

# FAITH @Home

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## 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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### Sunday Mass Readings

#### First Reading:

Amos 8:4-7

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 112(113): 1-2, 4-8

#### Second Reading:

1 Timothy 2:1-8

#### Gospel:

Luke 16:1-13

*"The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great..."*



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## Hear

Grab your Bible and look up the Gospel reading. Don't have one? No worries, you can find this week's readings online [here](#).

Check out [this video](#) on the Gospel for children.

## Pray

In the Gospel today we hear Jesus speak the need to put God first above everything else.

- What is the Holy Spirit saying to you through this piece of Scripture? How do these words resonate with you personally?
- Do you struggle to trust in God's providence in your life and for your family? Do you find yourself getting preoccupied with money and finances, with material possessions? Does this harm the time and attention due to God?
- Think back to a time when you really felt that God was providing for you, when you felt His fatherly care and providence in your life. Ask God to help you to remember this whenever you are tempted to do things your own way and not prioritise Him in your daily life and decisions.

## Talk

In today's readings we hear Jesus's parable teaching us about putting God first and being honest and trustworthy.

- What kind of responsibilities do you have at home? What kind of things are you trusted to do? Is it always easy to live up to those responsibilities?
- Sometimes being trustworthy and faithful to responsibilities means we have to say no to other things we would like to do e.g. *I can't go outside playing because I have to finish tidying my room first*. Can you think of any others?
- Jesus wants us to be faithful to Him first, and to daily prayer, going to Mass, caring for others. What's the reward? He offers us heaven!

## Family Challenge!

Jesus talks about putting God before money in this Gospel. This week, make a special effort to not spend money on anything that isn't necessary - ask God for the grace! Consider giving whatever money you save during the week to charity as an extra act of love!



"Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies."  
Mother Teresa

## FAITHFUL IN LITTLE THINGS

**Mission:**

Every time you are given a job or responsibility this week, do it to the best of your ability, even if you would rather be playing with your toys!

## TRUSTWORTHY IN SMALL THINGS

Today's Gospel sounds puzzling to contemporary readers, but it can be made less so by considering the economic system which stands behind the parable. A steward is dismissed because he is squandering his master's property. He is called dishonest because he is not serving the interests of the rich man, his employer. In response the steward, in an attempt to ensure favour for himself among the rich man's debtors, brokers repayment of the rich man's loans by foregoing the interest and fees that had been levied to line the steward's pockets. It is this action, in which the steward puts aside his greed and takes the longer perspective in order to enhance his security, which is commended by the rich man.

The passage concludes with three morals for the listeners. The first exhorts the listener to be prudent about the use of wealth. Like the steward in the parable, those who would follow Jesus must put transitory affairs in proper perspective. Christians should handle the affairs of temporal life with an eye toward eternal life.

The second concerns trustworthiness. Those who can be trusted in small things can also be trusted in great things. If Christians handle money and other passing things responsibly, then they can also be trusted with the affairs of the Kingdom of God.

Finally, Jesus tells his listeners that no one can serve two masters simultaneously. God must be put ahead of money.

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Have you ever had your day brightened because someone smiled at you, or did a small act of kindness for you? Have you ever had your temper ruined because someone dismissed you, or cut you off, or rolled their eyes at you? It's the little things in life that count... in fact, all of life is made up of little things. In today's Gospel Jesus asks us to be faithful in the little things, so He can trust us with greater. Sometimes we get bored with the little things, or we long for grander, more epic and meaningful ways to spend our time. Most of our day, or most of our life even isn't made up of opportunities for great heroism or epic decisions. Most of our life is made up of small decisions, one after the other, where we need to choose the good each and every time, to build up good habits and grow in virtue. Big grand sweeping gestures are impressive, expensive gifts can wow us, but the small personal touches, knowing that someone truly knows you and considered your character, your interests, your likes and dislikes when choosing a gift for you, even if it was inexpensive and made no sense to anyone else - those are the gifts that really matter! This week, try to be conscious of the little things: the little things you say and do: choose to love, choose to pray, choose to speak kindly and truthfully, choose to be trustworthy in the little things.



• Fr Mike: The "Little Things" Are Actually Most Things

• The Little Things (Jim & Melissa Brady)

To the Heights Youth Newsletter will return at the end of August



## Family Prayer

*Lord Jesus, grant that we may be trustworthy in the little things each and every day, and build up Your Kingdom where we are.  
Amen*

## EVENTS

**Lectio Divina** with the Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Waterford. Tuesdays, 2:30-4pm- St. John's Pastoral Centre or Thursdays, 7:30-9pm- Sacred Heart Convent, Cedar Lodge (Newtown Rd.) Starting from 13th September. Queries: Sr. Kathryn 087 404 2784.

**"Get used to Different" - Weekend Retreat based on "The Chosen" TV Series:** Sept 30th - Oct 2nd. Glencomeragh Retreat Centre. Full Board Accommodation €195. To book (052) 6133181 or email info@hollyfamilymission.ie / For more info on the retreat 087 4042784 / [www.waterfordlismore.ie](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie)

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