

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 the 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 came 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 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.

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Breaking Open the Word

WEALTH AND CARE FOR OTHERS

Complacency can be a misguided, ill-founded and inappropriate response to power and privilege. The northern kingdom of Samaria was one that had a period of expansion and wealth while the southern kingdom suffered economically. Amos fearlessly proclaimed that a time of reckoning was approaching when such wealth would be no defence against the forces that would drag them into exile. He points out that it is their lack of concern for their brothers and sisters in the south that will result in them being the first to be exiled.

In a similar manner, Jesus used the parable of the rich man and Lazarus to remind his listeners that with wealth comes the responsibility to be attentive to the suffering of those who are less fortunate. The sudden reversal of the situations of the poor man and Lazarus is a powerful reminder that the time of accounting may find us unprepared, and our complacency at best a delusion.

As the first letter to Timothy concludes, Timothy is reminded of his responsibilities as a Christian leader and exhorted to keep faithful to the instructions he has been given. There is an air of solemnity as he is called to fulfil his duty in a spirit of faith, love, patience and gentleness until the return of the Lord at the end of time. As Jesus stood up to witness to the truth before Pontius Pilate, Timothy is challenged to let his leadership of the community serve as his testimony when the Lord returns.

Christopher Monaghan CP



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

25 SEPTEMBER 2022

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 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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or Alleluia!)

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.**

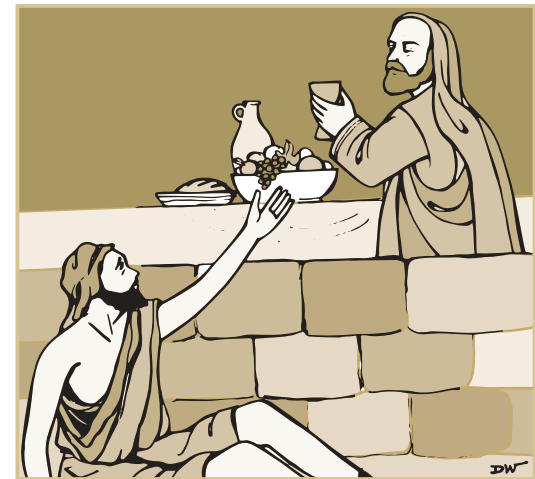
SECOND READING

1 Tim 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

Alleluia, alleluia!

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



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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadagal People of the Eora Nation as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
World Day of Migrants & Refugees



Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney

Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently deceased: Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, Lovro Skvorc, Les Chapman, Joan Ryan, Judy Kelly, Agata Fichera and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, the people of Ukraine and Russia, and all who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane.

Anniversary: Ross Ponder, John Hines, Antonio Lopes, Merle Robertson, Yvonne Plumber, Tom Fitzpatrick, Dymrna Fownes, Sarkis Pireh, Victor Bonifacio and Reg Foster.

The Sick: Maria Reilly, Lachlan Strawbridge, Josh Peel-Yates, Dagney Payet, Tina Maria, Ellie Carter and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes and those suffering from Covid.



Where will Fr. John be celebrating Masses next weekend?

Saturday - 1 October 5.00 pm at St Andrew's Malabar
Sunday - 2 October 10.00 am at St Agnes' Matrville

Please scan the QR code to watch on Youtube.



SCAN ME

Funeral of the late Laurie Skvorc Wednesday, 28 September 10.30am at St Andrew's
Funeral for the late Agata Fichera Thursday, 29 September 9am at St Agnes' Matrville



Greetings to all parishioners and visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes Twinned Catholic Parishes, Malabar — Matrville

This week we farewelled Father Bijoy. We all pray that he travels back to Rome safely and completes his Masters in Liturgy

returning back to the Archdiocese next year for a parish placement. A gift was given to Fr Bijoy from both our parishes before his departure. A photo below for your perusal. He loves tea and a bone china tea mug was presented.

Another photo of Chris Keher receiving his Dempsey Medal for his work in our parishes and throughout the Archdiocese. Congratulations Chris and thank you.

Those at St Andrew's will notice some of the padded pews are missing. They have been taken away for repair, this is the continuation of the restoration. St Agnes' continued restoration of the outside is due to begin, but we need some dry weather.

Those on holiday enjoy the time off.

God Bless

Fr John



THANK YOU FROM FR. BIJOY

A big thank you to all the parishioners of St Andrew's and St Agnes' who welcomed me kindly into their parishes and their hearts. It has been a memorable and joy-filled experience for me. For those who would like to contact me in Rome over the next year, my address for letters is:

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We welcome **Jasmine Lee Boyle, Leo John Dingle and Matthew James & William Anthony Inga** into our Parish Community, who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this weekend, at St Andrew's.

St. Agnes Parish congratulates Roger Ibbott and Charles George who have retired this year from the St. Vincent de Paul Society after a combined 80+ years of service to the local needy.

Parish Outing to Bilpin Fruit Farm on Tuesday, 15th November 2022.

Cost \$50, includes morning tea, lunch at Penrith RSL and coach fare.

Final payment by Sunday, 16 October. Contact: Kathy 9311-1749 or Marie 9661-7186

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.