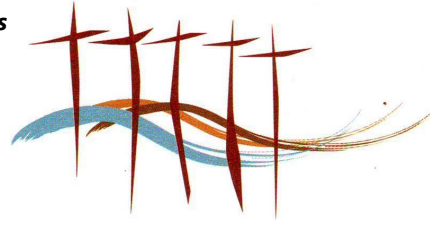


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- **BURLEIGH WATERS** - MARY, MOTHER OF MERCY CHURCH, 3 Sunlight Dr, Burleigh Waters
- **BURLEIGH HEADS** - INFANT SAVIOUR CHURCH, 4 Park Av, Burleigh Heads
- **PALM BEACH** - OUR LADY OF THE WAY CHURCH - Eleventh Ave, Palm Beach
- **MIAMI** - CALVARY CHURCH - Redondo Av, Miami
- **MUDGEERABA** - ST. BENEDICT'S CHURCH - Wallaby Dr, Mudgeeraba
- **SPRINGBROOK** - ST TERESA'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 29 September, 2019

Year C: Amos 6:1,4-7; 1 Tim 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

next week's Readings: Hab 1:2-3,2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-9



There are a lot of questions in today's parable of Lazarus and the rich man which the parable does not answer. There are some unusual details too, that might make us scratch our heads. For example, where did the rich man's wealth come from? Had he inherited it? Did he work hard for it, go to night school for years to get a good career? Did he invest wisely, now to enjoy the fruits of his investments? The parable just says that, "he received what was good" in his life. It does not say that God was the source of his wealth; that God "blessed" him. Some people call the material things they have worked hard for "blessings," as if God rewarded them for being good. If that line of reasoning were applied to the poor, does that mean they are not "blessed" because they have nothing to show for it? Are they on the outs from God because of something they did to offend God?

The parable does not say that the rich man was evil, or that he was an inside trader who got his money while ordinary stockholders lost theirs. Or, that he owned sweatshops and paid his employees less than a living wage, while he got rich. Or, that he was a slum landlord. What did he do to justify his final condition of torment? Nothing. That's the point – he did nothing. He simply ignored the desperate man at his doorstep. How many times did he come and go from his house for business, or pleasure; come home from his indulgences – and all the while ignore the miserable creature (and those dogs) at his doorstep? And that was what caused his final torment, that put him on the other side of the great chasm separating him from Abraham and Lazarus.

More questions to scratch our head over: how did Lazarus get so poor? Was he born into the over 95% of the desperately poor people in Jesus' time. Was he injured while working in the fields? Was he born blind, or with some physical limitation? Was he mentally ill, called crazy by those who saw him? Nor does the story say that Lazarus was a particularly good, "saintly," person who earned his place by Abraham's side. We cannot read that into the story, that his virtue earned him his reward.

The parable does not say that Lazarus was good or evil; whether he was poor and "noble"; whether he had a prison record. Lazarus is just the poor man at the door, passed by and unnoticed – one of the invisible poor. He did not have one of those cloaks that Harry Potter wrapped around himself to make him invisible. He was just invisible to that rich man, who had more pressing matters to tend to in his life. Lazarus was part of the daily scenery we get used to seeing and soon don't notice anymore – like the people living in those tents under highway overpasses. Like the refugee families at our borders, fleeing desperate violence in their home towns; the farmers at our doorstep; the young woman not knowing what to do about her pregnancy. Who are the ones at our door? Do we even see them? Are we aware?

The story shows Lazarus and the rich man in the next life. A lot has changed for them – to the extreme. Lazarus is now in the comfort and security of the "bosom of Abraham" – high praise for a Jewish person. The rich man is in torment. But something has not changed for the rich man, even now. From

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Parish Weekly Diary....

Monday, 30 September

St Jerome

9.00am **Mass** - Miami - followed by Adoration
of Blessed Sacrament until 11am

Tuesday, 1 October

St Therese of the Child Jesus

7.30am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Wednesday, 2 October

The Holy Guardian Angels

7.00am **Mass** - Miami
9.30am **Mass** - Ozanam Villa
5.30pm **Mass** - Palm Beach

Thursday, 3 October

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
5.30pm **Mass** - Mudgeeraba

Friday, 4 October

St Francis of Assisi

9.00am **Mass** - Robina Hospital
10.00am **Anointing Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Saturday, 5 October

8.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
4.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Miami
5.30pm Sacrament of Penance - Palm Beach
5.45pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Heads

Saturday, 5 October

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sat 5.00pm **Mass** - Miami
Sat 6.00pm **Mass** - Palm Beach
Sat 6.15pm **Mass** - Burleigh Heads

SUNDAY, 6 October

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

7.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Heads
7.00am **Mass** - Palm Beach
8.30am **Mass** - Miami
8.30am **Mass** - Mudgeeraba
10.00am **Mass** - Burleigh Waters
11.00am **Mass** - Springbrook
5.00pm Sacrament of Penance - Burleigh Waters
5.30pm **Mass** - Burleigh Waters

Bond University Sunday Mass - 27 October -7pm
in the Student Lounge

his place of torment he wants a servant to wait on him. "Father Abraham, have pity on me. Send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am suffering torment in these flames."

Someone else has not changed – God. In all the parables Jesus tells about women who knead bread, farmers who plant seeds, landowners who hire workers for the harvest, this is the only parable where a person is named. Unlike our world where we know the names of the rich and famous and the poor are invisible and anonymous, in this story the rich man is anonymous – no name – the poor man is named. "Lazarus" means, "the one God helps."

No, God has not changed. Jesus reminds us in the story that God notices the unnoticed; holds the unimportant as important; will comfort those the world ignores in their misery. God, we are told, knows the name of the poor and cherishes them. Angels carried Lazarus away to the bosom of Abraham, quite a ceremonial ending for someone who counted as nothing in the world. While the rich man dies without ceremony, "The rich man also died and was buried...." That's all.

The parable is like an alarm clock that wakes us up. It is intentionally stark and tells us where God's heart is. Riches and comfort are not proof of God's favour and, what we call "the good life" and "blessings" aren't signs of God's approval. In other words, having a lot does not prove that we are in God's good graces. As someone once said, "I am a very poor man, all I have is money."

The alarm clock is ringing and Jesus is telling us, "Wake up, you still have time, take notice and act on what you see." We may not know the names of those coming to us out of desperation, but like Lazarus, they too can be called, "the ones God loves." We have seen them, haven't we? They are at our doorstep. The gospel tells us keep an eye out for Lazarus, the person overlooked, but cherished by God.



'Precious in His Eyes'

23 October - 3 November, 2019

You are invited to join Catholic Mission for an exhibition of images from the missionary work of the Universal Church.

This will take place in Brisbane, at the Percolator Gallery, 134 Latrobe Tce, Paddington, from 23 October until 3 November.

An official opening will take place on Friday 25 October, with refreshments provided.

(To help with catering please phone Catholic Mission on 3324 3421 or email brisbane.admin@catholicmission.org.au)

A powerful selection of images of those helped by missionaries who have been funded by Catholic Mission and its generous donors.

**The Catholic Mission Appeal will take place in our Parish on 12/13 October - more details next week*

NATIONAL POLICE REMEMBRANCE DAY

29 SEPTEMBER

With honour they served



Brisbane Assembly 2019

On the journey to Plenary Council 2020

4-5 October 2019
Edmund Rice Performing Arts Complex
St Laurence's College, South Brisbane

With the release of the six National Themes for Discernment and the commencement of the Listening and Discernment phase of the Plenary journey, the Archdiocese will be hosting a Brisbane Assembly on 4-5 October at the Edmund Rice Performing Arts Complex (St Laurence's College) in South Brisbane. (To book please go to the Brisbane Assembly 2019 website.) The Assembly aims to provide participants with a deeper understanding of the themes for national discernment, the latest developments and vision casting from the Plenary Council national facilitation team, and most importantly an opportunity to take part in a process of communal discernment. This process can also be run locally using the resources available at <http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/parishes/plenary/>



Parish News and Happenings

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2020

The next Sacramental Preparation program for young people (Year 4 schooling and upwards) who have received the Sacrament of Baptism, will commence in Lent 2020. There has been a revision of the Parish practice for Sacramental preparation. In 2020, preparation for the Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and First Holy Communion will be contained within one (1) calendar year.

This program will be advertised extensively in Parish and School Newsletters and media throughout the Parish in October/November 2019 and February 2020.

DATE CLAIMER: Enrolment and Parent Information Sessions will be held on **Wednesday 19th February, 2020**, at 9.30am or 5.30pm, and **enrolments for preparation and celebration of three Sacraments during 2020 will only be accepted on this date.**

Any enquiries, please contact Angela Williams, Sacramental Coordinator - sc.burleigh@bne.catholic.net.au or phone the Parish Office 07) 5576 6466.

- All invited to the **PARISH LUNCH** - to be held at Burleigh Sports Club, Christine Av, on Thursday 3 October 2019. Please arrive by 11.45 to order meal. Shuttle bus available by phoning Club on 5576 3177. Please phone Margaret on 5535 8714 if you would like to attend.
- SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 2 TRAINING** will be held on **Wednesday 9 October, from 6 - 7.45pm, in Mercy Community Centre, Burleigh Waters** - to book please go to: <https://www.trybooking.com/536760> Invitation code: southcoast or phone Bren Milsom 0407 533048. A "Which Training do I need" poster is displayed in each church.
- CARE & CONCERN GENERAL MEETING** - Thursday 3 October. 9.30am meet and greet, meeting 10am. All welcome.
- ANointing MASS** - Friday 4 October, Mary, Mother of Mercy Church, 10am. The Care & Concern hospitality ladies will be providing light refreshments following Mass. All welcome.
- BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT** - Our parish Grief Support group meets on the first Wednesday of the month at 1pm. The next meeting is on Wednesday 2 October in the boardroom at the Parish Office. All welcome to attend. This is a supportive group of like minded people who have experienced the loss of a significant loved one. It is a safe place for you to express your thoughts and feelings with no judgment or criticism. Any queries to Pat Tomlinson or just come along.

- THE CATHOLIC LEADER** - Thousands of young people rallied in Brisbane to urge Australian leaders to take action on climate crisis ... Winner of the School Leader of the Year award, former principal Michael Naylor, continues to make a difference in young lives after suffering a brain aneurism at his school Book Week in 2017 ... St Vincent de Paul Society recognised five long-standing Vincentians at a dinner commemorating 125 years of the organisation in Queensland.
- ST VINCENT DE PAUL** has launched a **PUBLIC DISASTER APPEAL** for Queenslanders affected by the bushfires and continuing drought. For options to donate, please phone 13 18 12.
- PARISH CHOIR** - Mondays, 5.30 - 6.30pm in Mary, Mother of Mercy Church. New members most welcome to come along - even if you can only attend fortnightly or monthly, please come along and join in.
- CATHOLIC PSYCHIATRIC PASTORAL CARE** invites you to a Mass to celebrate Qld Mental Health Week. "Take Time for Mental Health" Friday 11 October, 1pm, St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley. (Cnr McLachlan & Morgan Sts). Light refreshments will follow Mass. Parking available in Church grounds.

Family Groups

Goannas Sunday 29 September
12 noon, Burleigh Town Tavern, Township Dr, West Burleigh.
Phone Margaret 5534 2654. All welcome.



BAPTISMS

We welcome to our faith community Grace, Noah and Frankie who were baptised last week.

JUBILEE

We offer our congratulations and prayerful thanks for 75 years of Profession of Sr Elizabeth Prendergast's faithful service as a Franciscan Sister.

Many will recall Sister Elizabeth and her valued work at Marymount Primary and the Burleigh Heads Parish.

Sister Elizabeth is now retired and living at Emmaus Nursing Home, Nudgee.

SICK & SPECIAL NEEDS

Your prayers have been requested for Michael Allan, Noreen Andersen, Patricia Ashton, Glenys Bailey, Ida Elda Bonke, Leigh Boulcher, Peter Briggs, William Buckley, Lily Burgstaller, James Burke, Diane Busutil, Joyce Cabral, Jan Carmont, John Costigan, Fr Des Fitzgerald, Angelita Freda, Norma Greenland, Geromy Grima, Fred Grioli, Vera Havlik, Cheryl Hingerty, Jean Hokin, Norman Ingle, Stuart Ingram, Veronica James, Clive Andrew Lang, Denis McEnery, Anne McInnes, Fay & Dennis McGreevy, Terry Miners, John Mooney, Pat Moy, Stephen Murray, Josie Nicolas, Mary O'Brien, Sr Annette O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Eileen O'Neill, Michael Onn, Sean O'Reilly, Anne Owens, Maureen Pocock, Phyllis Pola, William Sheehan, Peter Smith, Pacing Soriano, Isaac Stafrace, Andrew Supple, Odette Sweeney, Luke Thorpe, Lourdes Toledo, Nemcio Toledo, Sarra Tyler, Marie Walker, Dan Wilson, Graham Zender, Norah Zipf, the sick of our Parish and all in need of God's healing Spirit.

DECEASED

Masses have been requested for the recently deceased and for friends and relatives whose anniversaries occur about this time: Nick Stagliano, Mick Moy, Beth Finnan, John Ennis, Raymond (Ray) Taylor, Nick Stagliano, Mick Moy, Peter Bolster.

*May the choir of angels come to greet you ...
May you find eternal life.*

PLANNED GIVING LAST WEEK - ☺

CODE: ☺☺ = very good;
☺ = good;
☺ = hangin' in there;
☺ = help!

Counting roster this week: Mudgeeraba

2018 EXPENSES:

Fire Services - \$2,400.00



THE RECOVERY COURSE

Mondays, 6.30pm

Infant Saviour meeting room

New Course commences October

please pray for Recovery

Damien Kinnear 0401313258

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Liturgical Music for the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

INTRODUCTORY RITES:

Gathering:

Praise The Lord, My Soul

Praise the Lord, my soul,
let fire and rain give praise to him,
give praise to him, who is merciful, slow to judge;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Bless the Lord, my soul,
let all I am give praise to him;
and not forget he is kind, he forgives our sins;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

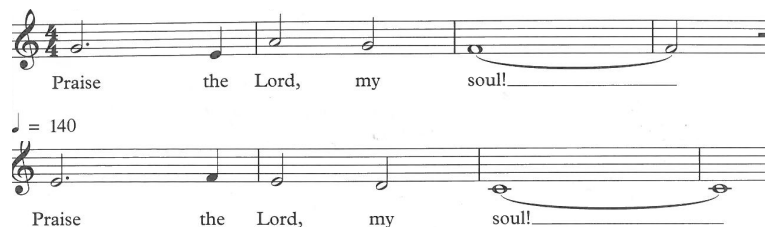
Merciful and kind,
he knows our ways, he knows we're dust;
and like the flowers that flourish, we soon must die;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

Glory to our God,
let all that is give praise to him
give praise to him, all you creatures who live his love;
bless the Lord, O my soul, bless the Lord, O my soul.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD:

Psalm Response:



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
and profess your resurrection
until you come again.



LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST:

Communion: Come To The Water

*Come to the water, you who are thirsty.
Though you have nothing, I bid you come
and be filled with the goodness I have to offer.
Come. Listen. Live.*

Why spend your money on what cannot fill
the emptiness deep in your heart?
Listen to my word and you will enjoy
goodness and peace in your heart.

Just as the heavens are high above earth,
my ways and thoughts beyond you.
Call me your Father and know I am near.
I will be Father to you.

Just as the rain falls to water the earth;
just as a seed becomes bread...
my word upon you can never return
until my longing is filled.

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Thanksgiving: The Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven,
blessed are the gentle for they shall possess the land.

Blessed are they, that hunger and thirst after justice.
Blessed are they that suffer gladly for justice sake.

Blessed are they that mourn for they shall be comforted,
blessed are the clean of heart for they shall see God.

Blessed are you when they revile and harm you,
and speak all evil against you untruly for my sake.

Blessed are the merciful for mercy they will find,
blessed are the peacemakers
for they shall be called God's children.

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CONCLUDING RITES

Dismissal: Praise To You, O Christ

*Praise to you, O Christ, our Saviour,
Word of the Father, calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

You are the Word who calls us out of darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into light;
you are the Word who brings us through the desert:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

You are the one whom prophets hoped and longed for;
you are the one who speaks to us today;
you are the one who leads us to our future:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Psalm Responses for Weekday Masses this week:

Monday: The Lord will build up Zion again,
and appear in all his glory.

Tuesday: God is with us.

Wednesday: He has put his angels in charge of you,
to guard you in all your ways.

Thursday: The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

Friday: For the glory of your name, O Lord, deliver us.

Saturday: The Lord listens to the poor.

Care & Concern 5576 6318
Choir 5520 2591
Christian Meditation 5593 3794
Family Groups 0412 606492

Ladies' Dinner 5576 2623
Parish Lunch 5535 8714
Marymount Primary 5535 1803
Marymount College 5586 1000

menALIVE Group 0412 270828
Men's Dinner 5576 2623
Ozanam Villa 5507 0800
St Vincent de Paul 1800 846643