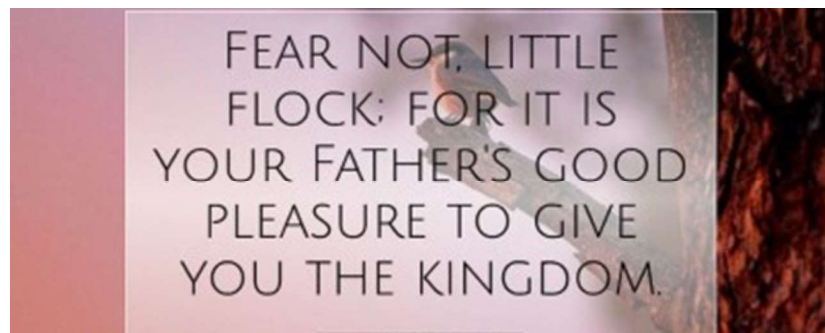


Am I waiting for the “right” time to become a good steward? Do I plan to share my time and talents “later?” Today’s Gospel warns those who are procrastinating about stewardship to be prepared — “at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”



**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Focusing the Gospel (Luke 12:32-48)**

**Key words and phrases:** “Then Peter said, ‘Lord, is this parable meant for us or for everyone?’”

**To the point:** The gospel passage opens with a tender consolation from Jesus. “Do not be afraid any longer, little flock, for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.” Jesus refers to his disciples with the phrase

“little flock,” which not only places him as the shepherd, but refers to us with a diminutive term of endearment. Jesus wants us to be vigilant and place our treasure in heaven, not because it is the right thing to do, but because he loves us and wants to encourage our own happiness. Peter asks one of the great questions of the gospels: Is this parable meant for Jesus’s disciples, with him at that moment, or for all of us? Jesus responds by telling Peter that the servant who knows the correct thing to do, and doesn’t do it, will be punished, but the servant who is ignorant about the correct things will be punished less. The disciples, and all of us who seek to follow Christ, have no excuse.

**Connecting the Gospel**

**To the second reading:** In the second reading, Paul does a beautiful job of describing the Israelite’s faith and journey from a physical homeland to the spiritual one. “They did not receive what had been promised but saw it and greeted it from afar and acknowledged themselves to be strangers and aliens on earth, for those who speak thus show that they are seeking a homeland.”

**To experience:** The gospel and the readings today call us to keep our focus on things unseen. The book of Wisdom describes the Israelites waiting for the first Passover. In the gospel, Jesus tells us to place our treasure in heaven and stay vigilant here on earth. Paul tells the Hebrews, “Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.” All of these words are urging us to look forward and plan our lives according to salvation, not earthly satisfaction, so that we may “desire a better homeland, a heavenly one.”

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DATE	CHURCH	Parish Centre
Mon 8 Aug	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary 7.30pm Family Holy Hour	6:30pm PA Advocate Prep 7 – Rm 3
Tue 9 Aug	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary 7:30pm Choir Practice	3:00pm RE Classes – Hall & All Rms 7.30pm RCIA – Hall & Rm 3
Wed 10 Aug	9.00am Mass 9.30am Rosary 11:30am ARISE Prayer Group	9:30am Craft Group – Rm 3 & Kitchen 11:00am ARISE—Hall & Kitchen 7:30pm Encounter Evening – Rm 3
Thu 11 Aug	9:00am Mass 9:30am Rosary 7:00pm St Peregrines’ Healing Mass	6:30pm PA Advocate Prep 7 – Rm 3
Fri, 12 Aug	11.20am Rosary 12.00noon Mass	9:00am Growing Vine – Rm 3 & Kitchen 2.00pm Legion of Mary
Sat 13 Aug	9:00am Mass 9:30am Recon/Rosary <b>5.30pm Mass</b>	10.30am Men’s Group Bible Sharing—DWWJ 10:30am Mary Prayer Group – Hall & Kitchen 11.30am Rosary in the Garden 3:00pm T4C – Hall & Kitchen
Sun 14 Aug	<b>7.30am Mass</b> <b>9.00am Mass</b> <b>10.30am Mass</b> 2.30pm Silent Adoration 3.00pm Divine Mercy	1st Reading Jer : 38: 4 – 6, 8 – 10 2nd Reading Heb : 12: 1 – 4 Gospel Reading Lk : 12: 49 – 53

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### Holy Hour – Mon 8 Aug 7.30pm Feast Day St Mary Mackillop leading to the Assumption

During this time before the Most Blessed Sacrament, we will have hymns and short reflections with times of silence. Welcome one and all to a meaningful way to pray before our Eucharistic Lord in the week leading to the feast of the Assumption. St. John Paul II referred to Mary as "The Woman of the Eucharist". Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI adds, "The beauty of the heavenly liturgy, which must be reflected in our own assemblies, is faithfully mirrored in her. From Mary we must learn to become men and women of the Eucharist and of the Church, and thus to present ourselves, in the words of Saint Paul, "holy and blameless" before the Lord, even as he wished us to be from the beginning". We also celebrate the life of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop August 8<sup>th</sup> who was deeply committed to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Let us join in prayer for many needs around the world at this time.



### ARISE Charismatic Prayer Group

This Wednesday, **10 August, at 11.30 am**, Trevor Pinto will lead in an extended praise and worship time. Judith Pinto will present on "Higher or Lower". The meeting ends around 1.30 pm with a shared lunch fellowship. All are welcome.



### Rosary in the garden

All are welcome to come and join the rosary Sat 13 Aug at 11.30 am which will be in the garden weather permitting. Please bring a dish to share.

### RCIA Inquiry Sessions start Mid-August

Do you know someone not baptised who is thirsting for meaning in life or God or even what it means to become Catholic? How about someone already Catholic but not yet received Confirmation or Holy Eucharist? They may be thirsting for God too! The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a place to ask such questions and seek understanding. We are looking for these people along with others who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and walking with them. Weekly "no obligation" inquiry sessions start Mid-August 2022. **Please speak to Fr CJ Millen for more details.**

Do you thirst for God?



### ST Vincent de Paul – Piety Stall News

Are you interested to learn more about Pope Francis and on being a missionary? The Piety Stall has Columban Booklets which are easy to read and informative on Pope Francis for \$7.50 each. Come and have a look as there are other booklets which covers various topics. **Enquiries: Linda on 0402 421 526.**

**Thank you from all of us at the Vinnies to all parishioners as our cake/bake and knitted goods sale was very successful. We made \$2095 and this will all go towards the relief for needy families.**



**Come and Hike with the Catholic Youth Ministry Team on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of September 2022** as we tackle Mount Cooke, Perth's highest peak! Bring a friend as we experience the beauty of creation as well as celebrate mass and eat lunch at the summit. This event will be an awesome opportunity to do something adventurous whilst meeting and journeying with other passionate young Catholics in the Archdiocese of Perth! This event is for young people aged 18-30 years. For more information, check out the registration link via our events page at <https://cym.com.au/events/>. We hope to see you there!

### John Paul Care

John Paul Care is a Pastoral Care Program in our parish. The program is operated by parishioners who generously volunteer their time and talents in helping out those in need. If you or you know of someone who needs help or you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the co-ordinators listed below.

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