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**The Gospels make explicit God's Word to us, through the teachings of Jesus Christ.
We are disciples of Jesus – God's Children of Light.**

Gospel: Luke 16: 1-13

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.***

In Summary



Today's Gospel asks us to put God first, and to be more concerned about our eternal salvation than about our earthly pursuits.

Jesus wants us to be just and righteous stewards (**the children of light**). Everything we own is a gift from God and as God's stewards, God wants us to use His gifts and blessings, in His service and to help and assist others. It is our actions which will yield genuine treasure, on our journey to God's Kingdom. Like the steward in today's gospel who prepares for his future – we also should do the same.

Today's gospel exclaims three morals for the faithful:

The first teaches us to **be prudent** about the use of our God-given blessings.

The second concerns **trustworthiness**. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things.

Finally, Jesus teaches us that no one can serve two masters - "**You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.**" God must be put ahead of everything.

In Conclusion



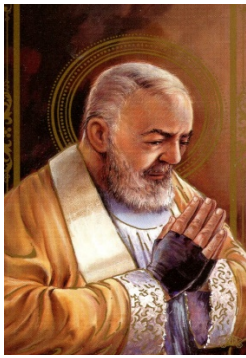
The steward in this Gospel was a shrewd, though unsavoury character. He was clever enough to work things out for his own advantage. People like him (**the children of this world**) want the wealth and pleasures of this world, and they will work hard, to get these earthly treasures. What Jesus says is that we (**the children of light**) must work as hard, to get what we are after - our "heavenly treasure" in the Kingdom of God. **Jesus teaches us that we (the children of light) cannot serve both God and money/earthly wealth - it is one or the other.**

Monday 21st September is the Feast Day of St Matthew the Apostle



Matthew, also known as Levi, was a tax collector in the town of Capernaum. Most tax collectors were hated by the Jews because they worked for the Romans. Yet Jesus chose a tax collector to follow him, to learn from him, and to go out and spread the Good News to others. **The call from Jesus was more powerful than the call of wealth.** We know nothing other than that about Matthew from the Scriptures, but we do know that Matthew preached the Good News of Christ, and **at least part of the Gospel attributed to him, was first written at about 41 and 50 AD - his book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament.** Tradition says that Matthew went to Persia, Syria and Greece, while others say Ethiopia, to preach the Good News of Christ.

Friday 23rd September is the Feast Day of St Pius of Pietrelcina ...aka Padre Pio



St Pius of Pietrelcina, is better known as Padre Pio (25 May 1887 – 23 September 1968). He was an Italian Franciscan Capuchin friar and mystic. After seeing a vision of Jesus on 20 September 1918, Padre Pio found the stigmata on his hands, feet, and side. Padre Pio became famous for exhibiting stigmata for most of his life, and was known for his piety, charity and the quality of his preaching. He famously advised, "**Pray, hope and don't worry.**" He was beatified in 1999 and canonized in 2002 by Pope John Paul II. The Sanctuary of Padre Pio is located in San Giovanni Rotondo, Italy, where his body is reposed in a glass tomb.

Parish Worship Schedule

A parish is a community of disciples of Jesus, who gather to celebrate the Mass and to "live the Gospel." **We are a community of Jesus' disciples and our church is here for our collective and individual worship and prayers.** We welcome the faithful to our Mass, or, to light a candle at our Marian chapel, or, to just pray in silence; and to grow spiritually.

Mass Times	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri	8.00 am (the Rosary after)
	Saturday	6.00 pm
Mass Times	Sunday	9.30 am
Reconciliation	Saturday night	5.15 – 5.45 pm
Anointing of the Sick	Liaise with Fr Greg	
Baptisms, marriages and funerals	Liaise with Fr Greg	

Our Prayers of the Faithful

The Church expects that each parish community would prepare their own prayers so that all the community can join in the sacred intercessory prayer (Prayers of the Faithful) at Mass.

In our parish prayers of the faithful, we pray to the Lord, to help and comfort our sick and suffering. We also pray for the souls of our recently departed, as well as, for those whose anniversaries, we remember at Mass today.

Prayers for Our Sick and Suffering

Betsy De Wass, Frank De Luis, Nigel, Christina Sim, Maria Marshall, Claire Webster, Ivan Fletcher, Fabian Edmunds, Celia, Crowley family, Joe Sundaram, Thilak, Diana Scully, Bluey Thompson, Celeste Vicensoni, Carla, Annette, Joe Gibson, Georgina and Ronnie Ghosh, Gemma Altieri, Fred Kara, Reg Brown, Mary & Derrick Jansen, Marie Webster Viola, Gerry and Maisie Prendergast, James Rydqvist, Annie Magdalena Rydqvist, Anne Rydqvist, Dr Andrew Chilufya Snr, Robbie Iliffe, Donna Green, Horatio Hill, Ilean Wright, Cathy and Peter Ghouse, Jimmy Olivero, Kaye McIntyre, Jeff and Tony Francis, Fr Andre, Sheila Vanwieringan, CD Joseph, Marina Lim, Wendy Price, Julie Pinto, Christopher Jaffer, Yianni Donato, Bonnie Sullivan, Joslyn De Sylva and Philomena Rodrigues.

Anniversaries of our Beloved Departed

Pedro Bandera (15 Sep), Maureen Brady (16 Sep), John O'Rourke (20 Sep) and all our departed relatives and friends.

Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies" (John 11: 25-26).

Note: Parishioners may email Cliff at: cliffordqerard@bigpond.com, for any additions (or deletions) to our lists of sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, whom you wish to be included in our "Prayers of the Faithful."

Everyone has a name, and if we are to pray for them, we should say their name.

We Welcome "God's Little Children" to Our Mass



People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, "**Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.**" Mk 10: 13-14.

Activity sheets and colour pencils, are available at the rear of the church, to occupy the children during Mass. Parents may even pin their child's work on the noticeboard (when space is available) for others to appreciate their efforts.

Our Next Parish St Vincent de Paul Donations is to be 01st/02nd October



For parishioners who may wish to contribute to this worthy program, any non-perishable food in tins, packets or boxes will do (but no glass please). In addition to a food hamper, a \$30 Woolworths voucher is usually provided to enable the purchase of essentials like; fresh fruit and vegetables, baby food and more. **Cash donations may be deposited in our SVDP/poor donation box at the entrance of the church, to enable the purchase of cash vouchers. Food donations may be left at the rear of the church, or, in our parish centre.**

Parishioners who may need a "helping hand," may contact the SVDP Society for assistance, or speak with our local SVDP representatives: **Bruno George (mobile: 0470571041)** at Wilson Parish, or, **Sister Charla (telephone: 93545083)** at Riverton Parish. **The names of those requesting and receiving assistance is always confidential.**

Another Parable in Next Week's Gospel

Jesus responds to some Pharisees and tells the parable of the reversal of fortunes between the rich man and the poor man, Lazarus (Luke 16: 19-31). **This parable of the rich man and Lazarus demonstrates the importance for the care of the poor and is a reminder to those who would follow Jesus, of the unimportance of wealth in the eyes of God.**

Pope John Paul II often spoke of aspiring to 'be more' rather than to 'have more'?

