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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 24 - 25 September 2022

SCRIPTURE COMMENTARY

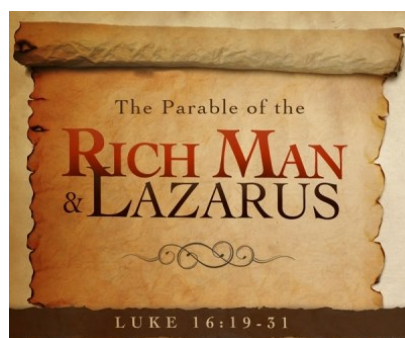
Amos denounces the complacency that often accompanies wealth. He condemns self-indulgence at feasts. The prophet goes to great lengths to paint a picture of the dissolute character of the wealthy. In contrast to this, with one simple but piercing phrase he describes the condition of the nation as 'the collapse of Joseph'. The profligacy of the wealthy in the face of social breakdown is evidence of their self-indulgence and complacency. However, their affluent lifestyle will be cut short and, in an ironic turn of events, those who always thought of themselves first will be the first to be deported into exile.

The responsorial psalm is a hymn of praise. God has been faithful to the people. God's graciousness to the vulnerable is particularly extolled. God raises up the needy, enables them to stand with pride, reestablishes them in security. Strangers or aliens lack certain legal rights, and since it is not their own nation, they may not be familiar with the rights that they do have. The final verse praises God as sovereign and eternal ruler in Jerusalem. This is not a God who is distant or remote. This God has entered into their history and into the very social fabric of their existence. Such a God deserves praise.

Paul addresses Timothy with a fourfold charge: pursue the virtues; fight for the faith; grasp eternal life; and keep the commandments. Though these are responsibilities of all Christians, he expects that Timothy will fulfil them in ways that reflect his pastoral office. Paul employs an image from athletic competition in order to illustrate the struggle that being faithful often entails. The prize that Paul has in mind is eternal life. Under-scoring the seriousness of his admonitions, he charges Timothy, before God and before Christ, to obey the commandments in anticipation of Christ's glorious manifestation, probably a reference to Christ's second coming. When this great event will transpire is known only by God.

The gospel paints a picture of radical reversals. The man who during life was treated as a castoff enjoys the bliss of heaven, while the one who savoured the pleasures that life had to give ends up in great torment in the netherworld. Why is Lazarus rewarded while the rich man suffers? The answer is found in the understanding of covenant responsibility. Both men are somehow associated with Abraham and therefore belong to the people of Israel. The rich man was indifferent to the needs of the covenant brother who lay at his gate. When he asked that Lazarus be sent to warn his brothers to change their way of life (*metánoia*), he was told that they had the religious tradition that clearly charges the wealthy to meet the needs of the poor. If they were not attentive to that tradition, they would not heed a resurrected Lazarus.

Dianne Bergant CSA



PARISH CALENDAR

Thurs 6 Oct 12pm: Mary's Kitchen

Thurs 6 Oct 5pm: Serra Club Mass

Fri 7 October 7.00pm: Bible Study with Fr Francis at the Chapter House

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you someone or do you know someone who....

- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptised?
- Was baptised Catholic as a child, but has not received the Sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation?

We offer an opportunity to come together as a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teaching and experience of Church and prepare individuals to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist during the Easter season. There are separate sessions for children and youth. You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. To express your interest in this program please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100. Dates of the program will be announced soon.

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism Owen & Layla Leclerc-Box children of Wesley & Daisy. Congratulations to the family from us all.

SERRA CLUB: The Serra Club will gather in the Cathedral on **Thursday 6 October** at 4.40pm for Rosary and 5.00pm Mass followed by their meeting in Chapter House. All welcome. Apologies to Brenda Burditt

31 CLUB REMINDER for 26 Sept to 2 Oct. Please pray for vocations.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES VICTORIA

CSSV will be holding an event in Bairnsdale on **29 September**. They will be hosting a community forum called Regional Matters, which is the first in a series of these forums to be held in the lead up to the 2022 Victorian State Election. These forums are aimed at drawing attention to the strengths and challenges in regional communities to ensure that regional concerns get the proper attention of decision makers.

They have scheduled one forum to take place in each of the regional Dioceses throughout Victoria, with Bairnsdale being the location for the Diocese of Sale. Some great connections have been established in Bairnsdale through the 'Shining A Light' workshop held there, along with there being some very active CSSV members in the area (eg. Vinnies) and the region having faced compounding crises (drought, floods, fire and pandemic) in recent times. A registration process has been set up which is available here: <https://www.trybooking.com/CCFJN> and there is also some information on our website: <https://css.org.au/events/regional-matters-bairnsdale-forum/>.

The details are as follows:

Date: Thursday 29 September Time: 5pm – refreshments, event from 5.30-7.00pm

Location: St Mary's Parish Centre, Bairnsdale - 23 Pyke Street, Bairnsdale VIC 3875 (enter from McDonald's carpark, Nicholson Street)

PLANNED GIVING Receipts and/or new envelopes for ALL planned givers whether by electronic donation or envelopes are available for collection in the Assembly area of the Cathedral. Please pick these up as it saves the Parish a considerable amount in postage if they are not collected. They will be posted **next week** if not collected.

THANKS FROM PRIEST'S WELFARE FUND to our generous Parishioners who donated **\$668.15** plus any online donations made by us.

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father,
we give you thanks and praise for our
Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily
Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming and
serving community,
always discerning and
doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED invites you to join the prayer campaign One Million Children Praying the Rosary. We are inviting families, parishes, catechists, and teachers to pray together with children on the 18th of October for peace and unity in the world. Prayer materials have been prepared for you to spread the word and be inspired when gathering the children to pray the rosary together. To register and learn more visit: www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN will be opening next on **Thursday 6 October** from **12.00 - 1.00pm** in the Chapter House.

BIBLE STUDY the next Bible Study session with Fr Francis will be held in the Chapter House at 7.00pm on Friday 7 October. Please read 1 Thessalonians Chapters 4 and 5.

WORKING BEE looking for people to volunteer to help with a working bee on **10 October**. We need a general clean up for the ordination. Bring all tools you think may be helpful. **Come along at 10am and tasks will be assigned.**

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 11.30am — 12.00noon

At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am – 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** 10.00 — 10.30am

Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the Priest.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,015.00
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**Mass Timetable this week
Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
24 - 25 September 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 24 September	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
Sunday 25 September	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Briagolong Cathedral Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 26 September	NO	MASS
Tuesday 27 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 28 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 29 September	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 30 September	11.00am	Cathedral
Reconciliation & Exposition	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 1 October	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
Sunday 2 October	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Stratford Cathedral Cathedral

**Prayer for the Synod:
Adsumus Sancte Spiritus**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us
down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey
together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.

**DEACON MARK'S ORDINATION TO THE
PRIESTHOOD.**

You are all invited to attend Deacon Mark's Ordination to the Priesthood in the Cathedral and Mass of Thanksgiving at Cranbourne. You can book using the details below for catering purposes. <http://www.trybooking.com/CBQWQ>

If you are not computer savvy there is a sign up sheet in the Cathedral or call Clare in the Parish Office on 5144 4100 by **Monday 3 October** to allow us to finalise numbers. We are exploring the possibility of taking a bus to Cranbourne for the Mass of Thanksgiving. A sign up sheet for this will also be available. Cost could be up to \$40 depending on numbers attending.

Let us continue to pray for Mark as he prepares for this very important moment of his life's journey.



Date & Time	Sat 24 Sep 5.30pm	Sun 25 Sep 9.30am	Sun 25 Sep 5.30pm
Welcomer	Claire Everard	Margaret Shirreffs	Please offer
Commentator	Damian Hogan	Vince Beer	Brenda Bowden
Reader	Brenda Burditt	Susan Mattson	Ann Neville
Counter	Sue Harvey		

Date & Time	Sat 1 Oct 5.30pm	Sun 2 Oct 9.30am	Sun 2 Oct 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Marie & Nick Centra	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Ann Neville	Marietta Dykun	Lyn Althaus
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Clare O'Brien	Brenda Bowden
Counter	John Dykun		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **Queen Elizabeth II, Kevin Waddington, Graeme O'Connor, Pauline Sweeney**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr John Dunlea, Fr David Verlin**. Please pray for those who are sick **Fr Peter Slater, John Schroeder, Jim Clottin, Neha De Alwis, Maria Dunell rsj, Helena Klimas, Maureen Hall, Helen O'Kane, Rachel Stefanetti, Fr Tao Pham, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

NAME:

ADDRESS:

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Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program

If you would like to join a Family Group

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgment,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Amos 6:1, 4-7

The almighty Lord says this:

Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **(R.)**

He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 6:11-16

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things come your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours."

'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead."

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.**

This is my comfort when I am brought low.



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 11.30am —12.00pm

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

Friday & Saturday morning following Mass

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year C

1st Reading: **Habukkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4**

2nd Reading: **2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14**

Gospel: **Luke 17:5-9**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Each Thursday fortnight - next 6 October 2022

'Soup and Sandwiches' from Noon -1.00pm

Tea and Coffee provided. **All welcome.**



WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm

Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.