



SUNDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER, 2025. 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR C

Reflection on the Gospel - (Luke 16:19-31)

The theme of the 2019-2020 Social Justice Statement is “making it real: genuine human encounter in a digital world.” It calls us to ensure that the new digital technology facilitates rather than inhibits the spread of the Gospel.

The Gospel reading invites us to look at the wealth we enjoy, to sharpen our awareness of the needs of those who seek to share the bounty we claim for ourselves, to notice the poor who wait for justice at our gates and seek a part in the life we enjoy. This inclusive embrace is the vision we espouse in this final week of the Season of Creation.

The Gospel parable presents a nasty mega rich character using his wealth to support a totally self-centred life-style. He dresses in the finest clothes and feasts extravagantly every day. He has no concern for or interest in the destitute and badly wounded man, Lazarus, who has been cast at his gate and who longs for a share in whatever falls (‘scraps’ in our translation) from the rich man’s table. The reference here is probably to the pita bread commonly used by diners at banquets to wipe their hands. The bread would be discarded after use and snapped up by the dogs. There is a reasonable chance that, even if the servants fail to offer Lazarus the leftovers, the dogs might share with him their daily fare.

Begging for food was often the sole means of sustenance for those with disabilities. Lazarus has a serious disability: he is “sorely wounded”; he is “cast” at the gate and has no capacity to prevent the dogs from licking his sores. Lazarus dies and is transported by angels into the arms of Israel’s iconic ancestor, Abraham.

In contrast, the rich man dies and suffers the torment of Hades. There is no mention of angels to transport him to the place of his ancestors. The rich

man’s suffering is exacerbated by the vision of the man whose needs he ignored in life now “a long way off” in Abraham’s embrace.

Earlier in Luke’s story, Jesus has declared the bent-over woman to be a daughter of Abraham. Later, he will call the toll-collector Zacchaeus a “son of Abraham”.

To be “of Abraham” is to be true to the tradition inaugurated by Israel’s ancestor in faith. It is to “hear” Moses and the prophets and their call to justice and right relationship. Riches belong, not to the few, but to the whole Earth community. If they are all-consuming, they destroy our capacity to see or hear what really matters. All the honour and status they might bring are quite worthless in the final analysis. The rich man came to this realisation too late. The occasional period of digital detox might provide us with time to reflect and to restore the balance required for the health of all on our planet.

By Sr. Veronica Lawson, RSM

DEATHS & ANNIVERSARIES

We pray for **Janina Paciepnik**
who have died recently.

We also pray for **Emma Serrano** and
Peter Mai and all whose anniversaries
occur at this time.
May they rest in peace.

DAYLIGHT SAVING

Reminder that Daylight Saving Time begins at 2am on the first Sunday in October when **clocks are put forward one hour from next Sunday, 5th October**, until the first Sunday in April when the clocks are put back an hour.

First Reading: Amos 6:1. 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

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. **(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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy
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 Cor 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

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.

(R.) Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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**I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made,
consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven, *(All bow)*
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,**

and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Communion Antiphon: Psalm 118:49-50
Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by
which you have given me hope. This is my comfort
when I am brought low.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS: RCIA
RCIA is a process of discernment and learning for
those who are not baptised and wanting to find out
more about Catholic faith and for those already
baptised in another Christian tradition who now
desire to further their faith journey with the Catholic
Church. For further information please contact Fr
Werner or the Parish Office at yarraville@cam.org.au
(03) 9314 7710.

CBC YARRAVILLE REUNION

Reunion of students who attended Christian
Brothers' College Yarraville will be held at the
Yarraville Club in Stephen St Yarraville **from 12.30
on Saturday October 4th**. For information contact
Paul Baulch: cbcyarravilleoldboys@gmail.com

MARCH FOR THE BABIES

1pm Saturday 11 October at Treasury Gardens, Cnr
Spring Street and Wellington Pde Melbourne. This is
the 12th annual march to remember the ever
increasing number of babies killed by abortion in the
State since the Government legalised abortion.
Wear pink and blue. www.marchforthebabies.com

MARY GLOWREY MUSEUM OPEN DAY

Wednesday 29 October from 10am – 3pm
Level 2 Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street Fitzroy.
Visit the museum to learn more about the life and
legacy of Australian-born medical missionary in
India and Servant of God, Dr Sr Mary Glowrey JMJ

JUBILEE OF MIGRANTS

Annual Mass for all nations, **11am Sunday 5 October**
St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place East
Melbourne.

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne

Engaging Your Faith online presentations

From \$25 per session. Choose from 13 sessions,
from **13 – 30 October**. For more information:
ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

Knox Public Lecture by Prof. Myriam Wijlens
Wednesday 15 October at 7.30pm. For more
information: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture/

Online Information Session

Monday 27 October at 7pm -8.30pm

Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session. For more information contact:
ctc@ctc.edu.au

Enriching our understanding of Christian living

Online presentation by Dr Frances Baker RSM
Monday 13 October 7pm – 8.30pm. Bookings close
Thursday 9 October.

Exploring the new Translation of the Lectionary
with Dr Trevor Tibbertsma. Online presentation on
Tuesday 14 October 7pm – 8.30pm. Bookings close
Friday 10 October.

SIX30 HOLY HOUR ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

from **6.30pm – 7.30pm** on Thursday evenings,
2 October, 23 October, 30 October. Join with young
Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration
of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity
for confession.

NEWMAN COLLEGE SERVICE OF COMPLINE

An evening ritual with hymns sung by the Newman
College Choir at the Chapel of the Holy Spirit,
Newman College, 887 Swanston Street Parkville on
Thursday 16 October from 8.30pm – 10pm.

HOPE AS AN ANCHOR

Monday 13 October, 7pm – 8.30pm at St. Mary of
the Sea Church 33 Howard St, West Melbourne.
Everyone invited to a special Jubilee event.
Beginning with adoration and Benediction, the
evening will also include an international rosary,
candlelight procession and international Mass. Free
Fatima candles will be available.

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PARISH NEWSLETTER



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LITURGY TIMES

TUESDAY MASS

St Augustine's....6.00 pm

Exposition: 5.30 –6.00pm

WEDNESDAY MASS

Corpus Christi.....9.15 am

THURSDAY MASS

St Augustine's...9.15 am

FRIDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.15 am

SATURDAY MASS

Corpus Christi....9.30 am

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS

St Augustine's...5.00 pm

SUNDAY MASS

Annunciation.....8.00 am

St Augustine's....9.30 am

Corpus Christi..11.00 am

St Augustine's..11.30 am

(Polish)

RECONCILIATION:

SATURDAYS after 9.30am

Mass at Corpus Christi

St. Augustine's...4.15pm

NEXT ITALIAN MASS

Thursday 2nd October at

11am at St. Augustine's

COLLECTIONS

THE FIRST COLLECTION is for the support of the Priests of our Parish, the Archbishop, Priests on special duties and retired priests.

THE SECOND COLLECTON which includes the envelopes, is for the support of the running costs of the Church and pastoral initiatives.

We encourage people to set up a **Direct Debit** Payment to our bank accounts for the Presbytery and the Church, using these account details.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S YARRAVILLE

St. Augustine's Yarraville Church Account:

BSB 083347 Account No. 638052213.

St. Augustine's Yarraville Presbytery A/C:

BSB 083347 Account No. 638051413

CORPUS CHRISTI KINGSVILLE &

ANNUNCIATION BROOKLYN

Corpus Christi Kingsville Church Account:

BSB 083347 Account No. 485182315

Presbytery Account:

BSB 083347 Account No. 638051413

QR Codes for one off donations.



This QR code is unique to the **Parish of St. Augustine's** and gives you access to giving a donation via **Credit card**.



This QR code is unique to the **Parish of Corpus Christi Kingsville**

There are census cards at the back of the church for new subscribers wishing to use weekly envelopes. Record details and put the card on the collection plate at Mass.

SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

At Yarraville, Kingsville and Brooklyn, we hold the care, safety and well-being of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility of our communities. The Parish Statement of Commitment and Reporting Process are on display at the entrance of all the Churches and all Diocesan Policies are available on the website or at the parish office.

www.cam.org.au/Professional-Standards/Statements

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY - We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

ROSTER FOR THIS WEEK

(27th & 28th September)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Krystyna Biront

9.30am Pina Guzzardi

Anna Messina

COUNTING.....Phillip Marques

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Cass Polino

AJ Polino

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Greg Buhagiar

9.30am.....Phillip Marques

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Khanh Nguyen

ROSTER FOR NEXT WEEK

(4th & 5th October)

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

READERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm Greg Buhagiar

9.30am Tere Tutai

Sam Polzella

COUNTING.....Krystyna Biront

READERS: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am Cass Polino

AJ Polino

MINISTERS: **St. Augustine's**

5.00pm.....Maree Ryan

9.30am.....Pat Mc Laughlin

MINISTER: **Corpus Christi**

11.00am.....Hong Nguyen

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Many thanks for your donations of non-perishable food. Cereal, long life milk, tea, coffee, milo, soup, pasta, pasta sauce, baked beans, spaghetti, tins of tuna, tinned fruit, rice, jam, biscuits; washing powder/liquid, shampoo, soap, deodorant, toothpaste and brushes are always needed.

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