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Sunday Masses:
Saturday Vigil: 5pm
Sunday: 8 & 10am

Weekday Masses:
Tuesday: 6pm
Preceded by Rosary/Novena – 5.30pm

Wednesday - Friday: 9am
Preceded by Rosary -8.45am

Vietnamese Masses:
Sat. Vigil: 6.30pm
Sunday: 5.30pm



Reconciliation:
Saturday 4-4.30 pm
or by appointment

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 September 2022

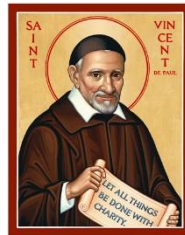


Migrant and Refugee Sunday

Pope Francis has chosen the theme *Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees*, for the 108th *World Day of Migrant and Refugees* which is being commemorated in Australia this Sunday.

Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul – 27 September

Born in Gascony, France in 1581, he died in Parish in 1660. A parish priest who worked for the apostolic renewal of the clergy, founding the Congregation of the Mission (Vincentians or Lazarists) for missionary work in rural areas and for the formation of clergy. Committed above all to the oppressed and disadvantaged, he founded the *Daughters of Charity* with Louise de Marillac to work with the needy. Remembered especially for his practical concern for the poor and the sick.



First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be celebrated in Term 4 for children in Year 3 (or older) who have completed proper preparation which includes attending Sunday Mass on a regular basis and attending at least 4 sacramental lessons.

An Information Night for parents (children are not expected to attend this meeting) is being held on Thursday 13 October at 7pm.



Read the Catholic Weekly: <https://www.catholicweekly.com.au/>

School Holidays

Wishing all children, families, teachers and staff a relaxing break over the next two weeks. Have a safe fun time and enjoy that well-earned rest.



Other Feast Days this week

29 Sept – Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael
30 September – Saint Jerome
1 October – Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Support Caritas Ukraine Appeal

As millions of people are likely to be displaced due to Russia's invasion, your support is more important than ever for the people of Ukraine. Donate generously to the Caritas Ukraine Appeal: <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>
Donations over \$2 are tax deductible.

Change in weekday Masses.

Normal weekday Masses will resume on **Tues. 27 September.**

COVID-19 is still spreading

Please **use sanitiser** when you enter our church. **Masks are strongly recommended.**

Ministries within the parish - There are many ways people can be involved in the life of our parish. Please take a ministry sheet and think about how you can be involved.

Tax Receipts and Planned Giving Envelopes

Please collect Tax receipts from the back of the church. New sets of planned giving envelopes are available to collect at the back of the church. Please collect your set. If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program, please email: parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com



Out of School Hours Care (OSHC)

Sydney Catholic Early Childhood Services operate an OSHC facility to provide before, afterschool and vacation care for our primary school children. Interested? please **contact SCECS on 02 9568 8628 or Email: scecs@syd.catholic.edu.au**

St Mary's Primary School – 9727 0000 Principal: Monica Palmer

Playgroup - Thursday during school term in the hall, meet at 8.45am out the front of the church near Our Lady's statue. Enquiries: natalie.goetz@syd.catholic.edu.au

+Please Remember in your prayers:

Sick: Paul Ahad, Patrick Carroll, Kate Cheney, Daniel Clarke, Warren Clarke, Azelia Donati, Eileen Ellery, Jennie Falvy, Kerry Gibbons, Kathleen Gibson, Christine Hughes, Barbara Kains, Rosemary Levack, Daniel Matesic, Phillip Nehme, Vic Ryan, Jenny Tankard, David Sanders, Mary Strambio, Tony Strambio, Cornelius Van Baardwyk, Margaret Ward, Ross Williamson

Recently Deceased: Joana Mira, Jack Bush, Rose-Tariaz Haddad, Phyllis Santamaria, Stephen Kolodziej, Bev Williamson

Anniversaries: Robert Sanders, Rodney Lawler, Dawn McHugh

Safeguarding our Parish - Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding Office at 93905810 or Email: safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police. **Our parish has a folder with Safeguarding information in the church** - parishioners are welcome to view. Enquiries: Veronica via parishoffice.smgh@bigpond.com



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."

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 city gate.

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?

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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-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

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

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.

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

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