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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

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First Reading Am 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 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.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial 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.)
3. 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. (R.)

Second Reading 1 Tm 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obeys 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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

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.

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 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.



Reflection

by Greg Sunter

In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others.

The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness but their message has been ignored.

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NEXT WEEK'S SUNDAY MASS TIMES

6th October 27th Sunday In Ordinary Time		
Hamilton	Mass	6:00pm
	Mass	10:30am
	Mass	5:00pm
Dunkeld	Mass	9:00am
Glenthompson	SAWC	9:00am
Macarthur	Mass	9:00am
Penshurst	Mass	9:00am


**WEEKDAY MASS or
(Prayer of the church with Holy Communion)**

PENSHURST		HAMILTON	
<u>Wednesday</u>	Mass 10am	Tuesday	10am Mass
<u>Thursday</u>	Mass 10am	Wednesday	10am Mass
		Thursday	10 am Mass
		Friday	10am Mass

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Hamilton
Fri After 10am Mass
Sat Before 6pm Mass

Other Mass Centres
Sunday
Before 9am Mass



PRAYER TIME IN OUR PARISH
Christian Meditation
Parish House Wednesday 7.30pm.

Divine Mercy Chaplet & Rosary
9.30 am before weekday Mass or C.S
7 pm Thursday & Sunday.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
After Mass Wed. 10.30—12 noon.

Fatima Statue
Tom & Barbara Phillip 248 Kent Rd
Rosary 2pm All Welcome.

Prayer before The Blessed Sacrament
The Church is open daily till 7pm .
If you are prepared to spend time between 6pm & 7pm on a roster .
Contact: Rita Taylor.

ST MARY'S ROSTER: 5th & 6th October 2013

	6pm Mass	10:30am Mass
Welcome	John Schurman	Rita Taylor Alida Aylmer
Commentator	Ray Corbett	David Dunn
First Reader	Mary Walter	Alida Aylmer
Second Reader	Frank Waight	Michael Stewart
Offertory Procession	I & B Ferguson	Stanhope Family
PowerPoint and iPad	Chris Jansen	Wheaton Family
Ministers of Communion	Team: 8 J Ryan, M Byrne & Irene McGrath.	Team: 1 R Taylor, G McDonald, S Pierce, J Joby .

Minister of Communion This weekend 2013

6pm	Team:7 K Barker, L Wolfe, A Mason.
10:30 am	Team: 4 F Soulsby, G Howell, D Dunn &D Brody.


ST JOSEPH'S ROSTER
6th October 2013


Lector	Don Adamson
Prayers	Brendon Kelly
Special Minister	Terry Pezutti
Gifts	Kelly Family

St Mary's Church CLEANING ROSTER October
T Soawyer
M Duyvestyn
I McGrath

PARISH COLLECTIONS
Stewardship Starting Date 14/10/2012 : \$118,053.
Stewardship Pledged Full Year : \$129,000. (ADJ)
Priest's Support: \$869.

This week's Count Team: 5 F&D Soulsby, B&J Roache & G Howell.
Next week's Count Team: 6 A Milne, M Meagher.



 **PLEASE REMEMBER THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS.**

DEATHS: Tom Storer.
ANNIVERSARIES: Lillias Cass, Doug Templeton.

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Norma Oliver, Jean Clark, Sue Wensley, Brian Joyce, Ernie Hurley, Frank Vogels, Val Carter, Dawn Anson, Joan Birrell, John Cullen.
Please note it is the relatives' responsibility to submit anniversary names to parish office.

Social Justice Statement 2013–2014

Lazarus at our gate

A critical moment in the fight against world poverty

Overview:

The title and theme of this year's Social Justice Statement come from Jesus' parable of Lazarus, who sits unnoticed at the gate of the rich man.

In 2000, the leaders of 189 nations, including Australia, committed themselves to tackling global poverty. Out of this commitment came eight Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) to be achieved by 2015.

There has been great progress in addressing poverty around the world. Since 1990, the proportion of people living in extreme poverty has been halved. That is only one of the great achievements showing the importance of development aid.

However, there is still a great amount left to achieve. By 2015 almost one billion people will be living on an income of less than \$1.25 a day. More than a quarter of a million women still die in childbirth each year. Up to eight million children die every year from malnutrition and preventable diseases.

Who are the poorest of the poor? Who is being left behind in this struggle against poverty?

In our region, Australia is the rich man and Lazarus is at our gate.

The bishops call us to re-commit ourselves to the struggle against poverty – particularly among those who are hungriest; those most vulnerable to disasters; Indigenous peoples; those with disabilities; and those uprooted from their homelands by conflict or oppression.

As Bishop Christopher Saunders says in his foreword to the statement:

People in circumstances like these were central to Christ's mission on earth. These are the ones he went out of his way to hear and to serve. As Christians, we are called to be inspired by and to imitate his care and to make their needs our needs. Pope Paul VI called us to build a world where 'Lazarus can sit down at the same table with the rich man'.

Jesus, our God and guide, sat down at such a table. He also left us, in the Eucharist, a sacramental gift that, as the Statement says, 'satisfies our spiritual hunger but reminds us of the bounty of God's table'. We pray that in that gift we can remember Christ's own call to care for the most vulnerable in our world.