the QR or go to www.palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025 7pm – 8.30pm AEDT

More Info: 02 9560 5333 | palms@palms.org.au



Stella Maris and Mission to Seafarers

Every ship that comes into port and is visited by the Stella Maris team and receives a care package. What we are low on right now is, Men's Toiletries. From next month, the volunteers at the centre will begin packing the gift bags for seafarer Christmas hampers. See the flyer for items that can be donated for out seafarers. Every donation makes a difference, and your generosity is greatly appreciated. See the noticeboard for more items you can donate.

Children's Ministry Network Meeting

Join fellow leaders and parish volunteers for an inspiring afternoon of sharing ideas, discovering new resources, and planning future initiatives in children's ministry. At St Philip's Church Hall, Kotara on Saturday 27 September at 3.30pm. Whether you're a seasoned facilitator or new to this calling, let's grow together in this vital ministry! Contact Nicki from Mission & Evangelisation on 0417 773 444.

Advent, Christmas and the Creative Arts

Join us at 841 Hunter Street, Newcastle on Friday 10 October 2025 10am-2pm as we prepare hearts and spaces for the season of hope and joy! Explore creative ways to celebrate Advent and Christmas with children and families— through art, storytelling, music, and more. Whether you're a seasoned leader or just starting out, this gathering offers inspiration, practical ideas, and a chance to connect with others passionate about nurturing faith through creativity. Register at <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/advent-christmas-the-creative-arts-newcastle-tickets-1229537593039>

A Conversation with Chris Sidoti on Gaza, the West Bank, and Israel

Presented by Australasian Catholic Coalition for Church Reform (ACCCR) and Garratt Publishing you are invited to join in community with members of the Catholic Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle at the Diocesan Resource Centre on Thursday 25 September at 7pm to listen to Australian human rights lawyer Chris Sidoti and Sr Susan Connelly sj discuss the latest report from the International Independent Commission of Inquiry on the Occupied Palestinian Territories, including East Jerusalem and Israel. Register: <https://forms.office.com/r/nUp4CY7quj> or call Mary from Mission & Evangelisation on 0409 033 449



ST PATRICK'S
PARISH
— Singleton —

A Celebration of Initiation:
**CONFIRMATION &
FIRST COMMUNION**

*The Parish of St Patrick's Singleton
Congratulates*

Arianna Bendeich

Daniel Jacob

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Aria Jandzio

Asha Chittick

William Lawrie

Harriett Clark

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Hannah Davies

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Addison Graham

Peyton Rogers

Brooklyn Graham

Joshua Stevenson

Airlie Harrod

Oscar Thompson

Liana Holz

Cohen Thompson-Cruickshank

Reniehl Helis

Hunter Williamson



*'Be who God meant you to be,
and you will set the world on fire!'
~ St Catherine of Siena*

