

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 the 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 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.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## WEALTH AND CARE FOR OTHERS

Complacency can be a misguided, ill-founded and inappropriate response to power and privilege. The northern kingdom of Samaria was one that had a period of expansion and wealth while the southern kingdom suffered economically. Amos fearlessly proclaimed that a time of reckoning was approaching when such wealth would be no defence against the forces that would drag them into exile. He points out that it is their lack of concern for their brothers and sisters in the south that will result in them being the first to be exiled.

In a similar manner, Jesus used the parable of the rich man and Lazarus to remind his listeners that with wealth comes the responsibility to be attentive to the suffering of those who are less fortunate. The sudden reversal of the situations of the poor man and Lazarus is a powerful reminder that the time of accounting may find us unprepared, and our complacency at best a delusion.

As the first letter to Timothy concludes, Timothy is reminded of his responsibilities as a Christian leader and exhorted to keep faithful to the instructions he has been given. There is an air of solemnity as he is called to fulfil his duty in a spirit of faith, love, patience and gentleness until the return of the Lord at the end of time. As Jesus stood up to witness to the truth before Pontius Pilate, Timothy is challenged to let his leadership of the community serve as his testimony when the Lord returns.

Christopher Monaghan CP



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

25 SEPTEMBER 2022

## FIRST READING

Amos 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 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 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 Tim 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*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.

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## 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!

25 Sept 2022  
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## WELCOME TO ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

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**WEEKEND MASSES** Sat: 5.30pm Sun: 9am and 5.30pm

**WEEKDAY MASSES**  
Mon: No Mass Tues: No Mass  
Wed: 12pm Thurs: 9am Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael  
Fri: 9am St Jerome Sat: No Mass

### CONFESSIONS

Sat: 4.30-5.15pm

\*Or by appointment

**ENTRANCE ANTI-PHON:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**COMMUNION ANTI-PHON:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

**May God have mercy on all those asked to be remembered in prayer:**

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Valerie Chillingworth, Patricia Howlett.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Matthew Moloney (9/9), Lawrence McDonall (11/9), Sr Maureen Casey OP (13/9), Dulcie Smith (19/9), Mary Betts (24/9), Barbara Scott (25/9), Warren Doherty (6/10), Bill Teo (29/10).

**DECEASED:** Sr Rita Vella, Barry Schipp, Lois O'Brien, Bill McCulloch, Hugh O'Brien, William Grima, John Fittler.

**SICK:** Pauline Wiley, Joan Crowe, Shirley Collier, Norma O'Brien, Lisa Foster, Barbara Brennan, Alison and baby Huxley Gallagher, Peter Richards, Colin MacPherson, Kevin Bonner, Kate Harrison, Maureen Harrison, Deacon Peter Harrison, Margaret Marshall, Graeme Bussell, Fr Bernie Flood.

### VEENA'S VERSIONS:

There were four Irish brothers, and one of them died. Strapped for cash, two of the brothers could not assist with the \$500 needed for a good send off. The last of them said he would write out a cheque for \$500 and put it in the coffin so that the deceased could cash it at the other end.



**CHURCH COLLECTIONS:** The parish is so thankful for all your support. The first collection goes to the Armidale Diocese to support diocesan clergy with the second collection supporting the running of St Patricks.

**PARISH COLLECTIONS:** BSB 082105 West Tamworth Catholic Ch. (St Pats) Acc 001041198  
West Tamworth Presbytery (Dioc) Acc 001023642

### COMING EVENTS:

**Sun 25 Sept:** World Day of Migrants and Refugees

**29 Sep-2 Oct:** Ignite Conference Sydney



*'Love one another, each one always, in good or bad, not minding how things seem.'* (1873)



**NSW STATE COVID GUIDE:** \* FACE MASKS ARE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED  
\* ANTISEPTIC WIPES ARE AVAILABLE TO WIPE OVER SEATS  
\* SANITISE HANDS ON ENTERING. \* NO CHECK IN REQUIRED

**WELCOME:** We warmly thank Fr Ross O'Brien for his pastoral support to us this week. Thank you Fr Ross for your untiring care for us. We pray for Fr Ross's continued health and God's care.

**JOSEPHITE CALENDARS:** If you would like to order one of these calendars, please place your name on the list at the back of the church. Orders to be in by end October. \$10 each.

Enquiries Cheryl Lavell 0402124333.

**DIOCESAN CATHOLIC VIEWPOINT:** The September 2022 Catholic Viewpoint, produced as an electronic publication, can be found at [Catholic Viewpoint - July - September 2022](https://www.catholicviewpoint.com.au). For those who receive the bulletin by email, a copy is also attached to the email. There are many interesting articles about activities in our Diocese included - it is well worth a read.

**IGNITE CONFERENCE:** is a bold vision of the Church for the future: Every year, Ignite Youth hosts one of Australia's most powerful Catholic youth conferences. The event will be held in Sydney from 29 September to 2 October 2022. There are opportunities to join the conference as a group from Tamworth. Please contact St Nicholas Parish if you would be interested in joining this group. See <https://igniteconference.com.au/> for more details.

**AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED:** ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. [www.aidtochurch.org/construction](http://www.aidtochurch.org/construction)

### Pope Francis – Migrant & Refugee Sunday Message 2022

*Lord, make us bearers of hope, so that where there is darkness, your light may shine, and where there is discouragement, confidence in the future may be reborn.*

*Lord, make us instruments of your justice, so that where there is exclusion, fraternity may flourish, and where there is greed, a spirit of sharing may grow.*

*Lord, make us builders of your Kingdom,*

*together with migrants and refugees and with all who dwell on the peripheries.*

*Lord, let us learn how beautiful it is to live together as brothers and sisters. Amen.*

### WEEK 2 ROSTER: 25/9/22

**Vigil:** R P Bamford N Pullman  
**9am Sun:** R S Brown O Monet  
**5.30pm Sun:** R Volunteer J Murray  
**Counting Team** S Brown, A Bowden  
**Sat Cleaning** 1/10 M Vella, R Pace  
**Altar Linen** H Reid

### WEEK 3 ROSTER: 2/10/22

**Vigil:** R G Styman D Gowing  
**9am Sun:** R M Holley A Sartori  
**5.30pm Sun:** R Volunteer M Murray  
**Counting Team** O and J Whale A Bowden  
**Sat Cleaning:** 8/10 S Brown, V Griffiths  
**Altar Linen:** J Hutt

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and care for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

