

**Twenty Sixth Sunday
In Ordinary Time
YEAR C
Social Justice Sunday**

SUNDAY September 29 2013

We get what we deserve.

We have all heard the sayings, 'We get what we deserve'; 'what goes around comes around'; 'as you sow so shall you reap'. With these in mind, we know with whom to identify in the Sunday's gospel about the rich man and Lazarus.

The Gospel describes 'a man who is rich, wears purple garments and fine linen, and dines sumptuously.' Who of us would not want to be that person? Yet, I think none of us who hears this parable identifies with the rich man, but with the poor man Lazarus who hardly presents so attractive a person. He is poor, starving, and covered with sores that dogs lick. How much more uninviting can the description get? Why is it we identify with Lazarus and not with the rich man? This defies common sense! But it does make sense to us for we know that this parable is really about eternal life. We know that we get what we deserve.

The rich man's problem is not his wealth, but he is unconcerned for Lazarus. The chasm which separated the rich man and Lazarus after death is already present while they are living. This chasm – much more than the breach between rich and poor – is a gulf of uncaring. In this life the rich man could have chosen to act differently and the chasm could be bridged. Once we enter the next life, the chasm is unbridgeable.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus is blunt: how the rich man spends the afterlife was determined in this life by his lack of concern for the poor man 'lying at his door.' *Now* is the time to bridge whatever chasms exist between ourselves and those in need. After death the divide is impassable, and our eternity is set.

The problem is not that we do not know how to live our lives. The problem is, we tend to talk about the poor and those in need of our care globally and in abstract terms. In this gospel, the poor and needy one is presented as an individual with a name lying at a doorstep. Jesus teaches us how to see those in need around us and reach out in concern.

So *now* is our time: Who is lying at our door?

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**St Joseph the Worker
Church**
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Sunday Mass
7.00 am
8:30 am

Weekday Mass
Monday -7.00am
Wednesday-7.00am

**Guardian Angels'
Church**
99 Scarborough St
Southport

Saturday
6.00pm

Sunday Mass
7.00 am
10.00 am

Weekday Mass
Friday - 12.30pm

Reconciliation
Saturday - 4.30pm

**Mary Immaculate
Church**
31 Edmund Rice Drive
Ashmore

Sunday Mass
8:30 am & 6.00pm

Korean Mass
Sunday 3.00pm
Every last Saturday 6pm
Tuesday 7pm

Weekday Mass
Tuesday - 9.00am
Thursday - 5.30pm

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

This year, Australia's Catholic bishops are urging Australians to confront the challenge of world poverty.

In confronting that challenge, we need to acknowledge the undoubted successes of the Millennium Development Goals campaign. For example, as the Statement points out, the proportion of people in the world living in extreme poverty has been halved since 1990. That is only one of the great achievements brought about by work towards the MDGs and proves that development aid works.

These achievements also call us to think hard about the important tasks still ahead of us. The benchmark for extreme poverty is an income of \$1.25 per day. Can we as Christians really say that is sufficient? Can we stand by while each year a quarter of a million women die in childbirth, or while malnutrition kills eight million children and confers a legacy of disease and stunted growth on hundreds of millions more? Once we have understood that the struggle against profound poverty has produced real achievements, we need to ask where the real faces of poverty are to be found today. This Statement suggests five examples of areas where the world needs to focus its effort: those who are hungriest; those most vulnerable to disasters; Indigenous peoples; those with disabilities; and those uprooted from their homelands by conflict or oppression.

Asylum Seekers Support: Many parishes and individual Catholics are encountering asylum seekers in the community. Many of them are in great need and it is wonderful that so many are reaching out in love to our sisters and brothers. As more families and individuals are placed in the community in the coming months, the need for help will increase. Apart from advocacy on issues like work rights for asylum seekers, practical help in meeting basic needs is always welcome.

How we can help?

The Romero Centre seeks donations of bicycles and helmets in good working order. Exercise Books for English classes and financial donations. Contact the Centre at 20 Dutton St, Dutton Park. Or ring 3013 0100.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul Migrants and Refugees Committee seeks household items and clothing in good condition. Contact SVDP Migrant and Refugee Committee by email at; migrants.refugees@svdppqld.org.au

Red Cross seek rice cookers, kettles, toasters, cutlery, prams, colouring books, pencils, pencil cases, balls, scooters, bed frames, pillows, blankets and mattresses.

Contact Anita McCaffrey on 3367 5607 to help.

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP—SIGN-UP SUNDAY

Gratitude in action.

As it has been recorded in our Date Claimers over the past few weeks. **Sunday, October 13, will be our Sign-up-Sunday.** What does this mean? It means it is the day we give back everything we have to God. Our Time, our Talent, our Treasure is God's gift to us. We show our appreciation of God's gift in various ways. We show it in gratitude as we thank the Lord for all his love. We show it also in making some return to God, putting aside something of what we have received to go back to God. For example we may tithe some percentage of the Time, Talent and Treasure which God has given us. It would be wonderful of course if each one of us with all our heart subscribed to the vision of Christian stewardship and then live that out in our lives. However even for the best of us, the reality is that our hearts are divided. One part does strive in gratitude to make some return to God. But another part of us rejects this and strives to keep and use what we have as 'mine alone'. We are all familiar with the tension within us as these parts of ourselves war with one another. Over the next two Sundays we ask that you seriously consider what ministry in our parish best suits your Time, Talent, or Treasure and be ready to sign up on Sunday October 13. Representatives of many ministries will be at three of our seven Masses. 8.30am at Ashmore and Labrador and 10.00am at Southport. **Ready to sign you up.**

WE NEED THE HELP OF JESUS AND MARY

What God wants of people is too difficult and demanding to do without help from Jesus and Mary, Pope Francis said.

"People need to lose themselves in the contemplation of Mary's sweetness and Christ's suffering in order to receive the grace necessary to live out God's will", said in his September 12 homily. What God asks of people "is not easy to live out: Love your enemies, do good to them, lead without expecting anything in return, turn the other cheek" he said. "These are tough things, right? We with our own strength, we can't do it. We cannot do this. Only grace can do it in us," a grace that comes from contemplating Christ, he said.

PARISH BUS TRIP

On Wednesday, September 19, ninety parishioners in two buses set off at 7.30am to travel to Toowoomba to see the magnificent displays the city put on for the Carnival of Flowers Festival. Because of the distance to travel it was express to Toowoomba and the first stop was at Picnic Point for morning tea. There were many oohs and aahs as each person left the bus to confronted first by the view out over the Lockyer Valley and the beautiful garden beds of Pansies, Poppies, Tulips, Snapdragons, Petunias Phlox, Dianthus and many others. After morning tea, the bus travelled across the city as everyone marvelled at the displays in all the private gardens. The next stop was at Lauren Park, which is the oldest public garden in Toowoomba. With beautiful manicured lawns, beds of flowers in decorative patterns Featuring yellow and purple Petunias in a checkerboard pattern, others in pink and white striped pattern, all surrounded by pruned box hedges of animals, snakes and a caterpillar. It was then on to the Botanic Gardens which was also exploding with "A long time ago" planted flowers. It was then on to the Sports Club for lunch, a choice of Pork Roast or Fish followed by Pavlova or Apple Crumble. It was then back across town, to visit the garden that had won first prize in the annual garden competition. All in all a great day, on to remember for a long time. Of course being a Catholic function there was a raffle. 1st prize went to Carmel Edgar. 2nd prize Jill Brown. 3rd prize Laurie Lee.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Today at the 8.30am Mass at Mary Immaculate, the parish community will join with those who are to receiving a Special Blessing to celebrate a significant Wedding Anniversary, had anytime this year.

Congratulations to:

Edna and Bill Platell	70 years
June and Jack Kennedy	60 years
Tup and Russell Payne	60 years
Maureen and Tony Bengston	50 years
Gail and Don Dineen	50 years
Mira and Tony Gardner	50 years
Ethel and Joseph Rowo	50 years
Trish and Michael Kyle	40 years
Shirley and Denis Croft	25 years
Maria and Chris Diaz	25 years
Karen and Dave (deceased) Harper	20 years
Caleb and Theresa Vossen	10 years

SAMOAN MASS

The Samoan Community of the Gold Coast have organised a Mass to be said in the Samoan language with Samoan music to be celebrated by Father Epati Tamati at St Brigid's Catholic Church Nerang on **Sunday October 6 at 1,30pm.** Everyone is most welcome. For further information please phone Maina on 0438 256 297.

POPE'S INTENTION FOR OCTOBER

- That those feeling so crushed by life that they wish to end it may sense the nearness of God's love.
- That the celebration of World Mission Day may help all Christians realize that we are not only receivers but proclaimers of God's Word.



Today we welcome into God's Family

Faith Delphine Heywood daughter of
Shane Gumley and Kylie Heywood

Makayla Talise Chang daughter of
Wenty Chang and Jo-Anne McShane

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THOSE WHO HAVE JOURNEYED TO THE FATHER.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Shane O'Neill, Olivia Clark (baby).

ANNIVERSARY: Brian Shipman, Mary Hurst, Ella Hanly, Walter Buhagiar, Dommie Lysaght

ALL PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS WHO ARE SICK AND IN NEED: Carter Family, Jack McAlpine, Joe Buttigieg, Phillis Elshaug, Peter Platell, Barry Sharp, Doreen Collins, Cal Zinkel, Marie Hancock, Marie Stevenson, Natasha Byrne, Ron and Evelyn Martinac, Laurie, Emelita and Adam Woodley, Mathew Byrne, Caroline Pember, Michael Skinner, Tim, Tracy and Vicki Howard, Angela Taylor, Gary Burdett, Maureen Bengtson, Janice Keating, Christopher Lewis, Zenaida Irisary, Joan Smith, Joan Martin, Marie Allen, Colette Shevlin, Cyndy Fenner-Smith, Sam D'Abreo, Robert Perren, Fay James, Jack Keniry, Lee Henry, Ann Hammond, Olive Shannon, Ed Hands, Bong Ubaldo, Gie Ubaldo, Tanie Ubaldo, Babes Valenzuela

Lord Grant your people protection and grace. Give them health of mind and body. Amen

FEAST DAYS OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 30 St Jerome

Born to a rich pagan family, he was converted and lived for years as a hermit in the Syrian desert. Reported to have drawn a thorn from a lion's paw, the animal stayed loyally at his side for years. A student of Saint Gregory of Nazianzen, he became Secretary to Pope Damasus I who commissioned him to revise the Latin text of the Bible. The result of his 30 year of work was the *Vulgate* translation, which is still in use. Recognised as a Doctor of the Church and a Father of the Church.

Tuesday, October 1 St Theresa of the Child Jesus

One of the most instantly popular saint of the 20th century, was canonized less than 30 years after her death at the age of 24. A principle reason for her appeal was her *Little Way* to holiness—her example of achieving sanctity, not through undertaking great deeds, but through personal devotion and dedication. Her shrine at Lisieux, France, is still one of the most popular pilgrimage sites in Europe.

Wednesday, October 2 The Holy Guardian Angels

The Gospel tells us that Lazarus 'was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham.' While not being an article of faith, it is the 'mind of the Church' that each person has a guardian angel—as St Jerome expressed it: How great the dignity of the soul, since each one has from berth an angel commissioned to guard it.'

Friday, October 4 St Francis of Assisi

Francis of Assisi turned away from his life of wealth and privilege to live with lepers, the "untouchables" of his society. He preached the idea of the sanctity of all life, becoming an advocate of animal rights and environmentalism in a time when even human life often had little value. He found joy in owing nothing, and giving everything away. St Francis captured the imagination of Catholics and non-Catholics alike by his unique simplicity, the originality of his spirit and his utter devotion to the risen Christ.

WORTH A SMILE

A patient went to visit the doctor, suffering from a disease, he was in bad trouble. "What are my chances of recovering doctor?" 100% said the doctor. Records show that nine out of ten people die of this disease. You are the tenth person I have treated this month, the others have all died.

VOCATION VIEW

Courage! Courage when you follow the Lord. Remember, people may not be convinced, even if one should rise from the dead—Live, in order to convince of the resurrection and life.

God gives me strength for what is necessary.

Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

PARISH DATE CLAIMERS FOR 2013

First Sunday of each month, Morning Tea at the "Annex" after 8.30am Mass at St Joseph the Worker, Labrador.

Each First and Third Sunday of the Month, 11.30am Charismatic prayer Meeting, Guardian Angels Church.

Sunday, **September 29**, Wedding Anniversary Celebrations 8.30 Mass, Mary Immaculate.

Sunday, **October 13**, Stewardship Sign-on Sunday.

Sunday, **October 27**, Family Mass of Enrolment for children preparing for Reconciliation. 8.30am Ashmore.

Thursday, **October 31**, Ministers Commissioning Mass 5.30pm Mary Immaculate.

Thursday, **November 14**, Memorial Mass, 5.30pm Mary Immaculate.

Friday, **December 6**, Parish Christmas BBQ

Thursday, **December 19**, Children's Advent Adventures Day

MARY MacKILLOP MEMORIAL LECTURE

Saturday, October 12, 2013

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HYMNS

PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

(Bernadette Farrell)

Refrain:

***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! **R.**

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! **R.**

GLORIA

Refrain:

***Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis.***

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. **R**

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. **R**

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.

Refrain:

***Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo
Amen, Amen, Amen, Amen***

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Praise the Lord my soul.

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
The word of the Lord lasts forever,
What is the Word that is living? It is brought to us through his Son Jesus Christ.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GIFTS PROCESSION

SONG OF THE BODY OF CHRIST

(Refrain)

***We come to share our story,
we come to break the bread,
We come to know our rising
from the dead.***

We come as your people,
We come as your own,
United with each other,
Love finds a home. **R**

We are called to heal the broken,
To be hope for the poor,
We are called to feed the hungry at our door. **R**

Bread of life and cup of promise,
In this meal we all are one.
In our dying and our rising,
May your kingdom come. **R**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna
in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna,
in the highest.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

We proclaim your death, O Lord,
And profess your Resurrection
until you come again.

AMEN

Amen, Amen.

LAMB OF GOD

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.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
your head upon my breast.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
stoop down, and drink and live.”

I came to Jesus and I drank
of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
and all your day be bright.”

I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I’ll walk
till trav’ling days are done.

ST THERESA’S PRAYER

Refrain:

***Christ has no body now but mine,
No hands, no feet on Earth but mine.
Christ has no body now but mine,
let me be Christ let me shine***

Mine are the eyes with which He looks,
Looks with love upon this world.
Mine are the feet with which He walks,
Walks to do good in this world. **R**

Mine are the hands with which He works,
works for peace here in this world.
Mine is the voice with which He speaks,
Speaks His message to this world. **R**

Mine is the face with which He smiles,
smiles a welcome to this world.

Mine is the heart with which He loves,
loves all people in this world **R**

RECESSIONAL

TAKE THE WORD OF GOD WITH YOU

Take the word of God with you as your go.
Take the seeds of God’s word and make them grow

Refrain:

***Go in peace to serve the world,
in peace to serve the world.
Take the love of God, the love of God
with you as you go.***

Take the peace of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God’s peace and make them grow. **R**

Take the joy of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God’s joy and make them grow. **R**

Take the love of God with you as you go.
Take the seeds of God’s love and make them grow **R**

**THE WORD OF THE LORD
FOR NEXT SUNDAY
Habakkuk 1:2-3;2:2-4
2 timothy 1:6-8. 13-14
Luke 17:5-9**