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.

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

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

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 . . .

- 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.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

REVERSAL OF FORTUNE

We live in relative wealth and comfort, although we are aware of many who suffer from impoverishment and homelessness. We know that the wealthy get wealthier as the gap between the rich and poor grows. This is a global issue.

Today's Gospel reflects on this same issue characterised in a person of great wealth and another who is impoverished, hungry and sore-covered. He is called 'Lazarus'. The evangelist wants our sympathy to be with him. He is named and even attended to by God's creature, the dog, who seeks to heal Lazarus' sores. In contrast, Luke paints a picture of a nameless wealthy householder. He feasts daily, dressed in the garb of imperialism with a table overloaded with food, inaccessible to the famished Lazarus barred by a gate. Both die and the roles become reversed in the afterlife vividly portrayed. Lazarus is comforted by God; the other separated by a huge gulf in the flames of punishment. Even in this scene of the hereafter the man of wealth continues to look down on Lazarus and suggest he even be his servant, bringing water to quench his intolerable thirst.

The promise of comfort for those who suffer and the reversal of fortune for those of wealth echoes throughout the Gospel. This is the future that awaits everyone and is in God's hands. To those of high status and wealth in the Lukan household, the story would be heard as a sobering reminder of how to live generously, caring for those in need. Today's Gospel might also nudge us into action.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

28 SEPTEMBER 2025

FOR WHAT WE HAVE FAILED TO DO. The rich man in today's Gospel is condemned for his inactivity towards to 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, 43, 42 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

GREETING

bounty of your mercy.

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

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 the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

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.

RESP PSALM

Ps 145:6-10. R. v. 2 R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or R. 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.**



will reign for ever, / Zion's God, from age to

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul

1 Tim 6:11-16

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

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

to him be honour and everlasting power.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

able to see:

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL

Lk 16:19-31

2 Cor 8:9

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.



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Mon - Frid: 9.15am Sat: 9am

Sacraments Reconciliation

Tue - Fri 9am Sat 4.30pm - 5:15pm

Baptism by appointment 2nd & 4th Sun of the Month at 12 noon

Marriage - Fri, Sat & Sun Contact Parish Office (at least 6 months notice is required)

Parish Devotions Cenacle & Rosary

Every Monday 8am **Daily Prayer**

Church is open from 8am - 3.30pm Rosary & Prayer Tue, Wed, Thur & Frid

Holy Hour of Mercy Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur & Friday 2.30pm - 3.30pm

8.30am / Saturday 9:30am

Adoration, Prayer's & Chaplet of Divine Mercy with Relics

Saturday Adoration 9:30am —10am

Anointing of the Sick

Every first Saturday of the Month at 9:30am after the 9am Mass

Healing Mass - First Friday of the Month

Prayer Group - Every Wed 7pm in Church

Statue of Our Lady will continue to visit homes Contact Rosina 0414 084 574

HEALING MASS - Friday 3 October

Celebrant: Fr. Yacub Barkat

Rosary 7pm, Reconciliation 7pm-8pm, Prayer & Praise 7:30pm. Mass 8pm, Exposition (after Mass). For more information contact Rose 0412 115 961.

REFLECTION DAY - Saturday 22 November

Speaker: TBA

Time: 9:45am - 3:30pm, cost \$15. Please bring a dish for our communal lunch. Coffee & Tea provided. For more information contact Rose on 0412 115 961.

GIRLS DAY OUT AT THE SHRINE

This school holidays teenage girls are invited to spend a day of fun, faith and friendship at Mount Schoenstatt. Option 1: Tuesday 7th October (ages 15-18 years) Option 2: Wednesday 8th October (ages 11-14 years) Option 3: Overnight junior leader 7-8 Oct (15+ years) Both days run from 9:30-4:30 and cost \$22 which includes lunch, morning and afternoon tea as well as all materials for the day. For those 15 years or older there is the opportunity to stay overnight (\$55) and help out as leaders on the second day. Young women are also invited to volunteer on one or both days. Contact Sr. M. Rita 0493 026 62 to register or for more information.

CHRISTOPHER WEST'S THEOLOGY OF THE BODY HEAD AND HEART IMMERSION COURSE

Deepen your understanding of the human person and God's beautiful plan for life, love, and healing. From 18-23 January 2026, world-renowned speaker Christopher West will lead the TOB 1: Head and Heart Immersion retreat at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, bringing St John Paul II's Theology of the Body to life. This 5-day experience includes daily Mass, Adoration, and 30 hours of engaging teaching. Don't miss this rare opportunity to be transformed and healed in mind and heart. Places are limited, details as follows.

Date: Sunday 18 January - Friday 23 January 2026 Time: 3 pm Sunday to 1 pm Friday

Venue: Benedict XVI Retreat Centre, Grose Vale, NSW. Who: Adults only event (18+) For more information and to register,

visit https://tobi.sydneycatholic.org/tob-1-

mmersion-course/ For enquiries, contact TOBI@sydneycatholic.org.

SYDNEY CATHOLIC YOUTH "FIDELIS" EVENT

We are thrilled to welcome Sr. Miriam James Heidland. SOLT and Fr. John Burns - two beloved voices in the Church who need no introduction as they lead us into a profound exploration of how our brokenness can become a doorway to grace. Together, we'll journey into the heart of Catholic theology, reflecting on forgiveness, healing, and salvation and explore how the very wounds we carry can reveal Christ in deeply personal and transformative ways. Come with open hearts and expect to encounter beauty in places you may not have looked before!

Date: Wednesday, 24 September 2025 Time: 6 – 10 pm. Venue: Conference Room. Canterbury Leagues Club. Cost: \$25 For more information and to register, visit https:// www.trybooking.com/DFAWF

DATES: LIFE, MARRIAGE & FAMILY SUNDAY

Life, Marriage & Family Sunday was established in response to the World Meeting of Families held in 2018, emphasising the universal call to celebrate and support family life. We invite Sydney parishes to celebrate Life, Marriage & Family Sunday in their local parishes and communities on Sunday 19 October 2025, coinciding close to the Feast Day of St John Paul II. To assist parishes and prepare for local celebrations of Life, Marriage & Family Sunday, we have included resources. For more information visit sydneycatholic.org/lmf

ALPHA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE 2025 - THE WAY

OF HOPE - You are all invited on Friday 31 October and Saturday 1 November. This is an opportunity for the Church to gather to be inspired and formed for mission. This conference will be focused on mission and is for everyone, not just those who are involved with or interested in Alpha. It will be an opportunity for delegates to encounter and grow in their relationship with Christ; and then be equipped to step out in faith and service to build up the kingdom of God in whatever way God is calling them to at this time. We will welcome Bishop Michael Gielen from Christchurch, New Zealand, as our keynote speaker and we will have other fantastic speakers such as Sr Elena Marie OP who will share their experience and wisdom with us. We will hear stories from across the Church and different mission fields such as schools, prisons and of course parishes, for youth and adults. Conference will include plenary sessions, breakout sessions, morning tea and lunch on both days and dinner on Friday, Mass and Adoration.

Date: Friday 31 October - Saturday 1 November 2025 Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club. For more information and to register, visit https://www.alpha.org.au/ catholicconference

Dear friends,

School holidays begin for all our students, teachers and staff. May these holidays bring you closer to God and his ways and rest in him.

A very disturbing reading in today's Sunday's gospel that needs reflection and conversion.

It raises many questions about the rich man and the poor man Lazarus.

Did the rich man go to hell just because he was rich and did Lazarus end up in heaven just because he was poor? The answer is probably no.

It does remind us of Jesus saying: "The first will be last and the last becomes first." Matthew 20:16.

This gospel is following last 's Sunday gospel, about the dangers of worldly riches and not becoming rich in God. Worldly riches condition us not to live with God as a sustaining power, we become self sufficient, self medicating, living for all the pleasures of life and not for God and his Kingdom. While being poor can condition us to have God for relief and consolation, opening our hearts for divine love and healing.

Unfortunately, being poor in this world sometimes harden our hearts, just like riches can harden the hearts of rich people. Wealth opens up many possibilities and participation in many things, unfortunately it sometimes closes the door to God and our participation in the mystery of Christ. We create a new life for ourselves, not one in Christ but one apart from him.

Being poor financially, can help us become poor in spirit. It can help us participate a life in Christ, because we have no alternative, we rely on the Holy Spirit for life and love. We see our true riches in God and his Kingdom. In this sense, the first in this world, becomes last in receiving God's grace, and the last in this world, become the first to receive God's grace, since they need it more as a consolation.

In Christ, in the Son, we are rich, in the end, everything is in God, if we have God, we have everything, and if we don't have God, we lose everything. The Father honours the Son and everything in him alone. God is our greatest riches, our greatest good and our ultimate treasure.

Congratulations and all God's blessings 19 First Holy Communion Candidates from our external schools, may they know God's love in Holy Communion.

We will be praying for our HSC students in the weeks leading up to the HSC exams, which commence on 16 October, and will offer a special blessing for our HSC students to be held at the **6pm Mass on Sunday** 12 October. Save this date and invite any HSC students to attend. Fr. Kim

NEXT WEEKENDS ROSTER

04 - 05 OCT SAT 5:30pm SUN 9am SUN 10:30am SUN 6pm

| | Acolytes | Richard | Domenic | Charlie | Louis | |
|---|------------------------|------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------|--|
| | 1st Reader | Anna M | Paula | Marie | Vicki | |
| | 2 nd Reader | Sr. Helena | Romanta | Juliet | Mary | |
| | Music | Heather & | Justine & | Angels | Friends of | |
| | | Choir | Choir | Choir | 6pm Choir | |
| | Altar Servers Grace | | Vol Crispin, Michael | | Vol | |
| , | | | | Aquilino & Gaudens | | |

Wardens Patrick Rocco R Rocco S

Ministers Home Visits - TBA To the Sick Clover Lea - Dr. Margaret M

Cleaning (06-12 Oct) Sue, Gladys, Miriam, Vimala & Georgette

Alwyn - By Request

Sacristans Rocco & Rosina R



HAPPY FEAST DAY OF THE HOLY ARCHANGELS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL

"O ALL-POWERFUL AND ALMIGHTY GOD" who dispose in marvelous order, ministries both angelic and human, graciously grant, through the intercession of Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, that our life on earth may be defended by them who watch over us as they minister perpetually to You in Heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen + Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Pray for us.

A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime 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. The Parish Safeguarding Officer is Rosina Rotunno.

With St Joseph we pray ...

For the sick **Peter Nadwie** Michael Ibrahin Ciriaco Pelaccia Peter Wadwie Teresa John Finocchiaro Fr. Lawrence Freeman Silvana Cocilova Carmelo Ilardo **Gaetano Currenti** Isabella Eva Rotunno Anna Maria Livolsi Kurby Maura Turiia Marija Barclay Vince Napoli Angelo Napoli Joseph Cavallaro **Kevin Bolton Mark Downie** Salis Trambu Meri Trambul **Christian Bartolotta** Bonnie Ortor Jeanette Northey **Linda Pilato Christine Scanlo Dominic Paul Ng** Jeanette Northey **Elizabeth Swe** Francis Lim **Margaret Cooney** Virgilio Fajardo Samuel Gullotta Robert Rakvin **George Khoury** Linda Ordoveza Lilly Baissari

> For the Soul of John Eunson Michel Youakin Nicholas Kehoe **Kehoe Family Ferraro Family** Nicotina Family **Panarello Family**

> > **Lello Family**

Souls of Unborn Children

All Holy Souls in Purgatory

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Svetlana Rakvir

Aida Azzi

Domenic Di Paola

Stefano Babbato

Anniversary Maria D'Aprile **Ippolita Nocera** Vincenzo Amant ners of St Joseph's

Recently Deceased Geraldino Marocco Nunziatina Caudullo Francesco Bellomo

Intentions From The Parishioners of St Joseph's Enfield **Praying for** Laurence Boffa Lvn Maresca **Calix Society Sydney** Healing for the Victims of Mental **Health & Depression**

An End to War in the World

For Peace in the World