

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.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED
Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and

that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON cf. Ps 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.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

THE COST OF SELF-ABSORPTION

In the parable about the rich man and the beggar, Lazarus, we should not assume that the rich man was notably wicked. It was more that, absorbed in his comfortable life, he did not notice the poor beggar lying in need at his door.

Likewise, we are not told that Lazarus was notably virtuous or deserving. It was his desperate situation that attracted the attention of God.

The action of the story swings upon the notion of a great reversal. The reversal occurs when both mean die and go very different ways. The rich man is carted off to Hades, while Lazarus is gently conveyed (by angels) to the bosom of Abraham. (Such 'destinations' reflect images of the afterlife conventional at the time; the parable does not teach the existence of a fiery hell!)

The point of the story is that, across the change from this life to the next, situations remain fixed. In this life, the rich man's indifference meant that no crumb of comfort passed from his table to the beggar outside; there was no 'crossing over' from one side to another. Now, in the afterlife situation exactly the same fixity prevails—except that now all is reversed.

The problem is not so much the rich man's wealth in itself but the fact that his high living blinded him to the need of a fellow human being, and wider social responsibility.

The opportunity to attend to such obligations though will not last for ever. Ultimately, the parable is about conversion and the difficulty that riches put in its way.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

29 SEPTEMBER 2019

FOR WHAT WE HAVE FAILED TO DO. The rich man in today's Gospel is condemned for his inactivity towards the poor man. Lazarus was starving and covered in sores, but the rich man did nothing to help him. In the Penitential Act at Mass we ask forgiveness not only for the bad we have done but for the good we have failed to do.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Dan 3:31, 29, 30, 42, 43

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.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are



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.

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 Lk 16:19-31

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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

St Agnes' Catholic Parish, Highett

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 28TH & 29TH SEPTEMBER 2019 YEAR C

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:- 5th & 6th October - 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time/C
1st Reading - Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4 **2nd Reading** - 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Gospel - Luke 17:5-10

FEAST DAYS:- 1st October - St Therese of the Child Jesus; **2nd October** - The Holy Guardian Angels; **4th October** - St Francis of Assisi

MASS TIMES:
Weekend
 Saturday Vigil 6pm
 Sunday 8am & 10am
Weekday
 Monday/Wednesday 9am Communion Service
 Tues, Thurs, Fri 9am preceded by Rosary

SPECIAL DEVOTIONS
 Friday after 9am Mass
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Novena, Benediction

RECONCILIATION
 Saturday 5.15 - 5.45pm or by apt

BAPTISMS
 Are held during the 10am Sunday Mass.
 Enquires are to be directed to the Parish Office.

ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS: The Knights are sponsoring an information morning by Advanced Care Planning Australia (ACPA). This is a national program funded by the Australian Government Department of Health, enabling Australians to make the best choices for their life and health care. It encourages people to reflect on their current and future health goals, values and beliefs. The presentation is free and is on Monday, September 30th, 11am to 12 noon at Exodus Hall Our Lady of the Assumption Parish Center RSVP essential. Please phone or text Terry on 0414 569 265 or email petero4@optusnet.com.au.

ST AGNES SCHOOL FETE UPDATE: GoBox has loaned us a container to store Trash and Treasure items and we are now ready to accept donations. Please have a Spring Clean and bring us your - **Toys & games** (all pieces included and in working order); **Furniture & homeware** (no electrical items); **Books & Records etc.** We need **Packing boxes** for sorting Trash & Treasure items.

Donations can be left in the marked boxes in the Reception Area of the School Office.

Counters are desperately needed and parishioners who can help with this task on the day of the Fete will be most welcome. All counters must have a Police Check.

For queries or to volunteer, please contact Jacinta Whelan (0418 605 165) or stagnesschoolfete@gmail.com

SOCIAL LUNCH 7th November - This next lunch will be the last one for 2019. Any queries please contact Sybil 9555 8338.

KEY REGISTER: Do you have a Key that opens the Church, church gates or any other area of the church? If you do, please contact the parish office and give your name and the number on the key which can be found on the right hand side of the key for example BC1 - 8. Your help in this matter is greatly appreciated to keep the church and grounds secure.

OCTOBER ROSTER: The October roster is in the church foyer for collection. The latest roster has the Cleaning teams added to the roster. If your name is not on the roster please contact the Parish Office to establish why. Thankyou, and may God bless all St Agnes volunteers.

OLSH GIRLS COLLEGE BENTLEIGH OPEN MORNING: Is on Friday, 25th October. Registration essential at www.olsh.vic.edu.au. Now taking Year 7, 2022 enrolments.

ST BEDE'S COLLEGE, MENTONE & ST JAMES CELEBRATE LIFE CONCERT: This is a COG (Call of Guadeloupe) Theatre Production of Catholic/Christian Artists at 7:30pm on 11th October at The Performing Arts Centre, Mahoneys Road, Forest Hill. Tickets \$10-\$30. Early Bird tickets only \$12 ends 1st October or first 100 seats.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED is hosting a prayer campaign on 18 October titled: "One Million Children Praying the Rosary". The prayer initiative invites teachers, priests, parents and grandparents to pray the rosary together with children for peace and unity around the world. If you would like to participate go to: www.millionkidspraying.org.

Sick List: Monica Harris, Margie Arokiasamy, Nicholas Lourdes, Fr David, Cecily Anthony.

Anniversaries: Phyllis Smith, Dorothy Gurnett



ST AGNES' PARISH NEWS

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD (W.W.C.C) AND POLICE CHECK



Dear St Agnes new and old volunteers, it is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Melbourne that all volunteers in all catholic church have a W.W.C.C and or a Police Check.

If you wish to volunteer for your nominated ministries and you have not applied for a W.W.C.C and or a Police Check it would be appreciated if you could attend to this matter ASAP. The parish office will be in contact via email/telephone with all parishioners who haven't applied to see if there is any way we can help you with the process.



To apply for a WWCC, visit www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au and for a Police Check please pick up a form from the Parish Office or the Church foyer. If you don't have access to a computer or need assistance to apply for either of these, please come to the parish office between 9am and 4pm on a Thursday or Friday.

As a parish we take the safety of our children and young people seriously and unfortunately unless you have a W.W.W.C and or a Police Check you will not be put on the Parish Roster and you will not be able to do your ministries. If you are minor under 18 could you please let the parish office know. The parish office looks forward to hearing from you soon.

GOSPEL APPLICATION

Illustration

Too often, it's bad news that makes the news. It's refreshing, then, to hear the old story of a young boy's little act of kindness. As he walked along the beach, he saw shoals of jellyfish washed up on the shore. He stooped and began to throw them, one by one, back into the sea where they belonged. A passer-by stopped a few moments to watch the youngster at work on his good turn of the day, and then murmured, "I think you're wasting your time, sonny. Look, there are hundred of jellyfish here. What you're doing isn't going to make any difference to them." Throwing yet another jellyfish into the water, the youngster replied, "Maybe not, but it'll make a heck of a difference to that one."

Gospel Teaching

The moral of the story reflects the message of the scripture readings we have heard. The fist comes from the prophet Amos. He speaks of the horrific situation in northern Israel some eight hundred years before the coming of Christ. Excavations in the area where Amos preached confirm that wealthy people lived in incredible luxury, next to people deprived of virtually everything.

Then in the Gospel we hear again of a stark contrast between rich and poor. On the one hand, the rich man feasting lavishly. And, on the other, the wretched beggar. It is not that the rich man does Lazarus any positive harm; he simply doesn't notice him even though Lazarus, covered with sores, lay at his gateway.

Application

The preaching of Amos isn't simply a piece of ancient history, and the parable of Jesus isn't simply a fascinating story. They're both mirrors, reflecting the situation in today's world, with its fearful inequality between rich and poor. Estimates reveal that one-fifth of the world's population possesses four-fifths of the world's wealth. The four-fifths are not only poor but growing poorer year by year. Today's psalm gives a picture of God's concern for those who are poor and needy: "the Lord...is just to those who are oppressed... gives bread to the hungry... raises up those who are bowed down protects the stranger. He upholds the widow and orphan." But God normally does these things through us; we are God's hands and feet in this world.

Like the youngster with the jellyfish, we know that what we do is very small; but nonetheless, our practical love for others can help to "heal, fix and mend, and put everything right in the end".

Abraham told the rich man that "even if someone should rise from the dead", people would still not listen. We know that someone has risen from the dead. He has spoken to us in this Mass. May we never fail to listen to him. *The Living*

ROSTER	DATE & TIME	READERS	COMMUNION MINISTERS	COUNTER	CLEANERS	OVERHEADS
	28 th September- Vigil	Lynn Lewis & Natalie Cerovac	Patricia Dwyer & Volunteer			
	29 th September -10am	Dominic D'Abate & James D'Abate	Mary Fordyce, Yvonne Octigan & Priya Wickremasinghe © Y Octigan & P Wickremasinghe	Group 1	N/A	Emilka Paplinski
	5 th October- Vigil	Natalie Cerovac & Patricia Dwyer	Patricia Dwyer & Michelle Vella			
	6 th October -10am	Catherine Gill & Patricia Palman	Rita Gori, A Cesario, D D'Abate © Rita Gori & P Wickremasinghe	Group 2	Group 1	James D'Abate