

26th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C 28th - 29th September 2019

First Reading: Amos 6:1,4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

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: Ps 145:6-10

R/ Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: Timothy 6:11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

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: 2 Cor 8:9

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

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

During your life good things came your way just as bad things came the way of Lazarus.

Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feasted 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 the 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 came 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

Like the rich man, we can live happily, ignorant of the kind of persons we are becoming and of the bitter society we are helping shape. Then we easily forget that Jesus rose from the dead to help us live attentively and fully.



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Social Justice Sunday – Making It Real

Today on this Social Justice Sunday the Australian Catholic Bishops have released a Social Justice statement titled: **Making it real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world.**

The Readings this Sunday confront us with inequality and divisions in the world. Then - and now - those who are rich and powerful - whether their power stems from material wealth, knowledge, politics, religious leadership, technological expertise, are warned that God will raise up, protect, and uphold the poor and excluded, bringing about a reversal of fortunes. Things are not as they seem. The readings call us to reach out in solidarity, respecting, including and caring for our neighbours. Amos describes the lavish lifestyle of the rich and famous of his day. Their lives appear idyllic, but Amos warns that their disregard for the poor and marginalised will have consequences. The Psalm assures those who are disadvantaged or marginalised of God's love and protection. Timothy encourages us to be filled with faith and love, to be patient and gentle and to stand up boldly for the truth in front of others.

Today's gospel parable presents to us an aloof, unnamed rich character who uses his wealth to support a totally self-centred lifestyle. He feasts and lives extravagantly on a daily basis with no concern for the destitute, wounded man Lazarus who sits at his gate and longs for a share in the scraps that have fallen from the banquet table to be snapped up by dogs. If the rich man and his guests are too devoid of conscience, at least the dogs allow Lazarus to share the scraps and even comfort him by licking his wounds. Eventually the rich man will come to the realisation - too late - that all honour and status that riches and power bring are quite worthless in the final analysis. This world's resources after all are for the whole earth community to share.

Just as the readings address the possibilities for good and evil in the ways we use and misuse wealth, we are reminded that today, in our digital world, what appear on the surface to be perfect lives can belie a different reality.

The Social Justice Statement affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements of our digital world may be harmful. They include information overload; social isolation; marginalisation of the vulnerable; consumerism, fake news and cyber bullying. Pope Francis challenges us to boldly become citizens of the digital world' actively shaping it for the good and protection of God's human family.

Copies of the Statement are available today or see the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website www.acsc.org.au. From comments of Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ



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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (Italian),
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9.10am

Healing Mass: 1st Thursday of
the month at 1.30pm

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed

Sacrament: Wednesday after
9.10am Mass

Holy Rosary: Thursday (Eng) &
Friday (Italian) after 9.10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Thursday
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

Reconciliation:

Weekdays: 30 minutes before
Mass or by appointment

Baptisms & Weddings:

By appointment only

Social Justice Sunday

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world'. It shares Pope Francis' challenge to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world'. It points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this world, but active citizens shaping it. New digital media offer positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity; however some elements of our digital world may be harmful. These include information overload; social isolation; marginalisation of the vulnerable; consumerism and fake news.

The Statement reminds us that the new digital media cannot be seen as neutral or 'unaffected by any moral considerations'. While many users do not realise it, the core business of social media platforms is to sell advertising and maximise profits. People's personal lives may be reduced to data that is traded for profit or power, and it is used to target and influence us in ways previously unthinkable. Pushing users to more extreme positions and promoting fake news and conspiracy theories sells, but this is at odds with human solidarity. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Office for Social Justice website:

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499. Order the Statement online at: bit.ly/socialjusticeshop. Follow us on Facebook: [socialjusticeACBC](https://www.facebook.com/socialjusticeACBC) or Twitter: [@JusticeCatholic](https://twitter.com/JusticeCatholic)

Mission Sunday Multicultural Mass

On Mission Sunday 20th October, we will celebrate Multicultural Mass/es. I would like to encourage parishioners from the same ethnic or national background to organise themselves and take part in this celebration, either in singing a hymn, having a procession, or sharing some simple food after Mass. For more information please see Fr Jan.



Welcome!

This weekend through Baptism we welcome **Henry Tran** into our Parish family

Home Visits

If you would like Fr Jan to visit you or your family at home, please let us know by filling in a little card which can be found in the church foyer and hand it to Fr Jan or Deacon Toub. Thank you.

Dates to Remember

- Sunday 20th October:** Mission Sunday
- Saturday 26th October:** Parish Dinner Dance

Last Week's Collection: 22/09/19

1st Collection for our Church: \$1060.65
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$560.75
Thank you for your kind generosity!



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sacred Heart - 105 Years On...Dinner Dance
Tickets on Sale Now!



Saturday 26th October 2019:
7pm - Midnight
Sacred Heart Hall, 85 David Street Preston
Band: 'Sentimental Journey'
Raffle/Trivia/Lucky Seat Prizes

Cost: Adults \$35, Pensioners/Concession \$25, Children 5-12 years \$15, Children under 5 are free.
Soft Drinks provided, BYO Alcohol
RSVP: Wednesday 16th October.
Mary 0422 891 324 or Jennifer 0416 010 203

Ordination of Deacon Toub (Anthony)

Deacon Anthony Anisong Chanthavong, SVD will be ordained a priest on Saturday 9th November, 2019 at St Paschal's Chapel, 100 Albion Road, Box Hill, Vic 3128, at 10 am, by Archbishop Peter Comensoli. Fr Anthony will celebrate his Solemn Thanksgiving Mass on Sunday 10th November at Sacred Heart Preston, at 6pm.

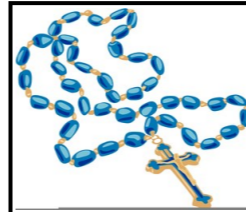


Like to Meet People of other Rites/Faiths?

Are you interested to have dialogue with people of other Christian rites, Christian denominations or other faiths? An expression of interest is sought from those who would like to meet once a month, for about 2 hours, to hear about rites and faiths of those other than Roman Catholic. It is an opportunity to ask questions that will enrich knowledge and appreciation for people of other rites/faiths. If so, please sign a sheet available in the church foyer. Thank you.

Blessing of our Pets

Sacred Heart School is organising a Blessing of Pets Paraliturgie. When: Friday 11th October 2019 Time: 7.00pm Where: Sacred Heart Primary School Invitation is extended to all parishioners and visitors to attend and celebrate the precious gift of our pets. All pets from goldfish to guinea pigs, dogs to reptiles and every pet in between are welcome to be blessed.



Why is October the Month of the Rosary?

October 7th is the memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary, sometimes referred to as the Feast of the Holy Rosary. The day was dedicated by St. Pius V, who credited a victory over the invading Turks to the intercession of Mary through the Rosary. Pope Benedict XVI described the image of Our Lady of the Rosary in a 2007 Angelus: "The traditional image of Our Lady of the Rosary portrays Mary who with one arm supports the Child Jesus and with the other is offering the Rosary beads to St Dominic. This important iconography shows that the Rosary is a means given by the Virgin to contemplate Jesus and, in meditating on his life, to love him and follow him ever more faithfully. It is this message that Our Lady has also bequeathed to us in her various apparitions." Please pray the Rosary or at least one decade of the Rosary with your family during the month of October. Also, all are welcome to pray the Rosary in our church every Thursday after 9.10am Mass and in Italian, every Friday after 9.10am Mass.

One Million children Praying the Rosary



Aid to the Church in Need

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is hosting a prayer campaign on 18 October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate information and resources can be found online at: www.millionkidspraying.org.

Pledge to Pray

I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at: www.pledgetoprayer.com.au. This site is dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia, particularly in the lead up to ACYF in Perth in December this year. Fr David Cartwright and Fr Nicholas Pearce Melbourne Vocations Team

Roster for weekend of 5th - 6th October 2019

	Readers	Ministers
Sat 6.00pm	Terry Murphy Renato Tonini	Marlene Vergou
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Orsini A.	Bozzella C. Mancini M.
Sun 10.30am	Ivana Lo Bello Alan Castles	Pauline Veamatahau
Sun 6.00pm	Peter Constable Carolina Constable	Benedicta Arhatari

WE PRAY FOR:
The elderly and the sick
Brian Donnellon, Maria Santa Lucia, Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal & Ercolina Zoppi
We Commemorate
Teresa Fontana, Armando Raucci & Br. Tony Patterson (former Principal, Samaritan College)
O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



If parishioners would like a name to continue on the prayer list for the Sick and Elderly, please advise the Parish Office on 9480 3398. Thank you

MEDITATION ON JESUS

(through gentle postures & breathing exercises)
John 17:11 "Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me..."



3 Hour Meditation: 10am - 1pm
Saturday October 12th 2019

Guided by Fr. Gilbert Carlo, SVD

At: Janssen Spirituality Centre,
22 Woodvale Rd,
Boronia, Victoria 3155.
RSVP Tel: 03 9762 6625 or



Email: enquiries@janssencentre.org
www.janssencentre.org



Christian Life Program - Empowering the Family

We cordially invite you to a series of inspiring talks about living in the Christian faith.

When: 6 Sundays starting 13th & 20th Oct, 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th Nov 2019.

Time: 1pm - 4pm
Where: St. Damian's Parish (Dunlop Room), 5 Settlement Rd, Bundoora

This event is FREE. Kids activities and afternoon tea. Bring your family and friends! For information, please call or text: Bing & Candy Robles: 0435 759 148; Mike & Faye Santos: 0413 713 973 or Raymond & Julie Garcia: 0404 618 591

Cleaning Roster: Saturday 5th October 2019
Volunteers

Thank you for your help!

