

READERS

18 SEPT Margaret Mabey
 25 SEPT Youth Group
 2 OCT Shelley Johnson

MINISTER OF COMMUNION/SACRISTAN

18 SEPT Olivia
 25 SEPT Bridgette
 2 OCT Judy

OFFERTORY / GIFTS

18 SEPT Youth Group
 25 SEPT Falis Family
 2 OCT Sherin's Family

ALTAR SERVERS

18 SEPT Zaydee/Reece/Kiera
 25 SEPT Aidan / Marilyn / Eve
 2 OCT Francis / Hattie / Jordan

FLOWERS

SEPT Liz
 OCT Jade
 NOV Judy / Maree

MORNING TEA

18 SEPT No morning tea
 25 SEPT Team Kerala
 2 OCT Team Leadership

CHURCH CLEANING

SEP WK 1 GROUP 3 Frank Schnuriger / Mary Wenzlick/Gail Gliddon/Judy Thomas



Remembering those who have passed.

SEPTEMBER

Thomas Kennard.

Raymond Platt, Norman Cowan, James Sheehan, Alfred Strange, Clarence McNeil, Olwyn Sisson, Desmond Manning, Pamela Green, Laurel Scott, John Clark, Patricia Maddox, Elizabeth Marston, Fr Theo Lieshout, Trevor Kenny, Ada Cain, Eileen Smith, Mary Garea, Mary Piaggi, Olive Burne, Noel Moran, Vivienne McNeillie, John Raye, Rex O'Grady, Patrick Liddell, Peter Jude, Teresa Fox, Anita Bax, Mae McDowell, Johanna McArthur, Vernon Branks, John Walker, James Sheehan, Florence McNeil, Raymond Platt, Mary Lockett,

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St Francis of Assisi

CATHOLIC CHURCH, THAMES

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME— YEAR C

18 SEPT 2022

FIRST READING

AMOS 8: 4-7

The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.

SECOND READING

TIMOTHY

2: 1-8

Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.

GOSPEL

LUKE 16: 1-13

You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.



God or Money?

"No servant can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and mammon." Luke 16:13

Many people dream of being rich. Having a lot of money brings with it a certain amount of security and freedom to do many things that most people could not. Money, in and of itself, is neither good nor bad. If one is rich, that is fine. If one is poor, that is fine. From the perspective of God, the amount of money you have matters little. With that said, the danger with money comes when you allow it to become your "master." In-

terestingly, even those who are poor can allow money to become their master when they allow the desire for more to dominate their lives. The key is in the desire and the healthy detachment.

What are you attached to? Are you attached to the

money you have? Are you attached to the desire for the money you wish you had? The goal is to see money for what it is. In the big picture, money has very little value. It's a means to the end of taking care of your daily needs but can never become the source of your joy and fulfillment in life. Only God is the proper Master of our hearts and only He can fill you with true riches. *Amen*

PARISH INFORMATION

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 (Fr Marchellino Park on leave to 7th October)

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Reconciliation
 During Exposition on Fridays & Saturdays after 9.15 am Mass.

LITURGICAL TIMES

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE CHAPEL

Monday— No Mass

Tuesday—Rosary and Mass 5pm

Wednesday—Rosary & Mass 9.00am

Rosary and Mass at 10.30am (Ngatea)

Thursday—Rosary and Mass 9.00am

Friday—Adoration, Rosary 11am and

Mass 12:15pm

Saturday- Rosary and Mass 9.00am

Sunday—Mass 8:30am



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WELCOME VISITORS, to St Francis of Assisi, Thames. Whether you are here for the first time or visit periodically you are most welcome. NO MORNING TEA TODAY.



CHILDREN'S TREASURE HUNT

SUNDAY 25th Sept

after MASS STARTING from the Parish Centre.

Three groups 1 to 4 years, 5 to 8 and 9 to 12.

Social Events

Monday Sept 19th

Every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month at 1pm in the parish center we will be having a games afternoon, eg. card games such as 500 or any other card game you would like to play, or bring along board games or jigsaw puzzles, please let us know if interested bring a friend along with you they don't need to be Catholics.

If you need a ride or info please ring Mary Connors 0274982274 or, Jenny Cooper 8683050 Judy Thomas 8680329



With slightly higher demand than previously we are getting short of the following items.

Soup (Tinned & Packets) tinned fruit, Breakfast Cereal, Tinned vegetables, Pasta sauce, Tinned Tomatoes, Soap, Long life Milk, Coffee & Tea.

As always we thank you all for your support though your donations which help us to be able give out Food Parcels.

PARISH FEAST DAY & PARISH BREAKFAST

Our Parish Feast day will be celebrated on **Sunday 9th October** with the Parish breakfast to follow.

We would appreciate any donations of food for the breakfast—helping to keep the parish costs down. Menu—SAUSAGES/HASH BROWNS/EGGS/BACON

PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT



August Collections

TOTAL \$3,295

(includes AP's Parish & House accounts)

RC Bishop of Auckland Parish Account Thames
02—0100—0120990 —008

PLEASE NOTE: WE ONLY HAVE ONE COLLECTION

For priestly maintenance you can contribute into the House account.

RC Bishop of Auckland Coromandel Region House Account **02—0100—0726108 — 00**

*Have you considered giving your gift to the Parish through **Auto Payment?** This is a way to show a strong commitment to your Parish. AP's continually support even when you are away on holiday.*

YOUTH GROUP

• SFYT Catholic Gifts (Seasonal Store)

This is the season when our friends begin classes for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation — traditions that date back to the time of the Apostles and even Christ's Ministry. SFYT will be hosting a little store after Mass each Sunday with items that can be purchased as gifts by families and friends of Candidates.

When: **Every Sunday from 11th September 9:30am to 10am**

Where: St. Francis Parish Centre

Our School Holiday Programme is back!!!

When: **Monday 3rd October to Friday 7th October** from 9am to 1pm

Where: St. Francis Parish Centre
Bookings are essential/Lunch provided \$5Koha

• Karaoke Family Social Night Sing like no one's watching!

We're stepping out of our phones and into the real world, where we can sing, dance, laugh and have some good, old fashioned, quality socials!

When: **Saturday 12th November 5pm to 8**

\$10 Entry Fee

light foods provided /BYO drinks / raffle draws



MAINTENANCE & RENOVATION

- The parish centre floors have been completed. The kitchen/ dining room area is still unavailable until Thursday 22nd Sept.
- The cleaning of the outside of our buildings will commence: presbytery & church—**Fri 23 Sept**, Parish Centre—**Sat 24th**
- A drone will be used to assess the condition of the parish centre roof to ascertain what work is required.

If you would like to contribute to any of these projects—your donations will be recorded and claimable with your annual receipts.



"YOU CANNOT SERVE

GOD AND MONEY."

LUKE 16:13. ESV



Frank won last week

QUICK FIRE RAFFLES - \$1

FORNIGHTLY—next one is 25 SEPT

Bring along your loose change to support the CWL quick fire raffles. Raffles will be drawn at the end of Mass.