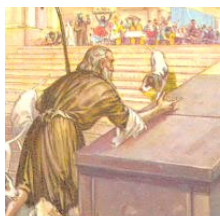


25 September 2022

**Twenty Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time Year C**



Entrance Antiphon

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.

First Reading from the prophet Amos 6:1. 4-7

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 145:6-10. R. v.2

Response:

Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Holy Gospel according to Luke 16:19-31

Communion Antiphon
Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Next Week

Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

First: Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Resp Ps: 94: 1-2. 6-9. R. v.8

Second: 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Lk 17: 5-10

We acknowledge and respect the traditional owners and custodians of the land on which we stand, the elders, past and present and all the Dharawal people. May we too be good stewards of this land.

BUILDING THE FUTURE WITH MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

*ARCHBISHOP CHRISTOPHER PROWSE
Chairman Bishops Commission for Evangelisation,
Laity and Ministry*



Dear Friends,

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**. When Christians think of the future, it is not simply about the near future but also about our eternal future.

In His Death and Resurrection, Jesus has begun THE journey with us. It is the pilgrimage from unfolding the Kingdom of God in the here and now (the "already") to the total embracing of the entire universe under his forgiving mercy and love (the "not yet"). In his message, Pope Francis insists that this 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. To read Pope Francis message go to <https://migrants-refugees.va/it/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2022/05/EN-world-migrants-day-2022.pdf>

Around the world, more than 70 million people have been forcibly displaced from their homes due to political instability, violence, war and other reasons. Among those dwelling in the existential peripheries, we find many migrants and refugees, displaced persons and victims of trafficking, to whom the Lord wants His love to be manifested and His salvation preached.

In this Eucharistic Celebration let those engaged in alleviating their suffering join hands with the displaced, dispersed, disconnected people of our world. We open our hearts and hands to join in the celebration and extend and broaden our boundaries so that we live our Christian life to the full, especially as we strive to live in synodality—**communion, participation and mission**.

Contact us	Mass times	
Parish Priest: Fr. Shane Kelleher OCD Assistant Priest: Fr "Sam" Ransom Rapirop OCD Parish Associate: Sr Ines Comiling, CM Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9.30am-12.30pm	Sunday Mass times	Weekday Mass times
	Saturday Vigil: 6pm	Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat Mass at 9am
	Sunday: 9.30 am & 5pm	Thursday - Mass at 7.30pm
	Reconciliation: Saturday at 11am	All Sacramental enquiries: call the parish office

Rosters

2 October	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9.30am	Sunday 5pm
Monitors	Glen, Arlene & John	Gabriel & Tess	Patricia
Altar Servers	Michelle & Abigail	Orly & Meliame	Vu
Readers	Suzanne & Russell	Rhonda & Tina	Sheenalyn & Kavya
Refreshments	Patricia & Myra	Sarah & Steve	
CLOTW		School Holidays	
Flowers	Maria	Church Vacuuming	Tamisin
Counters	Paula & Nola	Foyer Cleaning	Allan & Anita

Prayer intentions



For the sick & homebound: Amanda & John Meredith, John McDermott, Reg Gardner, Phyllis Cooper, Sr Heather Burke, Marie & Barry Atkins, Carol & Gabriel Gonzales, Amelia Jimenez, John Ingster, Elizabeth Moore, Greg Watson, Joe Spinnato, Susan Mella, Ron Allen, Sean Finnerty, Rose Levoune, Francisco Carmona, Doreen Gribbons, Clayton Diack, Emily Rose Pavicin, Pat & Denise Furner, Tracey Bokor, Lily Pereira, Doris Wahhib, John Kajdrys,
May they experience the saving power of the risen Lord amidst their pain & affliction.

For our recently dearly departed: Remedios Estrada-Ash, Sinjaey Pillay, Peter Ingster, Tito Lintag, Joan Wilson,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Sam Wilson,
Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Adoration with the Rosary is going to be held in the church every Saturday morning at 9.30am for 1 hour. The Intercessory Prayer group will lead the prayers and all are welcome to join.

Faith Circles is on every Monday at 2pm and 7pm via zoom

Friendship Group is held on the first Tuesday of each month at 9.30am.

Alliance of the 2 hearts Mass and devotion is held on the first Friday of each month at 7.30pm.

The Samoan Mass will be at 12 midday on the first Sunday of every 2 months; October and December 2022.

Readers Inservice meeting is held on the last Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm.

The Fundraising meeting is held on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm via zoom

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: The bible study, will commence **Friday October 7 at 10:00am - 11:30 am** in the parish meeting room and continue every Friday for 8 weeks until **November 25**.

There are still spaces available. To register, contact the parish office on 9603 7373 or 0434 705 176.



PARISH MINISTRY DRIVE : You are invited to reflect upon our Parish prayer:

'Creator God life is your gift to me.

Through baptism you invite me to share the gift of my life in service to others....'

Where have you responded to God's call to share your gifts with our faith community?

This weekend we are focusing on the Monitor/Welcomer teams. Members of this team provide a friendly face to everyone attending church, help newcomers who are not familiar, co ordinate the Mass collections and distribute weekly communications. They also ensure the health and safety of parishioners by being available in an emergency and ensuring any public health order is followed in particular paying attention to cleaning the church after every service. They are often the first to arrive and the last to leave.



Bulletin Notices

The Journey, Weekly Podcast this week: Fr Mark De Battista's reflection on a Gospel with a twist, the seeming care for others isn't coming out of love but instead out of self-interest. Mother Hilda on what makes a person officially awesome. Plus, Fr Anthony Crook, Trish McCarthy, Fr Dave Callaghan, and more great music! The Journey podcast available at www.jcr.org.au

Catholic Family Camping Weekend Fri 4 Nov – Sun 6 Nov 2022 Wooglemai Catholic Camping Facility/Environmental Centre, Sheehys Creek Road, Oakdale (15 minutes from Picton) This will be an awesome opportunity for families throughout the diocese to come together in a relaxed camping environment for connection, formation, walks, fun, meals, prayer, games, music, and Sunday Mass with Bishop Mascord. It will be a self-catered weekend, tents and caravans are permitted and with limited spots for a male and female bunk room. Cost is \$50 per adult or \$100 per family regardless of size to register go to www.dow.org.au/events. For more info or to help with the organisation, please email helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Blessing of Animals, 9:30a.m. Monday, 3 October 2022
The Blessing of Animals will take place on the Monday of the long weekend, 3 October at 9:30am, at the Church of Saint Michael, 325 Lawrence Hargrave Drive, Thirroul. The blessing takes place in the courtyard next to the church.

Season of Creation Resources for Parishes: We are in the Season of Creation and there are some wonderful activities and resources for families delve into at <https://seasonofcreation.org>. Take the time as we move into Spring to pray, to plant, to recycle and enter into the awe and wonder we find in dwelling on and being in God's creation.

menALIVE to the MAX2022 5pm Fri, 7 Oct – 2pm Sun 9 Oct, Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale. menALIVE to the MAX is a National Catholic Gathering of men called MAX 2022 it is Hosted by the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney (CAS) and menALIVE. The theme this year is-- RENEW/REFRESH/RECONNECT. We desire to grow into the men we were made to be: better husbands, fathers, and men of God. There will be nothing in Australia this year like this! So come on: REassemble, REgather, to REbuild and REgain the REal you and the Fullness of Life. REjoice!! For costs and more information and to register <https://app.tickets.org.au/MA/MAX2022Syd>

Growing Good Men Father & Teenage Son Weekend Experience Friday 6.30pm 21 October – Sunday 1.30pm 23 October 2022 to be held at Cataract Activity Centre, Appin. A weekend experience for fathers and their teenage sons. One of the most important influences in the lives of men is the relationship they had with their father or significant father figure. The encouragement and affirmation that this relationship could, and should, provide, is a key ingredient for how young men view themselves and embrace their faith and gifts as they take their place in the world.

GROWING GOOD MEN is an experientially based program which encourages and enables fathers and sons to strengthen their relationship and to explore important issues of growing into manhood. It is designed for fathers and their adolescent sons aged 12 to 16 years (school years between 7 and 10). Don't miss this! Spots are limited to just 25 fathers with their sons. This is a unique opportunity for dads and their sons to

embark on a quest of discovery with Robert Falzon (founder of menALIVE) and his team. Please Register and pay online at www.dow.org.au/events. Any enquiries please contact Helen Bennett 4222 2403 or email helen.bennett@dow.org.au

Marriage Enrichment Weekend 28 – 30 October 2022 Mount Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville; Join us to learn together to live your best life in love! A stunning and tranquil oasis on the edge of Sydney. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine & Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or Email: nswbookings@wwme.org.au.

The Bishops Commission for Evangelisation, Laity & Ministry warmly invites all Catholics to 'Evangelise', a national, online conference to be held from 20 – 22 October 2022. The conference will promote understanding and explore practices of evangelisation in Australia through encounters with Christ, formation in discipleship, and mission in the world. The conference will feature a range of informative and engaging presentations on topics such as liturgy, marriage and family, discipleship, formation, and prayer. Individual registration (\$25 each) and further information can be found at: <http://www.evangelisation.catholic.org.au>.

Job Opportunity: Caritas Australia Diocesan Director for Wgong: Caritas Australia is seeking a passionate Diocesan Director for the Wollongong diocese. This paid role is appointed by Caritas Australia in conjunction with the Bishop of Wollongong and promotes the work of Caritas Australia through fundraising, advocacy and relationships with schools and parishes. The role is flexible, part-time (1 day/7.5 hours per week on average across the year) and involves engaging with communities across the Wollongong diocese, supporting Caritas Australia appeals and coordinating volunteers. Questions can be directed to Chris Nolan at chris.nolan@caritas.org.au or call 0429 368 855. Closing date is 31 October 2022.

FUN NIGHT

for the whole family

15th October 2022 @ 7pm

The Parish Hall
193 St Andrews Road
Varroville

M: 0434 705 176

If you have any talent to show on the night please contact us

Raffle will be sold on the night



Adult \$25
Kids over 16 yrs. \$15
Kids 5-16 \$10
Family \$60
(parents & up to 4 kids under 16)

Tickets include:
Dinner & Entertainment
BYO Drinks Soft drinks are available to purchase

Fundraising Event

Performers are requested to Contact the Parish office to Register. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office

Holy Gospel according to 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 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.

Reflection by Pope Francis

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the rich man and poor Lazarus. The former lives in luxury and egoism and when he dies, he will go to hell. The poor man on the contrary eats the food left over from the table of the rich man, and at his death he will be brought by angels to his eternal dwelling place with God and the saints. "Blessed are you poor", the Lord proclaimed to his disciples, "for yours is the Kingdom of God". But the message of the parable goes further. It reminds us that while we are in this world we should listen to the Lord who speaks through the Sacred Scriptures and to live according to his will, otherwise after death it will be too late to repent. This parable teaches us two lessons: the first is that God loves the poor and comforts their humiliation; the second is that our eternal destiny is conditioned by our attitude, it is up to us to follow the path that God has laid out for us in order to attain life and this path is love, not intended as a feeling but as service to others in the charity of Christ.

St Vincent de Paul gave great example of this care for the poor. In 16th-century France, he himself keenly perceived the strong contrast between the richest and the poorest of people. In fact, as a priest, he had the opportunity to experience the aristocratic life and life in the country, as well as the dregs of society in Paris. Encouraged by the love of Christ, Vincent de Paul knew how to organize permanent forms of service for marginalized people, giving life to the so-called "Charités" and "Charities", that is the groups of women who gave their time and belongings to the most marginalized people. Some of these volunteers chose to consecrate themselves completely to God and to the poor, with St Louise de Marillac, and St Vincent, Founder of the "Daughters of Charity" the first female congregation to live a consecrated life "in the world", with the common people, including the sick and the needy.



Dear friends, only Love with a capital "L" can bring true happiness! This is shown by another witness, a young girl who was proclaimed Blessed namely Chiara Badano, an Italian girl born in 1971, who was afflicted by a disease that caused her death just before she turned 19. Despite her suffering, she was a ray of light [luce] as her nickname suggests "Chiara Luce". Fully accepting the will of God, she spoke her last words: "Bye Mum. Be happy because I am". Let us praise God because his love is stronger than evil and death.

Let us thank the Virgin Mary, who leads youth, through difficulty and suffering, to love Jesus and to discover the beauty of life.