

The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)



18th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time 3rd AUGUST 2025



WEALTH!

Owner or Steward? How do you approach?

A biblical understanding of wealth emphasizes that while God may bless individuals with material possessions, wealth should be viewed as a tool for good, not an ultimate goal. It highlights the dangers of greed and idolatry associated with wealth while also advocating for generosity, stewardship, and using wealth to advance God's kingdom and care for the less fortunate. Key aspects of a biblical understanding of wealth:

God's Blessing and Stewardship:

The Bible acknowledges that God can bless individuals with wealth and prosperity. However, this wealth is not meant for personal indulgence but for responsible stewardship. Believers are called to manage their resources in a way that honors God and benefits others.

Warning Against Greed and Idolatry:

The Bible consistently warns against the dangers of loving money and possessions more than God. Greed can lead to idolatry, where material wealth becomes a substitute for God.

Generosity and Giving:

A core aspect of a biblical understanding of wealth is generosity and giving

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Fr. Joby George VC

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Fr Sebastian

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Caroline Allen

Parish Manager:

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Paul Sharp

Child Safety Officer:

Florida Nugara

Catechist:

Christina D'Couto

Sunday Masses:

Spanish Mass:

Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 9.15am Wednesday 7.00pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:

Saturday 9.00am Wednesday 7.00pm

Baptisms: Second Sunday

Divine Kids Bible Class:

Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:

Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

Parish Halls Hire:

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to those in need. The Bible encourages sacrificial giving as a way to express love for God and others.

Social Justice:

A biblical theology of wealth also calls for a concern for social justice and the alleviation of poverty. Some biblical scholars argue that accumulating excessive wealth while others suffer from poverty is unjust and ungodly.

Contentment:

The Bible teaches the importance of contentment, regardless of one's financial situation. Contentment helps prevent the pursuit of wealth from becoming an obsession.

Using Wealth for Kingdom Purposes:

Ultimately, a biblical theology of wealth emphasizes using resources to advance God's kingdom and make a positive impact on the world. This includes supporting ministries, helping the poor, and contributing to the common good.

Examples from Scripture:

The parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30) illustrates God's expectation that believers will use their resources wisely and productively.

The story of Lydia in Acts 16 shows a wealthy woman who used her resources to support the Apostle Paul's ministry.

The early church in Acts 2 and 4 practiced a form of communal living where believers shared their possessions to meet the needs of others.

The prophet Micah 6:8 calls for justice, mercy, and walking humbly with God, which includes caring for the poor and oppressed.

Blessing to you all.. Fr. Joby George VC

CHILD SAFETY

Holy Family Parish is committed to upholding the wellbeing, safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

READINGS

SUNDAY

Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23 Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17 Col 3:1-5, 9-11 Lk 12:13-21

MONDAY

St John Vianney, priest Num 11:4-15 Ps 80:12-17 Mt 14:13-21

TUESDAY

Num 12:1-13 Ps 50:3-7, 12-13 Mt 14:22-36

WEDNESDAY

The Transfiguration of the Lord
Dan 7:9-10, 13-14
Ps 96:1-2, 5-6, 9
Lk 9:28-36

THURSDAY

Num 20:1-13 Ps 94:1-2,6-9 Mt 16:13-23

FRIDAY

St MARY OF THE CROSS, (MacKillop), virgin 1Kg 17:8-16 Ps 62:1-8

Mt 6:25-34 SATURDAY

Col 3:12-17

Deut 6:4-13 Ps 17:2-4,47,51 Mt 17:14-20

WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTION

For More Vocations to

Priesthood and Religious Life

We will be praying for this intention in every Holy Mass for this week. Please keep them in your personal Rosary and prayers.

POSITIONS VACANT

CAM Positions

Events Coordinator, East Melbourne Development Operations Manager, East Melbourne Payroll Support Officer, East Melbourne

Parish Positions

Liturgy, Sacraments and Safeguarding Co-ordinator, Bentleigh

Outreach, Faith Formation and Volunteer's Programs Coordinator, *Bentleigh*

Pastoral Care, Community Development and Funeral Coordinator, *Bentleigh*

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at: <u>Job vacancies | Melbourne</u>

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DIGITAL SIGNAGE IN FOYERS

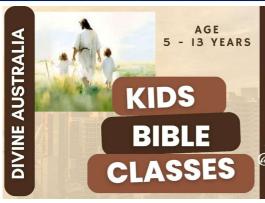
The foyers have been fitted with new digital signage for effective communication purposes.

Thanking all who contributed to it.

AUGUST 15 – EVENING MASS



Solemnity of
The ASSUMPTION of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Holy Mass
@ 9.15 AM &7.00 PM



On all
Sundays
Except
1" Sundays
after
9.15 am
Holy Mass
@ Fellowship
Hall





August 4, Memorial St. John Marie Vianney



August 6, Feast
The Transfiguration of Jesus



August 8, Solemnity
St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop



MONTHLY
DEVOTION FOR
AUGUST

IMMACULATE
HEART OF
MARY

A month dedicated to her interior life and love for God and her Son, Jesus.

Practices:

Praying for her intercession

Making a consecration to her heart

Wearing a Miraculous Medal

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Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9.30am to 1.30pm

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Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)