

# BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time- Year C

25<sup>th</sup> September 2022



Christ our Anchor

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has done nothing! Lazarus has been at his gate and he has not reached out to him; he has not seen that he has any responsibility for him – it's not his fault – it's just the way it is. But Jesus holds him accountable for doing nothing.

The letter to Timothy speaks of the person dedicated to God, calling this person to be holy and religious. My question is, how can anyone know she/he is holy or religious? What are the signs to look for? Within Christianity, holiness is not measured in the number of prayers, or our life-choices, but is measured in how we act. Remember when the young man came to Jesus asking about the greatest commandment? Jesus' response was to tell a story about a Priest, a Levite and a Samaritan, with the last one being upheld as the one who truly kept the commandment because he acted to care for the stranger. It was not his fault that the Jewish man was battered and robbed and lying by the side of the road. No one would have been surprised if he, like the Priest and Levite, had just walked past. But the Samaritan saw a fellow human in need; not one of his own race, but one with him in his neediness. So he acted. Perhaps he thought that it could have been himself by the side of the road – we don't really know his motives, but he did act. Which is what the rich man in the parable did not do.

May our ears and hearts be opened to feel the discomfort of the Gospel; may the Risen One in our midst goad us to act in his name for those like Lazarus in our midst.

Parents will certainly understand the point of the parable in today's Gospel. You can almost hear the exasperation in Jesus' voice, 'You've been told over and over again...' But still people refuse to listen. In the parable, the rich man insists that if only the message was dramatic enough, if only Lazarus could return then surely his brothers would listen. 'No,' says Jesus, 'they won't listen, even if someone were to rise from the dead.'

And someone has risen from the dead, and has the listening improved? Is kindness a value for us? Generosity? Are we willing to share with others? Or like the rich man, do we block our ears and close our eyes to the needy at our gates, to the refugees on our doorsteps. As I write this reflection, men, women and children are locked up in 'Detention' centres, their crime being a desire to live, and see their families live, with some hope. They want a chance for their children to be educated, a chance to live without fear of arrest and torture, a chance to live alongside us and be given a fair go. Apart from these asylum seekers, there are other examples you can think of where Lazarus lies starving on our doorsteps. What more will it take for us to listen, really listen to the words of Jesus?

If you look carefully at the parable and the description of the rich man, it does not describe him as a thief, or a swindler; it is not as if he is the one who caused Lazarus to become poor; in this sense he has done nothing wrong. But this is the point. He



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**ROSTER**

**Weekend 24/25 September**

**Weekend 1/2 October**

|                 |            |                     |                               |
|-----------------|------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Readers</b>  | Sat 6.00pm | Susanna Hooper      | Barbara Thompson              |
|                 | Sun 7.30am | Pauline Joseph      | Deb Hegarty                   |
|                 | Sun 9.00am | John Collins        | Maria Fernandes               |
| <b>Counters</b> |            | Sharon & Ryan Moore | Janine Stanley, Nancy Permadi |

**Parish Calendar**

|             |         |   |
|-------------|---------|---|
| Sept Mon 26 | 8.00am  | Communion Service (Week 26, Ordinary Time) Church         |
| Tue 27      | 8.00am  | Mass (St Vincent de Paul) Church                          |
| Wed 28      | 8.00am  | Mass (Week 26, Ordinary Time) Church                      |
| Thu 29      | 8.00am  | Mass (Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael) Church               |
| Fri 30      | 8.00am  | Mass (St Jerome) Church                                   |
| Oct Sat 1   | 8.00am  | Mass (St Therese of the Child Jesus) Church               |
|             | 6.00pm  | Vigil Mass (27th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church   |
| Sun 2       | 7.30am  | Mass (27th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church         |
|             | 9.00am  | Mass (27th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C)                |
|             | 11.00am | Chinese Mass (27th Sunday in Ordinary time Year C) Church |

**First Reconciliation**  
**10.30am-12.00pm**  
**Sat, 29 October 2022**  
 Commitment Mass  
 Saturday 6.00pm 15 Oct 2022



**Rosary**  
**For our Lady of Fatima**  
 The Rosary will be recited every Friday during the month of October at 7.00 pm in the Church.  
 All are welcome



**Line Dancing Classes**  
 Mondays and Wednesdays  
 10am - 12noon \$6 per session  
 All proceeds go to the Parish  
 This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis & Hellen Tay  
 All are welcome; no age limits.

**Safeguarding Induction for All Church Workers - Online**

ALL church workers (volunteers or paid) are invited to attend an online safeguarding induction.  
 A church worker is anyone in the parish in any role – paid or voluntary.  
 The session will cover the Safeguarding Policies and Procedures, the importance of Safeguarding in the parish and the role of the Parish Safeguarding Officer.

The calendar dates are:  
 Monday, 10 October 2022 at 2 pm  
 Friday, 21 October 2022 at 10 am  
 Wednesday, 26 October 2022 at 7pm  
 Tuesday, 01 November 2022 at 10 am  
 Wednesday, 16 November 2022 at 2 pm  
 Wednesday, 07 December 2022 at 2 pm  
 Thursday, 15 December 2022 at 7 pm  
 To register please Phone 9221 7762 or visit:  
<http://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training-calendar-church-workers/>

**Seniors Gathering**



Our Seniors Lunch will recommence on Thursday, 13 October 2022 from 12 to 2pm  
 If you would like to attend, please put your name and contact details on the list provided in the foyer



**Tai Chi Group**  
 Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays  
 Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm  
 All parishioners are most welcome  
 For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

**Columban Calendar 2023**

If you wish to place an order for the 2023 calendar, please write your name and phone number on the list provided in the foyer.  
 Cost: \$10.00  
 You will be contacted when the calendars arrive and payment will be required at the time of collection.

**"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"**

The Sisters of St Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage. Commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry.  
 For more details, please see flyer on notice board in the foyer



**"Catholic Charismatic Renewal**

**Fri, 30 Sep, 7:30pm**  
 Venue: *Orana Primary School hall, Querrin Ave, Willetton.*  
 This is a great opportunity for people to come together in praise; ... to meet and share with brothers & sisters in Christ.  
 This month, Julie Fuge is our guest presenter. The event is FREE to all. It includes praise and a presentation, and concludes with a light supper If possible, please bring a plate. We take up a collection as well, which supports the on-going work of CCR."  
 Dan Hewitt, Chairman,CCR Perth.

**Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation**

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## First Reading

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.

## 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. (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

1 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.

## 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

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 for Young People

By Lisa-Marie Calderone Stewart

This story has two characters, and only one of the characters has a name. Usually, the main character of a story – the important one – is the one named, since being known by a name signifies status. But in this story, it is the poor man who has a name – Lazarus. The rich man remains nameless.

If the story ended when these two people died, what would you think of the status of Lazarus and the status of the rich man? Who would have seemed the more significant character? Why?

In the afterlife the rich man knows Lazarus by name. Do you think this means he might have known Lazarus by name while he was alive? If so, what kind of relationship do you think they had?

The rich man allowed Lazarus to remain by his gate. Would you feel comfortable with a homeless, diseased man living in your backyard? Was the rich man more or less tolerant and compassionate than you might be? How does that affect you?

We are a very wasteful society. Some have estimated that 50 percent or more of the food at restaurants is thrown out. Lots of hungry, homeless people could be fed with that amount of table scraps.

Do you ever waste food? Are you more likely to throw food out if you are alone or if you are with your friends? What difference does it make, either way?

Are there any opportunities for you to serve the needs of the hungry, such as in a food pantry or soup kitchen? What does your own church do for the poor and hungry? Would you like to become involved in some way? Why or why not?

## Next Sunday Readings

2 October 2022

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-9

# CHILDREN'S CORNER

Help the angels  
take Lazarus  
up to heaven.

