



**26<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME YEAR C**

**25 September 2022**

**LITURGY AND BULLETIN**

### **OPENING PRAYER**

Father,  
You show your almighty power in your mercy and forgiveness.  
Continue to fill us with your gifts of love.  
Amen.

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the prophet Amos

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.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!**

1. 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.)

2. 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.)

3. 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

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.

### **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."



### **REFLECTION on the Gospel of Luke 16:19-31 by Dianne Bergant CSA**

Both the reading from the prophet Amos and the gospel narrative pointedly condemn the lifestyles of the rich. It is not wealth itself, but the complacency and the disregard for others that it too frequently generates, that is denounced. Biblical covenant is a communal concept. It emerges from a society that insists on mutual responsibility. Today's readings invite us to consider the covenant bond we have with others. How do we measure up?

The fundamental image of God reveals mercy and compassion. However, we cannot disregard the fact of judgment. Amos pronounces a woe against his own people; Abraham declares that there is an unbridgeable chasm between the saved and the condemned. Paul speaks here of the appearance of the Lord Jesus Christ who will bring judgment when he comes. Judgment will be determined not primarily in terms of our obedience to law, but in view of our fidelity to covenant commitment.

Righteousness is a covenant term. It is a quality of God that is shared with us by means of our covenant bond. Paul admonishes Timothy, and us, to pursue this righteousness, along with devotion, faith, love, patience and gentleness. Some of these virtues focus on our relationship with God, but most of them are directed toward our relationship with others. Those who are less fortunate are our sisters and brothers. If we take lightly our covenant obligations and allow them to languish at our gates, we will have only ourselves to blame when we find ourselves facing the harsh judgment of God.

### **PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL**

For migrants and refugees around the world, that Pope Francis' appeal to 'build the future' with them will open doors to a new future. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For a just sharing of the world's wealth and resources: that everyone's right to food, shelter and freedom will be fulfilled. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all church ministers, that they will bear constant witness to the truth of God's saving love in Christ. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the rivers and streams of every land, that World Rivers Day (25 September) will call humankind to nurture the health of the earth's waterways. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For world leaders, that they will choose to answer the United Nations' call for the total elimination of nuclear weapons. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For Jewish communities celebrating New Year, (25-27 September) that they will hold fast to the covenant God made with them of old. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For older persons in societies around the globe, that they will enrich the world with their wisdom and always be treated with respect. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all whose artistic gifts nourish the cultural life of the community, that they will deepen our unity and enlarge our humanity. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For all who suffer in mind, body or spirit, especially Michael Crosby, Geoff Bradley, Ann McDougall, Ross Lawless, Bob Haigh, Richie Simpson, Paul Fa'Oa, Rongo Tee Peeti, Helen Montgomery, Judy Nielson, Tony Riley, Val Biggers and all who need our prayers; that they will be cared for by loving family, friends and community (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

For the recently deceased Berri McAuliffe, Bruce Feehan, Paul Dann, Queen Elizabeth II, Anne Paciorek, Gladys Williams, . . . and for those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that will see God face to face and praise God gladly forever. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

### **CONCLUDING PRAYER**

Lord, may your gifts bring us salvation  
and make us one with you in glory.  
Amen.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS: Tuesdays: 9am – 3pm; Fridays: 9am – 12pm

Next weekend Mass time: 6pm in the church.

Weekday Mass: Tuesdays at 10am in the church.

Meditation: Thursdays at 10.30am in the Presbytery.

Social Justice Group: Tuesday 4 October 2022 at 10.30am, at the Presbytery

Dear Parishioners,

**Vinnies Ozanam Sunday Appeal** will be held this weekend, which is also Migrant and Refugee Sunday.

The theme chosen by Pope Francis for this year's 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022 is **BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**.

'In his message, Pope Francis insists that our universal future is to be taken with the conscious accompaniment of our migrants and refugees. How can we build a future with Jesus without them? There is so much for us to respond in embracing God's future on our journey. There is "personal conversion and the transformation of reality". We must never "lose heart". "No one must be excluded ... especially those living on the existential peripheries".

Migrants and refugees, too often on the peripheries of life, are never to be seen as "invaders or destroyers". They are always "a source of enrichment". They come to us "bringing their gifts". So many are Catholics who "can energize the ecclesial life of the communities." In Australia, a country built on migrants and refugees, we can still overlook the newer Australians to our midst.

The Pope insists that "if we want to cooperate with our heavenly Father in building the future, let us go together with our brothers and sisters who are migrants and refugees". This is such an important teaching of Pope Francis that we can all well do to reflect more intensely on this special day.

**Last chance to buy tickets in the "Help Ukrainians" raffle**, being conducted by the Goldsmith Street Surgery in Goulburn. Wendy Hart has the tickets if you are interested. Wendy will be selling tickets before and after Mass during September to mid October It is being drawn in November.

**October calendar: now being compiled.** If you have anything you would like added, please let me know.' Quote from Archbishop Christopher's letter on Migrant and Refugee Sunday 2022

**Congratulations to Ken Thomas** who was awarded the Melvin Jones Fellowship at the Lions Club .

Lions Clubs International recognizes outstanding individuals by bestowing on them an award that is named for its founder, Melvin Jones. This Fellowship Award is the highest form of recognition and embodies humanitarian ideas consistent with the nature and purpose of Lionism.

Ken, we salute your charity work for the Braidwood community.



**Markets in Ryrie Park: 9am - 1pm Saturday 24 September**

Produce; Crafts; Plants; Antiques & Collectibles; Trash & Treasure;  
 Monthly Raffle – this month the raffle prize is a non-stick pasta pot and frypan set.  
 Donations of cooking etc gratefully accepted at the Parish table.  
 Enquiries to Jenni Miller on 0436 339293



**News from the pews:** If you have any news or photos to share, please email me. Sharing our news (happy and sometimes sad) is part of “Walking Together” as the Archbishop is asking.

Ross Lawless has returned to hospital

Sad news: Berri McAuliffe has died, aged 102. She is to be buried from St Bede’s Church on 30<sup>th</sup> September, with a Requiem Mass commencing at 11am.

Bruce Feehan and Paul Dann have also both passed away this week. We send our sympathies to all their families.

Radio Church Sundays 6pm, 88.9 FM.

**Readings for Mass:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Amos 6:1,4-7. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Tim. 6:11-16. Gospel: Luke 16:19-31.

**Readings for next week:** 1<sup>st</sup>: Hab. 1:2-3 - 2:2-4. 2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 Tim. 1:6-8,13-14. Gospel: 17:5-9.

**Ministry Rosters for our Masses**

Date	Acolyte	Welcomer	Readers	Music/PP
24 Sept	Felix	Helen P	Wendy M-B/Ann	Helen H
1 Oct		Geraldine	Michael/Cathy F	Helen H
8 Oct	Felix	Cathy F	Bobbie/Tommy	Helen H
15 Oct		Helen P	Wendy H/Germaine	Helen H

<b>Ministries of service:</b>	<b>23 Sept.</b>	<b>30 Sept.</b>	<b>7 Oct</b>	<b>14 Oct</b>
Altar Decorating:	Joy	Helen P	Cathy F	Margaret
Cleaning:		Pauline & Wendy		Bunny & Ella

Counters: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday: Pauline & Bobbie.  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday: Gabrielle K

2<sup>nd</sup>: Sunday: Wendy H  
 4<sup>th</sup>: Phil Owen

Please advise if you are unable to fulfil your roster, so alternative arrangements may be made.

Helen Hart