

<u><b>MASSES THIS WEEK</b></u>	
<b>Monday 29th Sep—Sun 5th October</b>	
<b>Monday 29th:</b>	NO MASS
<b>Tuesday 30th:</b>	Mass 5pm
<b>Wednesday 1st:</b>	Mass 9am
<b>Thursday 2nd:</b>	Mass 9am
<b>Friday 3rd:</b>	Mass 9am
<b>Saturday 4th:</b>	Mass 5pm
Reconciliation 3.30-4.30	
<b>Sunday 5th:</b>	Mass 9am

<b>ROSTERS</b>	
<u><b>27/28 SEPTEMBER</b></u> <u><b>Cleaning</b></u> 29/9-3/10 Favetta/O’Neill/ Nugent	<u><b>4/5 OCTOBER</b></u> <u><b>Cleaning</b></u> 6-10 D & L May
<u><b>5.00PM MASS</b></u> Welcomer K Conway Commentator M Wetherall Reader R Keough Eucharistic Ministers N Buick Computer Screen J O’Sullivan	<u><b>5.00PM MASS</b></u> Welcomer J Anderson Commentator: S Ebejer Reader: P Nolan Eucharistic Ministers J O’Sullivan Computer Screen: M O’Neill
<u><b>9.00 AM MASS:</b></u> Welcomer M de Smet Commentator B Basevi Reader: A Skinner Eucharistic Ministers N & L Page Computer Screen T Priest.	<u><b>9.00 AM MASS:</b></u> Welcomer T van den Broek Commentator N Beatty Reader: D Herring Eucharistic Ministers A Scicluna, A Skinner Computer Screen D May
<u><b>MORNING TEA:</b></u> N Beatty/M deSmet	<u><b>MORNING TEA:</b></u> Filipino community
<u><b>COUNTERS</b></u> Jackson/Evenden	<u><b>COUNTERS</b></u> M & C Lowe

<b>MASSES in AGED CARE FACILITIES</b>	
♦	<b>THE GLEN</b>
♦	Second Wednesday of each month
♦	10.30AM
♦	<b>THE MANOR</b>
♦	Third Wednesday of each month
♦	2pm
♦	<b>MARANATHA</b>
♦	Fourth Wednesday of each month
♦	2pm

**Visitation and HC** requested for a housebound lady in Surfbeach, whose husband died recently. Could someone help either on Sunday or during the week?  
Enquiries: Marie W 0405 028 057

**St Vincent de Paul Thank You Morning Tea**  
for all Parishioners who generously contributed to our Winter and Twinning Appeal.  
Come and join our Conference members **after the 9 am Mass Sunday September 28** and enjoy a cuppa, good conversation and something to eat. Look forward to seeing you there.

**Cuppa with Mary MacKillop** will be on Tuesday October 7, in the Church Meeting Room, 10am – 11 am.  
All Welcome.  
Enquiries: Marie W 0405 028 057.

**St Vincent de Paul Conference Meeting** will be in the Church Meeting Room on Tuesday October 7 at 2pm. New Enquirers are welcome to join us.

**Welcome Sr. Jolly Kurien SJSM**  
We warmly welcome Sr. Jolly, beloved sister of Fr Joshy, who is visiting from India for two weeks. Sr. Jolly belongs to the Sisters of St Joseph of St Mark. We thank God for her presence and pray her stay is filled with rest, joy, and blessing

**BOOKS FOR SALE**  
**Who Am I In God? Discovering Our Christian Identity**  
Fr. Michael Lim & Dr. Sunny Hong (Paperback)  
A Compilation of Catholic Teachings & True-Life Conversion Testimonies. Discovering our Christian Identity?  
Provides answers to this defining question by drawing upon the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church.  
**\$30.00**

**Books are in church foyer. See Fr Joshy to purchase**

<b>PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT</b>
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# REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate









## Insects, Heaven and Hell

The rich man (‘Dives’) is so totally *self*-absorbed in the *self*-indulgence of his wealth that he does not even notice poor Lazarus at his gate. *He* created such a huge chasm between himself and the poor that not one crumb of food or companionship could cross over to Lazarus.

This chasm, *created* by Dives, was fixed at the moment of his death so that not one part of the life of Paradise could cross over to him – not even a drop of water. Hell is not a punishment sent by God. It is simply the continuation of the Divide which some have chosen as that which defines who they are. Hell is of our own making.


We could pause for a moment to check that we are making such choices that we become amongst those ‘carried gently by the angels into Paradise’.

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<b>The Jubilee Prayer</b>
<p>Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.</p> <p>May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.</p> <p>May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.</p> <p>May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.</p> <p>May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.</p> <p>To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.</p> <p><b>Amen.</b></p>
<p>Pope LEO Monthly Prayer Intentions</p> <p><b>October</b></p> <p>For our relationship with all of creation</p> <p><b>Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.</b></p>
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<div>  <p>OCEAN BREEZE TAKEAWAY</p> <p>Fish &amp; Chips, Burgers, Sandwiches &amp; Coffee</p> <p>100% BEEF BURGER</p> <p>248 Beach Road Batehaven NSW 2536</p> <p>02 4472 1802</p> </div> <div> <p>MAYDAY Plumbing And Gas</p> <p>Fully licensed Plumber and Gas Fitter</p> <p>Gutter Cleaning General Maintenance</p> <p>RHYS MAY</p> <p>0427 373 826</p> </div>
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**Remembering the Sick:**  
Gerry Ebbelaar, Diana Ebbelaar, Nan Reidy, John Hyland, Ken Evenden, Sr Maria Goretti, Travis Roth, Piper Roth, Maya Roth, Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Chris Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O’Neill, Karen Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse , Tony Vogel, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O’Neill, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, those in hospital and nursing homes.

**Death Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.  
**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Bishop Pat Power, Rod Baz, Wido Melis, Suzanne Hughes, Ena Noronha, Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Judy Spruce, Zora Domitrovic, Rod Sanders, Colin Platt, Indy Roth, Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O’Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Twenty-sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading Amos 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos  
*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*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2*

**(R.) 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.

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.

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.) Praise the Lord, my soul!**

Second Reading 1 Timothy 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy  
*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*  
**R. Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

*2 Corinthians 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*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 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*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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BBECET Prayer Meeting

Our next BBECET prayer meeting is a week earlier than normal !!!

The next meeting is on Monday 29 September at 5 pm in the Anglican Church hall. Come along and pray for our high school students

All Welcome.



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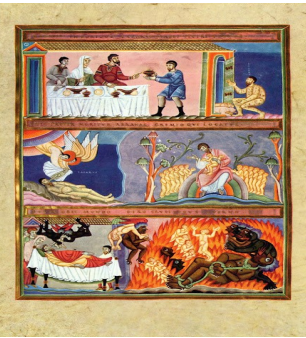


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TWENTY SIXTH  
SUNDAY in  
ORDINARY TIME  
Year C



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice  
Second & Fourth Mondays 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays  
after Mass

"Good News" Wednesdays  
after Mass to discuss reading  
for the following Sunday. CMR

RCIA Thursdays 5.30pm  
Church Meeting Room

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop  
Tuesday 7th October 10-11am  
CMR

Wrap with Love  
Tuesday 14th October 10-11am  
BB Library

Craft Group 10am Thursdays  
Church Meeting Room

ADORATION TUESDAYS @  
4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after  
9am Mass  
Venue: Corrigans Cove

We acknowledge the  
traditional custodians  
of the land, the  
Walbunja people of the  
Yuin Nation.

We pay our respects to  
their elders, past,  
present and  
emerging.

Life Choices!

Throughout the journey of our life we are faced with life choices, time and time again. Some choices are very challenging and reflect values we hold dear while other choices are more about our self awareness, gaining insight and questioning how best to transform situations. One story from ancient monastic literature reflecting on discipleship states:

'Once, the story goes, a teacher travelled to a monastery to speak to an old monastic who had a reputation for asking piercing spiritual questions, 'Holy one,' the teacher said, 'Give me a question that will renew my soul. 'Ah, yes, then,' the old monastic said, 'your question is: **What do they need?**

The teacher wrestled with the question for days but then, depressed, went back to the old monastic. 'Holy one, I came here because I am tired and depressed and dry. I didn't come to talk about my ministry. I came here to talk about my spiritual life. Please give me another question.' 'Ah, well, now I see, the old monastic said, 'in that case the right question for you is not, what do they need? The right question for you is: **What do they really need?** Christian discipleship is a commitment to live a certain way now, the way Christ lived his life. Joan Chittister osb ' In the Heart of the Temple ' states: 'True discipleship, takes the side always, of the poor, despite the power of the rich – not because the poor are more virtuous than the rich, but because the God of love wills for them what the rich ignore for them' [pg 144]

Consequences of Choices

The Gospel today, Luke 16:19-31, encourages us to reflect on the consequences of our life's choices and the values we live by. We met in the Gospel two characters, a wealthy man, whose feasting and wealth led him to forget the distresses of Lazarus, the poor and afflicted man, at his gate. The rich man was aware of him, but had no concern for him. At the conclusion of their lives both men faced God and are sent to the places they deserve.

Can the rich be saved? Yes, they can, thanks to the poor. 'In the Church' Bossuet remarked, 'the rich are strangers, it is the poor they serve who grant them citizenship [in heaven].' Today more than ever when so many like Lazarus, lie at our door, in our so called comfortable societies, so many in our own nation and in developing countries wait for something more from us than simple handouts but a 'hand up' that leads to independence. A life of possibility and dignity. How do we advocate and work for transformation on behalf of the poor?

Marie Weatherall

