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| ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­  **Castlemaine Parish**  **28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  **9th/10th October 2021** |



**It is Tough to be Billionaire**

Paul Getty, the founder and CEO of Getty Oil company and owner of several other companies died at 83 of cardiac arrest in 1976, leaving his wealth, $3-4 billion, to his three sons. He was the wealthiest man of his days. Born and brought up in the USA, he established his oil empire headquarters in London and led the corporation for 25 years. He spoke most European languages and understood Russian and Arabic, Latin and Greek. He married five times and divorced his wives. He told an interviewer, “I would give all my wealth for a successful marriage. I hate being a failure. I hate not being able to make a success of marriage.” He admitted that money could not buy him happiness, and often it gave him more unhappiness. He refused to give his money to charities arguing that it made people lazy. Besides, he saw giving money to needy people as unrewarding and wrong. He even wrote an article called, “It is Tough to be Billionaire.” His books are “My Life and Fortune” and “How to be Rich.”– In today’s Gospel, Jesus advises a rich young man to share his riches with the needy to gain eternal life and never-ending happiness.

We need to accept the invitation to generous sharing. Jesus’ generosity led to His free gift of His very self to save our lives eternally. The crucifix is “Exhibit A.” To follow Jesus, we must have the same kind of generosity, and be willing to give our money, time, and talents away to serve the needs of others. In the heart of every Christian there should be a desire to give. Martin Luther says that the man who has given his heart to God will also give God his wallet. God does not have to extort money from those who love him. God does not ask us to give up our riches, but He does ask us to use them wisely in His service. We must manage our possessions wisely, so that they do not gain control over our hearts. Almsgiving and donations to charities are no longer the only way to use wealth for the common good, or perhaps the most advisable. There is also honesty in paying one’s taxes, creating new jobs, giving a more generous salary to workers when the situation allows it, initiating local enterprises in developing countries, and the like. Let us also ask the question: “How do I use my talents?” God gives us talents. Hence, they are not really ours. He lends them to us to be used in this world. How do we use our talents? What about time – do we use it for God? We each get 168 hours every week. How do we use our time? Are we too busy to pray each day? Do we pray for others’ needs as well as our own?

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| **Eucharistic Ministers** |
| **Keel Oct.** **9th**   Marie Prendergast & David Flahive  **Kiltallagh Oct.10th** Fergus Culloty & Catherine O’Connor  **Keel Oct. 16th** John Carmody & Mary Ita Ladden  **Kiltallagh Oct. 17th** Eileen Lovett & Mike Carroll |

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| **Sanitisers** |
| **Keel Oct. 9th** JoanO’Connor & Eileen Murphy  **Kiltallagh Oct. 10th** Catherine O’Connor & Breda Murphy  **Keel Oct. 16th** Margaret Cournane & Eileen Prendiville  **Kiltallagh Oct. 17th** Hannelore Harris& Eileen Lovett |

**Dear Lord,**

**Help me remember**

**what a difference**

**it makes when**

**I make time with You**

**a priority in my morning.**

**Awaken me in body**

**and spirit each day**

**with a desire to meet**

**with You and to hear**

**You speak words**

**of affirmation,**

**assurance, and wisdom**

**over my heart**

**as I prepare to go into my day.**

**In Jesus' name,**

**Amen.**