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26th Sunday in Ordinary Times

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September 24th/25th, 2022

Who do we think we are?

Maybe the reason this Gospel-story has become so famous is its extraordinary attention to detail; the regal colours of Dives' clothes, his exquisite tableware and fine dining. It all conjures up a vivid picture. At the same time Lazarus' world is equally well described. Begging at the gate, Lazarus' only companions are the dogs and his sores. Even giving names to both these characters adds to the power of the parable. These people are not just a rich man and a beggar. They are Dives and Lazarus, well-known to everyone in the village. All these years later they are well known to us too. Not the actual characters, of course, upon whom the story could be based, but all the Lazarus' and Dives' in our own villages. It is an important task for us to decide which one of these characters we think we are.

Recently the United Nations published a paper which creatively described the world as a village of 100 people. Staying consistent with the international statistics the United Nations tells us that our global village looks like this. There are 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 North Americans, 8 Africans, 4 South Americans and an assortment fills up the final four places. There are 52 women and 48 men of whom only 30 are fair-skinned and 70 are dark-skinned. 91 are heterosexual while nine are gay. Only one of us has a University education and yet six people in our village own 64% of our town's wealth and all of them are Americans. 80 people live in substandard housing without electricity, clean water and sewerage. 70 of us cannot read and 50 suffer from malnutrition.

This village analysis sorts out very quickly who Lazarus and Dives are in our world. As hard as life is for some of us and as much as we struggle financially, we are, comparatively, dressed in purple robes and feasting off fine linen.

The UN report goes on to say that 1.2 billion people live on \$1.50 a day or less. And while we might be personally very generous in assisting the poor in a variety of ways, our Dives-like countries are not. Australia only gives \$98 per person per year to aid third world development. Canada gives \$108, the UK gives \$112 and the USA's third world development budget is just \$67 per person per year. And for all the moral scorn sometimes heaped upon Scandinavia, Denmark is the most generous country in the world, giving \$649 per capita last year.

The point of Jesus' story in today's Gospel is not to remind us that there are poor people at our gate. It is to implore us to listen and learn. Some Catholics want to vigorously uphold dogma and liturgical laws but do not seem to care one iota for the social teaching of the Church which instructs us that our love of God is truly found in deeds not words.

Given the way we keep repeating the sins of the past and we allow the rich to get richer while the poor die before us, it seems we Christians, who have had the benefit of the Law, the Prophets and even a man coming back from the dead, will not change the structures that enshrine global injustice. Why?

There is no way around it. Such a change would involve real sacrifice on our part and we are not prepared to pay the price. Jesus, however, reminds us today of the consequences in both our selective deafness toward Lazarus' cry and our lack of action; our comfortable passivity has implications for this world and the next.

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Readings: 27th Sunday Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-9

READINGS FOR 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

1st Reading

Amos 6:1, 4-7

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

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.

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.

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.

Second Reading

1 Timothy 6:11-16

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke: 16:19-31

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 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 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."



Parish Diary

Monday, September 26th

Mass 8:00am
St Agnes'

Wednesday, September 28th

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Thursday, September 29th

*Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
Archangels*

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Friday, September 30th

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Saturday, October 1st

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Agnes'

27th Sunday in Ordinary Times

Saturday, October 1st

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'

Sunday, October 2nd

Mass 9:00am
St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm
St Agnes'



Who do you identify with – the rich man or Lazarus? Choose to notice others and to reach out to those in need. Support those who serve the poor. (Luke 16:19-31)

Continuing on our faith journey during changed times; when our faith will sustain us through our challenges.

PARISH NEWS

WE REMEMBER

We remember Rina Venturini. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

SUNDAY HOSPITALITY

There will be hospitality this weekend after the Saturday evening and the 9:00am masses.

COUNTERS

Elisabeth's team.

MEALS ON WHEELS

St Agnes' next roster day is Thursday, September 29th. Volunteers are asked to advise the MOW kitchen on 3397 9150 of your availability.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Due to public holiday on Monday, October 3rd the next Coffee and Chat will now be held on October 10th.

The Catholic Leader \$4

November Issue available in the churches this weekend.

Australian Catholic Magazine

The Spring edition of this quarterly magazine is available in the churches this weekend.

Youth and Family Mass and Blessing of Pets

**Celebrate the conclusion
of the
Season of Creation
and the
Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi**

The 6:00pm Mass on Sunday, October 9th will include a blessing of your family pet. This mass will be an outdoor celebration on the veranda and the lawns to the side of the church. Please bring your pets with you for a blessing.



Are you seeking some spiritual direction or spiritual accompaniment?

There is a list of directors on offer in the Archdiocese and these can be accessed easily via the following link:

<https://bit.ly/3QwpIdpspiritualdirection>

Parish Youth Coordinator – Acacia Ridge

Acacia Ridge Catholic Parish is seeking applications for a part-time Youth Coordinator for 25 hours per week for a 2 year fixed term commencing October 2022. Flexible days/hours but will include weekend work.

Applications close: Friday 30th September 2022

For a copy of the position description or any other enquires please email Brooke Weeks, at weeksb@bne.catholic.net.au. The successful candidate will also need to submit to a national criminal history/police check, possess a current Working with Children Blue Card, sign a Prior Conduct Declaration and COVID19 vaccination evidence.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ONE MILLION CHILDREN PRAYING THE ROSARY

Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join the prayer campaign One Million Children Praying the Rosary on 18th October for peace and unity in the world. Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children for more information.

LAUREL BLOW SPEAKER SERIES

TRUTH TELLING: THE FOUNDATION OF RECONCILIATION

An international panel of First Nation speakers from Canada and Australia share truth telling processes as the basis for reconciliation. The panel will explore the healing that can occur between First Nation peoples and the wider community when there is an opportunity to share the true history of First Nation peoples experiences of colonialism.

9:00am to 10:30am | Saint John Paul II Building, ACU
Thursday 6 October 2022 | (1100 Nudgee Rd, Banyo)

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... for it is to such as thee that the kingdom of God belongs.

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

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