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PARISH NEWSLETTER
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY

September 18, 2022

“One way to ensure the continuing blessings of the Lord is to use them as soon as we receive them, according to his good pleasure for the greatest benefit to our neighbour,
(Vincent de Paul)

READINGS

1st Reading: Amos 8:4-7

2nd Read: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Scripture Reflection

In the First Reading prophet Amos warns those who oppress and exploit the poor. At the time of the prophet social injustice was rampant. The warning of the prophet is to be understood in the background of two biblical concepts: 1) Yahweh's concern for the poor, 2) wealth is a gift of God. Old Testament repeatedly admonishes the chosen people to take care of the poor, the widows, the aliens, and the needy, and refrain from exploiting the poor (Exodus 22:22, Exodus 23:6, Deuteronomy 24:14, 24:17, Psalm 82:3-4). Wealth was considered to be a gift from God which is to be used according to the will of God (Dt. 8:18, Ecclesiastes 5:10, 19, 6:2, Prov. 10:22, Psalm 112:3). But those who love money more than God, the giver of wealth, oppress the poor and exploit them for their material gains. The prophet warns that they will have to suffer the

dire consequence of their injustice, because God keeps an account of all their wicked ways.

In the second reading St. Paul advises Timothy to intercede for everybody, especially for those who are in authority. The sin of the one who is in authority can cause great suffering for the subordinates. Due to the sin of David, the king, the people were stricken with pestilence for three days (2 Samuel 24:10-17). Sin of a despotic, proud, and selfish leader can lead the whole community to suffer in all realms of life.

In the Gospel Jesus admonishes the disciples to be prudent in using material wealth. Though Jesus praised the prudence of the steward he does not approve of his dishonesty. The disciples are expected to be prudent as serpents and innocent as doves.

ST. PADRE PIO & ST. VINCENT DAY AT PANTASAPH

Hearty welcome to all the parishioners for the combined Festal celebration of St. Padre Pio and St. Vincent De Paul, the heavenly patron of the Vincentian Congregation. The programme will start at 9.30 am with praise and worship lead by the Divine Ramsgate and Pantasaph music ministry group which will be followed by preaching on the virtues of both the saints, Holy Eucharist, Healing Adoration, deliverance prayers, Novena to Padre Pio and St. Vincent De Paul, and veneration of the relic of St. Padre Pio. Complementary lunch will be served.

NOVENA TO ST. PADRE PIO AND ST VINCENT DE PAUL

In preparation to the Feasts of Padre Pio and St. Vincent De Paul Novena will be recited every day after the Holy Mass. Let all of us be blessed through the intercession of the two great saints

NO VIGIL MASS ON SEPTEMBER 24, SATURDAY

There will not be usual Vigil Mass at 4.00 pm on September 24, Saturday, due to St. Padre Pio, and St. Vincent De Paul Day celebrations

SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

September 11, 2022

Gift Aid collection	131.00
Loose cash	111.25
Total	242.25

Second Collection for School Fund- 73.55

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 3rd October 2022. £699.00 per person sharing. Price includes return flight, 4 nights' in Knock House Hotel with full board. All entertainment and excursions included. Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum. Single supplement £100.00. Contact Patricia on 01268762278 or 07740175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

SAINTS AND FEASTS OF THIS WEEK

September 17	St. Robert Bellarmin
September 19	St. Januarius, St. Theodore of Canterbury
September 20	St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon and companions
September 21	St. Mathew the Apostle and Evangelist
September 23	St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)
September 24	Our Lady of Walsingham

PRAYER CARD UP ON THE DEATH OF THE QUEEN

Prayer cards up on the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth are kept at the back of the church. Please take one each and pray for the repose of her soul and for the royal family

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

Sacrament of Confession at 11.30 am on Saturday

Please Pray for our Sick

Eliza Brizzi, Mary Toumaine, Patrick Nagle,

Phillip Mc Greavy, Toni Whalley,

“Behold, I will bring to it health and healing, and I will heal them; and I will reveal to them an abundance of peace and truth. (Jeremiah 33:6)

CONDOLENCES

Parish community express heartfelt condolences on the demise of Pat Sandham who will be buried at Pantasaph on September 22, Thursday at 2.00 pm.

ANNIVERSARIES

Winifred Gaffney, Malcolm Rutt, Emily Grahame, Mary Malone,

Roger Burgess, Megan Boyle, Sr. Marie Theresa Southworth,

*“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful servants”
Psalm 116:15.*

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