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Wed 5.30pm
Tues & Thurs 6.45am
Fri 5.30pm

Saturday 5pm (Vigil)
Sunday 8am, 10am & 5pm
9am Mass Saturday & Public
Holidays
excluding Mondays

Pray the Rosary
Wed & Fri before 5.30pm Mass
Saturday after 9am Mass
and First Saturday each month
3.30pm

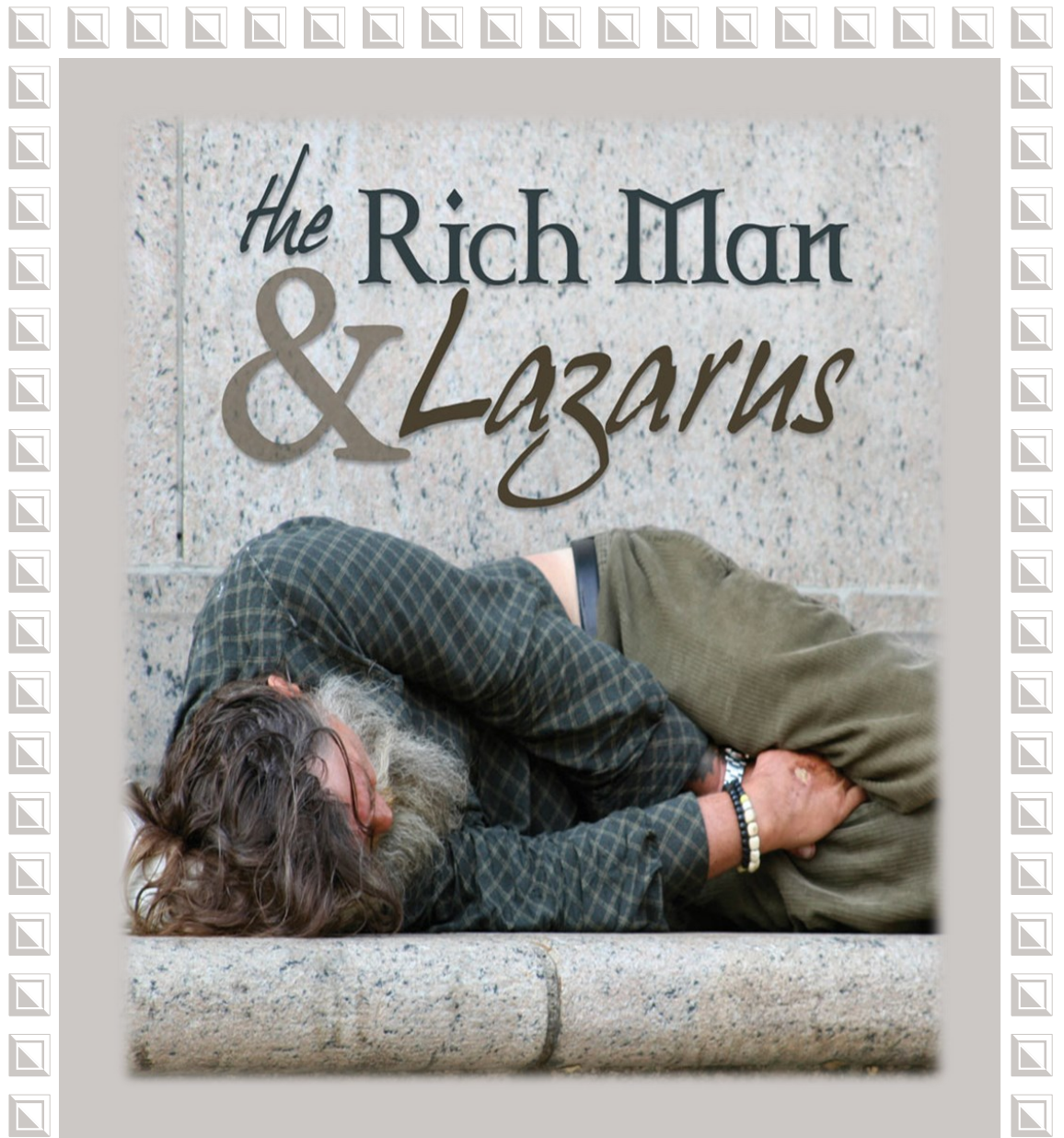
Reconciliation
Saturday 12pm—12.30pm
and 4pm—4.30pm

ACU Chapel Signadou
Thursday—12.30 pm

VERITAS



Twenty Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time



**If you are in Urgent need of
a Priest Call - 6248 8253**

A warm welcome is extended to guests & parishioners celebrating our Eucharist today.

ENTRANCE	All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, 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.
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!
COMMUNION	Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.
READINGS	Amos 6:1, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

AN ANTIDOTE

Twenty-Sixth Sunday

*Fr Oliver James Keenan OP says that true religion
is like Narcan, awakening us to see life more fully in reality.*

The gospel, with its parable of the rich man's definitive exile, makes it clear that the Christian religion affords us no such comforting illusion. During his earthly life, the rich man failed to see Lazarus; he chose to see less than the full reality of Lazarus's humanity. Yes, in a literal sense, he undoubtedly noticed Lazarus, seeing him as an object, an obstruction at his gate. But whilst he was anaesthetising himself with fine purple linens and fine dining, did he really see him as a person, as a brother? Perhaps the rich man even intentionally averted his eyes from Lazarus's suffering, choosing not to allow his thoughts to linger over the disturbing, even disgusting, image of an ulcerated man being licked by the dogs. Who could take a long hard look at such a scene and fail to be moved to change? But the end of the parable inverts this: it is Lazarus who is given the dignity of a name, and the rich man who is forced into anonymity. A cautionary tale that empty words are not enough to save, but also a reminder that grace, by which we are brought to share in the love of God, enables us to see more than we see by nature, and empowers us to love more and more deeply. The rich man, learning the error of his ways, wants to wake up his brothers to see reality, so that they don't suffer his fate. Who could fail to listen, if Lazarus returned to tell them? But is the rich man again taking refuge in a false optimism? The words Jesus attributes to the Father—"they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead"—are bluntly realistic, confirmed in due time by those who greet Jesus's own death and resurrection with incredulity. The resurrection cannot simply be used as a bargaining chip in an argument, just as a sort of ultimate "I told you so" that vindicates Jesus' teachings. To treat the resurrection as just an inert fact to prove a point would be to domesticate it, to subdue its explosive effects into the type of comfortable certainties that got the rich man into all that trouble. Rather, the resurrection—and its power flowing to us in the sacraments—is something that is supposed to change us, giving us the eyes to see reality for what it is. It is this power that pulls down the "great gulf" that lies between us and God, between us and our neighbours. The power that overcomes our opposition to God also pulls down the 'great gulf' of our sinful fantasies that dis-embed us from reality by closing our eyes to the suffering and sorrow of our fellow humans. Back to Marx. He was right enough, if we place 'religion' in scare quotes and take it to mean the corrupt 'religion' of idolatry. Idolatry is not just about worshiping golden calves. Its anaesthetic effects often creep into our lives in small ways, whenever we love creaturely goods more than the creator who gives them. But there's an antidote to opium: it's called Narcan, and it features from time-to-time on hospital dramas. The one who's overdosed wakes up with a jolt, within minutes of its administration. Christianity is more like Narcan than opium. The Eucharist is our weekly shot. By its power we are awakened to live more fully in reality, to see its resplendent beauty without denying the darkness caused by sin. And sometimes we're awoken with a jolt.

Fr Oliver James Keenan OP <http://english.op.org/torch>

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

145:6-10

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.

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.

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.

Praise the Lord, my soul!

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The Australian Catholic Social Justice Council (ACSJC) was set up by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) in 1987 as the national justice and peace agency of the Catholic Church in Australia.

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference mandates the ACSJC to promote research, education, advocacy and action on social justice, peace and human rights, integrating them deeply into the life of the whole Catholic community in Australia, and providing a credible Catholic voice on these matters in Australian society.

In this way the ACSJC seeks to bring good news to the poor, release to captives, sight to the blind and freedom to the oppressed. The ACSJC is accountable to the ACBC through the Bishops Commission for Justice, Ecology and Development.

Social Justice statements are available on the exit tables.

CANBERRA MENTAL HEALTH FORUM

Canberra Mental Health Forum is proudly celebrating ACT Mental Health Month by hosting a special event featuring distinguished Professor Ian Webster, AO who is a former Commissioner of the National Mental Health Commission and a tireless advocate for mental health reform and suicide prevention. He will be presenting ideas on helping people with serious mental illness to improve their physical health. This group has much shorter life expectancies than the general population due to easily preventable physical illnesses. This FREE event is being held on: **On Tuesday 8 October 2019 - 1.30pm to 3pm**
Venue: Room 8, Level 2, Griffin Centre, 20 Genge St, City. Light refreshments will be available following the presentation. Please register your attendance at <http://eventbrite.com.au/e/66647629855>
This event is supported by an ACT 2019 Mental Health Month Grant.

ENVELOPE PLANNED GIVING

To assist our counters parishioners using weekly envelopes please ensure you write the amount in the envelope in the box on the front. The back of the envelope is only for Credit Card contributions.

In Your Prayers please remember those in our community who are ill:	Elizabeth Cronin, Mary Bui, Greg O'Neill, Luke Mahon Una Bell, Fr Ellis Clifford, Mary Martin, Edith Jensen, Philip Bailey, Maureen Blood, Anne Corver, Barbara Wilson, Awny El-Ghitany, Joe Schimizzi, Elsie Laughton, Alexie Harris, Anne O'Neill, Paul Neddrie, Beth Delos Santos, Rosa Maria Santos, Maria Martiniello, Elizabeth Webster, Frank Zobec, Mimma Giampietro, Zelma McManus, Ryan Fawke, Catherine Feehan, Pamela Sandy, June Pollard, Fr Joe McGeehan, Charlotte Woolner, Dion Convine Margaret O'Sullivan, Leone Richter, Manfred Schultz
Our deceased	Richard Johnson, Peter Cloonan, Jean Farlow, Robert Teagles
In Memory	Dominic Musolino, Labib Jazrawi, Saturnino Tabiolo James Roebuck, Marie Roebuck

BAPTISM

Daniel Mark Jazrawi

who will be baptised this weekend.
May his life filled with God's peace,
and his heart with God's love...
on this Baptism day and always.



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY



On Sunday 6th October the Parish will be celebrating our Church feast day. The 10am Mass will be the Mass for 'Our Lady of the Rosary'. The Mass will be followed by

a morning tea. We invite parishioners to attend the gathering and celebrate together.

Please bring a plate to share.

REFLECTION

To whom is Jesus speaking when he tells the story of the rich man and Lazarus? Luke's Gospel prepares us for this parable by telling us that it was the money-loving Pharisees who had made fun of Jesus' teaching that "you cannot give yourself to God and money." We read this teaching in last week's gospel. But Jesus also speaks to us today as he describes the eternal reward of Lazarus and the punishment of the rich man.

Do we, like the rich man, sometimes forget God's word about sharing what we have with the poor? Do we sometimes ignore or see right through the hungry or homeless person in our own community? How will you show that you have heard Jesus' warning about ignoring Lazarus?

Eyes of Faith - The parables of Jesus help us to see things more clearly, with the "eyes of faith." Jesus wants us to see what is really going on in the world and not accept the same, old, easy answers.

Caring for Others - In the first reading, the prophet Amos tells us that we should not care only about ourselves but should care about others, too. Think for a moment about the gospel parable today and what the rich man did not see.

JOY OF THE GOSPEL PROGRAM

Want to discover ways to improve and cultivate Good Community, Good Teaching and Preaching and Good Music in your parish? Join us for The Joy of the Gospel 2019 program. **Saturday 19 October, from 10 am to 1 pm** in the Haydon Hall, Manuka. The morning will include several short talks and open dialogue discussions. It is free, and everyone is welcome. Please register at <http://www.joyofthegospel.com.au/>

AN INCLUSIVE PARTY

Twenty-Sixth Sunday of the Year.

Fr Peter Harries OP finds both challenge

and promise in the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus.

Parties are very much double-edged. They can welcome and they can exclude. The rich man of our parable welcomes his five brothers to his party. He excludes Lazarus from his party. Lazarus lies day after day in the gateway, which is the outward sign of the sumptuous interior of the house. Lazarus doesn't even get an occasional doggie-bag of goodies to alleviate his hunger. He longs for even the leftovers. Indeed he is so weak that he is unable to fend off the feral doggies, who lick his ulcerating sores. After death, all gets reversed. The angels escort Lazarus to the bosom of Abraham, which is an image of heaven that implies the religious integrity of Lazarus, while the rich man finds himself suffering in Hades. This reversal is not simply because Lazarus was poor and the rich man was rich. It is because the rich man neglected Lazarus day after day. The rich man has despised Lazarus, had excluded him from ever attending the party. He had not treated him as a human being of equal dignity. Even in Hades the rich man treats Lazarus as an errand-boy. The message of the parable is therefore – in part – do good, use your wealth to feed the hungry and care for the sick. After death there can be no exchange between Lazarus and the rich man. Destinies in the afterlife are determined by people's right actions, or otherwise, in this life.

Our first reading from Amos is another warning to the rich and powerful who party on regardless of the ruin of the nation. Theirs is a doomed, fin-de-siècle life. Amos criticizes their luxurious menus – finest veal and bowls full of wine every day. Amos criticizes their behaviour – sprawling around on beds of ivory. He criticizes their music. David the hero-king of old had been a skilled musician and composer of psalms. These elite, supposedly descendants of David who officially share the same faith as David, choose instead to mock him and his trust in God by accompanying their drinking songs with bizarre new instruments. Underneath all this, Amos is criticizing their misplaced religious trust. They trust in the security of their capital city Zion (Jerusalem) and in the security of the un-named capital of the Northern kingdom. They believe that they are the chosen ones, living in God's chosen cities. They abandon and despise outsiders, the poor and especially those who live with integrity. Amos tells us that these people who trust in their wealth will be the first to be exiled, sent off penniless to a distant corner of a foreign land to work for others. Amos's words and the words of other prophets like Hosea were remembered. Some scholars think that these prophecies may have influenced the formulation of parts of the Old Testament law, found in the Torah. Amos's words will always be a reminder of the call from God for social justice and social inclusion. The parable, though, carries on. The rich man asks that someone be sent from the dead. Surely his brothers will listen to such a person and repent, turn from their life of exclusive partying, and choose to care for the poor. Here there is a delicious double irony in the parable. First it may not be coincidental that the poor man is called Lazarus, a name which means "God helps". We know from John's Gospel the story of how Jesus restored life to his friend Lazarus, the brother of Mary and Martha. What happened? The authorities wanted to put Lazarus to death as well as Jesus. They did not want Lazarus around, let alone want to listen to him. Lazarus reminded them all too effectively of Jesus and his mission. Second, of course, is that Jesus did return from the dead. He invites us to repent and avoid the fate of the rich man in the parable. Do we listen to Jesus? Do we care for the poor, those living near us and those living far away but tied to us by commercial bonds?

Do we try to live with integrity, listening to those asking difficult questions about our life-style or priorities? Do we party with an exclusive group of carefully selected like-minded friends, or do we gather at the Eucharist, the promise of an inclusive party in heaven?

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Happiness will never come to those who fail to appreciate what they already have.

IMPORTANT PARISH INFORMATION

It is important that you contact the office by email, phone or in writing if you would like to a Mass Intention, Memorial Mass, Baptism, or use of the Parish Centre a **minimum two weeks** notice for Wedding bookings **six months** notice is required.

If you DO NOT book through the Office we cannot guarantee your request.

If you would like a loved one in the prayers for the sick, anniversary or death in the *Bulletin*, details must be with the Parish Office **NO** later than **Tuesday 9am** of that week.

HOLY ROSARY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL OF RELIGION / CATECHISTS - This year-long faith education program is intended for children who do not attend Catholic schools. Please contact the Parish Office if you'd like more information.

BLACKFRIARS MEDITATION GROUP meets on **Thursday** evenings in the 7.30pm Parish Centre. Enquiries John Jarvis 6296 2001 or Michael Flynn 6257 1038 - www.wccm.org

CARDS Play social style 'Cards for fun', **Monday** 10am-1pm in the Parish Centre. All welcome!!!

COFFEE GROUP Our monthly coffee group will meet the **third Thursday** of each month at Siam Twist Hackett at 10.30 am. We look forward to seeing our friends & welcome newcomers.

CRAFT GROUP meets noon - 4.00pm in the Parish Centre on the **first, second and fourth Wednesdays** of the month .

DOMINICAN LIBRARY will open **Saturday** mornings, 9.30am - 12.00 noon in the Parish Centre. All welcome.

HOLY MARY MOTHER OF GOD PRAYER GROUP meets 2.00pm **Thursdays** in the church. Contact the Office.

WEEKLY READER FORMATION Reflections on the readings for the following Sunday are held **Wednesday** evenings at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre. All Parishioners welcome.

PRAY THE ROSARY will be held the First Saturday of every month at 3.30pm in the Church. Confessions available afterwards followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please bring a plate to share. For information - Letty 0418 518 033

COELIACS Parishioners who are coeliac (intolerant to Gluten) If you wish to receive a gluten free host at Mass you should advise the Celebrant or Acolyte prior to Mass.

PARISH BULLETIN - DEADLINE for notices **NOON TUESDAY** Ph. 6248 5925 or Email: watson@cg.org.au

CATHOLIC VOICE WEBISTE - The Archdiocese has launched a brand new **CATHOLIC VOICE WEBSITE** for current news in the archdiocese this link is <https://www.catholicvoice.org.au/>

CATHOLICS FOR RENEWAL Inc. Newsletter can be found at this link - www.catholicforrenewal.org.au

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27 October - Marian Procession
Come and join pilgrims from across the Archdiocese at the beautiful St Clements Monastery, Galong as we honour Our Lady and her son, Jesus. If you would like to bring a statue of Our Lady, these will be blessed on the day. Details: 9.30am - Youth Pilgrimage from Galong Village, 10.30am - Confession, 11.30am - Mass, 2pm - Procession. For more information, including transportation, go to www.marianprocession.org.au

31 October - Spring Plant Stall - Calvary Hospital Auxiliary
Will be holding a Spring Plant Stall from 8.00am - 4.00pm in the Jamison Centre, Belconnen. There will be a great range of indoor and outdoor plants. All proceeds will be used to purchase medical and other equipment for patient welfare and comfort. Contact: Jan 62418819.

ROSTER 5 / 6 October

Saturday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	T. Johnson	
Readers	M. Pentony	J. de Riva O'Phelan
Presentation of Gifts	Higgins Family	
EMOE	K. Murphy	
Sunday 8am		
Acolyte / Server	F. Bertrand	
Readers	B. Bandle	C. Bandle
Presentation of Gifts	Bandle Family	
EMOE	E. Smith	
Sunday 10am		
Acolyte / Server	Q. Vu	
Readers	J. Northcote	E. Northcote
Presentation of Gifts	Vu Family	
EMOE	A. Northcote	S. Tanzer
Sunday 5pm		
Acolyte / Server	D. Gomez	
Readers	M. Tuckwell	T. Malone
Presentation of Gifts	K. Turrisse	
EMOE	C. de Luca	T. de Luca
COUNTERS		
	F. Higgins / N. Higgins	I. Buckley

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1 October - Feast of St. Therese of Lisieux, Tuesday 1st October.
Mass will be concelebrated by Archbishop Christopher Prowse and His Excellency Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana at 10.30am on Tuesday 1st October at the Carmelite Monastery, Red Hill.

1 October - Seek. Pray. Love
Everyone is invited to an hour of prayer, celebration and inspiration at St Christopher's Cathedral from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. Visiting inspirational missionary Fred Amenga-Etego from Ghana will share his story; we will pray the Mission Rosary - a unique rosary in which each continent of the world is remembered and conclude with Adoration and Benediction. All are welcome. Hosted by Catholic Mission.

12-13 October - Canberra Bach Ensemble & Australia Baroque Brass Magnificat - The CBE choir, baroque orchestra and soloists, will present Bach's 'Magnificat' Cantatas, and a Birthday Cantata. Conducted by Andrew Koll, orchestra led by Bianca Porcheddu, soloists Greta Claringbould, Keren Dalzell, Maartje Sevenster, Richard Butler and Andrew Fysh. St Christopher's Cathedral. For more information & to purchase tickets, please visit www.canberrabachensemble.com

13 October - Anti-Poverty Week
This week will be held from 13 to 19 October. On 17 October the Raise the Rate campaign led by ACOSS will be the focus of a Day of Action on solutions to end poverty. Parishers are encouraged to promote and include in 'prayers of the faithful'.

16 October - "The Impact of Information Technology & Social Media"
Christians for an Ethical Society (CES) will hold a joint forum with the Catholic Social Justice Commission at 7.30pm at the Chapel, Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Barton. Panelists: Paul Bongiorno, Beth Doherty, Huw Warmenhoven and Genevieve Jacobs (chair). The Forum will seek to encourage discussion from the floor. \$5 donation would be appreciated. Further information at www.ces.org.au

18 October - ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY
Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) is inviting children worldwide to take part in the campaign "One Million Children Praying the Rosary." For more information and for prayer resources visit, www.millionkidspraying.org.

19 October - "Contemplative Retreat"
Facilitated by Br Bill Sullivan at Mary Help of Christians Parish Hall, Pearce from 9.30am to 3.30pm. Morning Tea and Lunch provided. Contact NathanAhearn@mcc.act.edu.au for further information

- No one is listening until you make a mistake