

# The Living Word

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

25 September 2022

## First Reading Am 6:1, 4-7

*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 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-  
fatted 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.

## Responsorial Psalm

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

*(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!*

## Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

*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!*

## Gospel Lk 16:19-31

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and finelinen 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.*





Coming Up:

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm** – Migrant and Refugee Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral, East Melbourne.

Srs of St Peter Claver **Annual Mission Fete** is on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Oct**, from 9am-2.30pm at 154 Cotham Rd Kew

**MIGRANTS AND REFUGEE SUNDAY “Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees”** is the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR). Pope Francis highlights the commitment that we are all called to share in building a future that embraces God’s plan, leaving no one behind. Watch the Youtube clip at: <https://youtu.be/2V6ZFfND8o>

**Week 2**



Season of Creation - Ways to Take Action

**Ways to Take Action**

What are some ways we can make a difference for the Earth?

- Commit to one meatless day per week to reduce the emission of carbon and methane into the atmosphere.
- Start composting to minimize waste.
- Ask Government Officials to put Green House Gas-neutral nature-based solutions at the heart of climate action.

**Leader:** We awaken to a new day called by the same Voice in the Holy Fire which asked Moses to take off his shoes because he was standing on Holy Ground.

**All:** May the symbol of the burning bush invite us to listen to the cries of creation and take off our sandals of our unsustainable lifestyles that disconnect us from creation, those who suffer and our Creator.

**Reflection by Nick Brodie**



The parable of an unnamed rich man and a poor man named Lazarus challenges our globalised world where actions in one country can so directly affect another. Pointedly, the rich man remains as anonymous as he is uncaring. He is a consumer of fine things. He does not seek to harm Lazarus as such; rather, the rich man simply fails to see the other person. Even in Jesus’ time the story upended a social focus on the rich few and the unimportant rest. The world ignores them, but God will not.

Lazarus’ very name means one God has helped. In later times, the name’s significance endured and framed part of what would now be termed social welfare. ‘Lazaretti’ and ‘lazar houses’ were medieval European terms for leper foundations. In these were diseased people, usually very poor, living apart from the wider community. They were often sited beyond the citygate.

Now we know of communities in need far beyond our city limits. Many people labour in sweatshops making clothing for rich countries, have their forests destroyed for foreign cups of coffee, and watch the waters lap higher on their islands for the sake of foreign consumer habits. The question is: Do we see them and act?

**PRAYING FOR...**

**All who have died recently:**



**Those who we remember at this time:**

Pasquale Lotrionte, James McDonald, Maureen Knowles, Genowefa Haeyen, Leonila Parrella, Bill Kelly.

**The sick:** Don Roberts, Maureen Wilson, Lucy Denzin, Gabby Sundstrom, Ray Loel, Kathryn Kircos, Ruby Samtoy, Elsie Johnson, Barbara Kenny, Anne Jayawardena, Lea Hatley, Catherine Turner, Patricia Quinn, David Merton, Michael Byrne, Bev McNamara, Anthony McNamara, Victoria Lewis, Nicole Moore, Peter Fairhurst, Hans Whitaker, Edward Osborne, Allida Serafin, Clive Geach.

**VETERANS ENTITLEMENTS:** Veterans of the armed services who are former members of the Young Christian Workers (YCW) movement in the Archdiocese of Melbourne are entitled to financial benefits under a patriotic fund established by the YCW in 1949. The fund includes coverage of former YCW members who were in the armed services in the 1960s and early 1970s. If you are, or know of, a Veteran who was involved in the YCW, or you know of a Veteran who may have been involved in the YCW, please contact Brian Lawrence at [brianlawrence@optusnet.com.au](mailto:brianlawrence@optusnet.com.au)

**FEAST OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL** Mass, will be celebrated on **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September, at 7pm**. All are welcome.

**FEAST DAYS:** Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Sept **World Refugees & Migration Day**  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Sep **Sts Cosmas & Damian**, Tues 27<sup>th</sup> **St Vincent de Paul**  
Wed 28<sup>th</sup> **St Wencelslus, St Lawrence Ruis & Companions**  
Thur 29<sup>th</sup> **Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels**  
Fri 30<sup>th</sup> **St Jerome**. Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Oct **St Therese of the Child Jesus**