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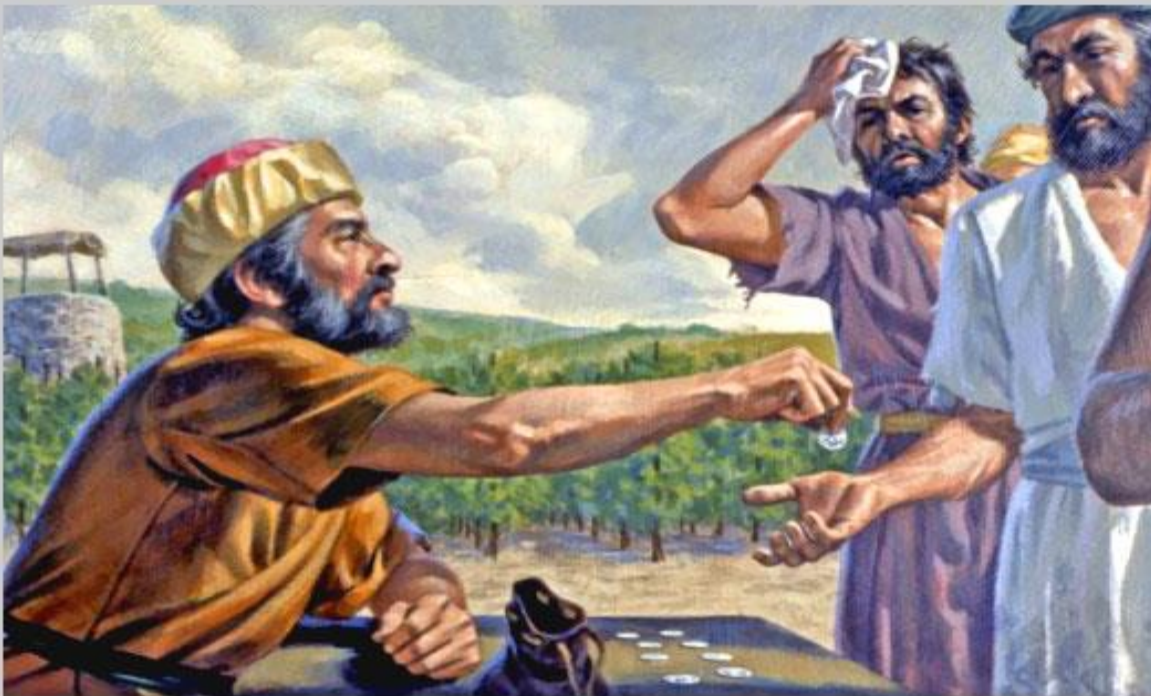
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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY



Dear Friends,

And the master commended that dishonest steward for acting prudently. "For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light." Luke 16:8

These lines conclude with the Parable of the Dishonest Steward. At that time, there was a Palestinian custom in which agents acted on behalf of a wealthier master's money, making loans and obtaining them back with interest. It is similar to our modern banking system. The problem presented in this parable was that the steward was dishonest, skimming some of the profits for himself. As a result, the master told the steward to get his financial affairs in order because he was going to fire him. The shrewd steward, acting on the authority he still had for the moment,

then went forth and reduced the debt of each of his master's debtors so as to win favor with each of them so that he could do business with them after he was fired by his master.

Obviously, Jesus does not tell this parable because He approves of dishonest and shrewd deception in business practices. Instead, He tells it to illustrate the fact that many people who are motivated by selfishness and worldly goals use the natural gift of prudence with much more zeal than many of the "children of light."

Think about your goals in life. If you were to make a list of your goals, what would it look like? And if you were to order that list according to the importance of those goals, what would be first? Hopefully, on the top of that list, you would have as your primary goal the love, service and glory of God. In the end, that is all that matters in life. Every other goal in life will fall into place when that is our central goal.

However, if you were to order your list according to how much time, energy and prudence you put into each endeavor, how would it look? Would it look different? Most likely. Many people go about their lives putting a tremendous amount of time and effort into the passing things of this world. Many make their financial advancement the goal with which they spend the most time and energy. Others devote countless hours to hobbies, entertainment, home improvements, sports, and even wasteful activities such as bingeing on television. When it comes to the practice of faith, it is a rare person who devotes a significant amount of time and energy to daily prayer, studying the Scriptures, learning the Catechism, and studying the lives of the saints. Many experience Sunday Mass as a burden. Charitable service can become undesirable. Many rarely work at the proclamation of the Gospel.

Reflect honestly on how you spend your time and energy. Even ordinary tasks become holy when done for God's glory. Pray today for the gift of supernatural prudence, so that all you do may serve Him and bring souls closer to salvation.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 20 th Sept 5.30pm	St. Peter's	Roksana – 18 th Birthday	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00pm
Sun 21 st Sept 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael's St. Peter's		25th Sunday Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 22 nd Sept	No Mass	Fr. Maria's Day off	
Tue 23 rd Sept 9.30am	St. Peter's	Charlie Kirk - RIP	St. Pius of Pietrelcina
Wed 24 th Sept 10.00am	St. Michael's		Our Lady of Walsingham
Thu 25 th Sept 9.30am	St. Peter's	Hugo Shepherd - Int.	
Fri 26 th Sept 9.30am	St. Peter's		Sts. Cosmas and Damian

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

In St. Peter's Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm
In St. Michael's Wednesday 10.30am to 11.00am

A Warm Welcome: today is Sunday 21st September. As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our "regulars," asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Parish Hall.

A JOYFUL GATHERING AT ST. PETER'S ANNUAL BARBEQUE

Last Sunday was truly a day of jubilation for the parishioners of St. Peter's, as more than a hundred people gathered for our much-loved annual barbeque.

The atmosphere was filled with laughter, delicious aromas, and the joy of community.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who helped make the day such a success – from those who organized and set up, to the talented cooks who prepared the food, and the generous donors who contributed raffle prizes. Most of all, thank you to all who came and shared in the celebration.

A special word of thanks goes to our friends from St. Michael's. Your presence and support added to the spirit of the day and showed the wonderful solidarity between our parishes.

It was more than just a barbeque – it was a reminder of the warmth, fellowship, and joy that come from gathering together as one community of faith.





SECOND COLLECTION

This weekend (21.09.2025) there will be a second collection for Bishops' Conference.

JOIN US FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AT RAU

We warmly invite you to the Eucharistic Celebration at the **RAU** on **Tuesday, 14th October, at 6.30 PM**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and community.

After the Mass, stay for **refreshments, including coffee, tea, and delicious cake** - because every good gathering deserves a sweet treat! Bring a friend, share in the joy, and make it an evening to remember.

All are most welcome!

MAMMA MIA FILM NIGHT (FRIDAY)

Due to high demand, we are excited to add a Mamma Mia Film Night (& Sing-Along) on **FRIDAY, 3rd October, 6:30pm** at **St. Peter's Parish Hall**. Same great food and energy included in ticket price! Tickets are £15 each and there will be an exciting raffle and drinks available for purchase on the night.

Fancy dress optional. All proceeds will go towards repairs needed at St. Peter's Parish Hall. Please purchase tickets online beforehand at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-cirencester/> or please speak to a member of the fundraising team and we can reserve tickets for you! Thank you for your support.



DEAR LADIES OF ST. PETER'S...

Our next big fundraising event is the Mama Mia Sing along on 3rd and 4th October. We will be running a raffle. Last time this raised over £500. We are making up some "Pamper Hampers". Do you have an unwanted gift you could donate? Perhaps you'd be generous enough to purchase a small item. Anything that would help someone to relax would be very welcome. Some hot chocolate and marshmallows, hand cream, face mask and scented soap are just a few ideas. Please leave any donations in the sacristy by 30th September. Many thanks. - Lina Watts

FAITH INTO ACTION WITH THE SV'P IN ST. PETER'S AND ST. MICHAEL'S

A member of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), John Ciereszko, will be giving a short address at masses **on 4th and 5th October** to appeal for volunteers to form a new SVP conference in both the Parishes.

The SVP is a lay organization that provides people with the opportunity to put their faith into action by offering practical help and support to those in need, wherever there is need, and making a real difference to their lives.

If anyone is interested in finding out more following the appeal, there will be a short follow up meeting in **St. Peter's Hall** with refreshments on **8th October at 6.00 pm** to provide further information.

HARVEST LUNCH AT ST. PETER'S

Cafod Family Fast day is on Friday October 3rd. On Sunday October 5th we will be having our annual Harvest Lunch after the 11:00 a.m. mass. This is a bring and share event for Parishioners and to support our brothers and sisters throughout the world whose faith we share.

There is a list at the back of the Church for you to sign up or just bring along your favorite dish.

We ask for a donation of £5 towards Cafod and children are free.

Glastonbury Pilgrimage 2025: "Mary, Woman of Hope"

This year's diocesan pilgrimage took place on Sunday 7th September, the eve of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and was centred on the theme *Mary, Woman of Hope*, in harmony with the Jubilee Year's call to be *Pilgrims of Hope*. Despite a wet start, the weather soon brightened as pilgrims gathered from near and far to share in this grace-filled day.

At 1.30pm, the Rosary Procession set out through the Abbey and along the High Street before returning to the Abbey grounds. Among those in procession, alongside Bishop Bosco, clergy, and pilgrims, were civic dignitaries, including the Mayor and Deputy Mayor of Glastonbury, the Knights and Dames of the Holy Sepulchre, the Knights of St Columba, and representatives of ecumenical partners. The Rosary was recited, and hymns were sung during the procession as onlookers lined the route.

Over 1,000 pilgrims attended the Pilgrimage Mass in the Abbey Nave, celebrated by the Bishop of Clifton, Rt Rev Bosco MacDonald. In his homily, Bishop Bosco reminded us that true discipleship means putting Christ first, even above family, possessions, or comfort. Far from diminishing our love, this deepens it, as shown in the joyful witness of Saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati, canonised in this Jubilee Year of Hope. Honouring Our Lady of

Glastonbury, he invited pilgrims to renew their “yes” to Jesus and find in Him true freedom, peace, and hope. Report and pictures: [Glastonbury Pilgrimage 2025](#)





Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £ 412.91 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Building Maintenance Fund: £ 100.00

St. Michael: £ 86.45

