

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

LUKE

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

28 SEPTEMBER 2025

FOR WHAT WE HAVE FAILED TO DO. The rich man in today's Gospel is condemned for his inactivity towards the poor man. Lazarus was starving and covered in sores, but the rich man did nothing to help him. In the Penitential Act at Mass we ask forgiveness not only for the bad we have done but for the good we have failed to do.

## INTRODUCTORY RITES

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** Dan 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42

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.

## GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**R. And with your spirit.**

## PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

**All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**R. Amen.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

V. Christ, have mercy.

**R. Christ, have mercy.**

V. Lord, have mercy.

**R. Lord, have mercy.**

## GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / 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, / 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. / 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. / Amen.

## COLLECT

P. O God, who manifest your almighty power above all by pardoning and showing mercy, bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us and make those hastening to attain your promises heirs to the treasures of heaven. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## LITURGY OF THE WORD

### 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.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

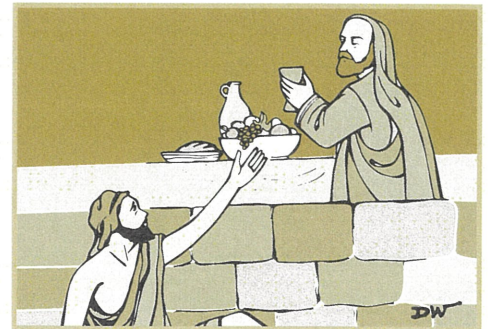
### RESP PSALM

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 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.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## 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

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*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.

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## HOMILY

**PROFESSION OF FAITH** APOSTLES' CREED  
*Or the Nicene Creed may be said.*

**I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

*After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:*

**R. Blessed be God for ever.**

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

**R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.**

## PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. Through Christ our Lord.

**R. Amen.**

## THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Lift up your hearts.

**R. We lift them up to the Lord.**

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**R. It is right and just.**

## PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*After the Preface, we sing or say:*

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

## THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

**All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.**

## COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .**

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

**All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.**

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

**R. Amen.**

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

*All exchange a sign of peace*

## LAMB OF GOD

**All: 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.**

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

## COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 118:49-50

**Remember your word to your servant,**

**O Lord,**

**by which you have given me hope.**

**This is my comfort when I am brought low.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are

united whenever we proclaim his Death. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

**R. Amen.**

## THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son,  and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### REVERSAL OF FORTUNE

We live in relative wealth and comfort, although we are aware of many who suffer from impoverishment and homelessness. We know that the wealthy get wealthier as the gap between the rich and poor grows. This is a global issue.

Today's Gospel reflects on this same issue characterised in a person of great wealth and another who is impoverished, hungry and sore-covered. He is called 'Lazarus'. The evangelist wants our sympathy to be with him. He is named and even attended to by God's creature, the dog, who seeks to heal Lazarus' sores. In contrast, Luke paints a picture of a nameless wealthy householder. He feasts daily, dressed in the garb of imperialism with a table overloaded with food, inaccessible to the famished Lazarus barred by a gate. Both die and the roles become reversed in the afterlife vividly portrayed. Lazarus is comforted by God; the other separated by a huge gulf in the flames of punishment. Even in this scene of the hereafter the man of wealth continues to look down on Lazarus and suggest he even be his servant, bringing water to quench his intolerable thirst.

The promise of comfort for those who suffer and the reversal of fortune for those of wealth echoes throughout the Gospel. This is the future that awaits everyone and is in God's hands. To those of high status and wealth in the Lukan household, the story would be heard as a sobering reminder of how to live generously, caring for those in need. Today's Gospel might also nudge us into action.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# WELCOME TO ST GREGORY THE GREAT—DONCASTER

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time / C

27/28 September 2025

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## MASS TIMES:

St Greg's: Sat Vigil 6.00pm; Sun 9.00am, 10.30am & 5.00pm; Wed & Fri 9.00am

Holy Rosary: Every Wednesday after the 9.00AM Mass

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Wednesday and Friday following the 9.00AM Mass

CHILDREN LITURGY: Sunday mornings @ 10.30am

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30-11.00am (or by appointment or before/after any Mass but allow time)

Anointing of the Sick before/after any Mass or by appointment

St Kevin's: Sat Vigil 5.30pm; Sun 9.15am; Tue & Thurs 9.15am

**Hygiene: An essential part of our everyday lives — always, forever, please be careful and caring.**

## NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS:

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Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4, Ps 94:1-2, 6-9, 2,

Tim 1:6-8, 13-14, Lk 17:5-10

BAPTISMS: Please ring the Parish Office for bookings

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7.00pm in the School Parish Room

ST GREGORY'S TENNIS CLUB: Membership enquiries:

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## Words from the desk of the PP:

### October Rosary:

Starting next week we will have Rosary each Thursday evening – led by me, Fr Charles. Start 7 pm, on Zoom so a hundred sites can attend. My overarching prayer for the Rosary:

The Zoom ID is given below and a link can be found on the parish website.

Meeting ID: 818 2077 7329 Passcode: 094929

### RCIA: New Catholics:

From 4<sup>th</sup> October – 3-5 pm at St Greg's in the Church.

Learn about what it means to know and love Jesus Christ and join him as part of his Church. The aim is to journey over the coming months towards full initiation at the Easter Vigil 2026.

Know someone thinking? Pondering? Wondering? ... invite them to come along and find out – they can always leave.

### ACYF!!!

**Australian Catholic Youth Festival. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov – 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.** [acyf.org.au](http://acyf.org.au) – Don't stop inviting young people to join this amazing moment of the Holy Spirit. 😊

### Safeguarding Audit:

We are learning something new every week about how to build a safeguarding culture. As we review our progress, we realised two things: one: we have no material in any other language than English and two: we have not done any explicit work with families to get their feedback on our space. The language issue is a difficult one as translation needs to be done properly – the Archdiocese is addressing this. Families: we will seek to arrange something with you: sorry not to ask explicitly before, though you have been included in my 'pulpit spiels.'

### Things we do:

Hopefully I won't repeat myself as I just noticed I did in the first two of these reflections. So, to this piece: as we prepare to receive communion – you sing (or say) "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world ..." and while you do that I break off a small piece of the Body of Christ and place it into the chalice holding the Blood of Christ saying "May the mingling of the Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ bring eternal life to us who receive it." If you've received under both species (Body and Blood) you may have noticed a bit of 'something' floating in the cup. This is what that is. Why do we do this mingling? It is to signify the unity of the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ in the work of salvation. There are not "two Christ's" – but one. Makes sense. Obvious, but clearly something that needed a reminder for us over the centuries since the beginning of Jesus' sacrifice.

As I looked up to be sure I had the correct theology, I noticed something: we sing "Lamb of God ..." three times – but if we were using large host(s) that needs to be broken into pieces we are permitted to sing this as many times as is needed. Three times is usually plenty but the liturgical people try to cover all possibilities. Little details – there is a reason for them all.

*God bless, Fr Charles.*

**Please pray for:** Those who are **sick** at this time including Ximena Simian, Nik & Somaratna, Rita Sabarudji, Peter Ryan, Katrina Zaragoza, Valda Moore, Michael Mullens, Monia Iaconi, Martin Stanbury, Shirley Loo, Bob Ulehla, Carmel Aloï, Anthony Tang, Bishop Terry Curtin, Madelaine Fitzpatrick, Don Pavone, John Reid, Alan Benn, Helen Ong, Joseph Yeo, Michael Angelo Yambao, Meredith Barnes, Siv Cuasay

**and for those who died recently**

**and for those whose anniversaries occur about now** Ronnie Jose, Manuelpillai Wilfred Rajanayagam, Beverly Oates



Fr Charles' Prayer Intention for this week:

For St Greg's Parish and its Safeguarding group: that the Holy Spirit will give us insight and direction as we approach the formal part of the parish safeguarding audit on October 8<sup>th</sup>.



*St Gregory's is committed to growing a Child Safety Culture with Love*



**THIS WEEK**

Sat 6.00pm  
 Sun 9.00am  
 Sun 10.30am  
 Sun 5.00pm

**LECTORS**

Frank Ryan, Alvin Priyana  
 Chris Perera  
 Ryan Teo, Gril Job  
 Isabelle Hii, Viviana Pereira

**CARE OF THE CHURCH:** Agnes Chee**MONEY COUNTERS:** Don & Lina Pavone**NEXT WEEK 4/5 Oct**

Sat 6.00pm  
 Sun 9.00am  
 Sun 10.30am  
 Sun 5.00pm

**LECTORS**

Joseph & Lorna Philip  
 Jacqueline Rogers, Tony Nimmo  
 Jane Gunawan, Jessica Stanley  
 Mary Tonti Filippini, Enza Scaffidi

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**MORNING TEA:** Don & Lina**Offertory****FLOWERS:** Tessa Leung**COMMUNION MINISTERS**

Sharron Wilkinson, Moira White  
 Mary Stocco  
 Maggie Yong, Lilian Antonelli, Erin Djukiadmodjo  
 Alfred Lee, Seleana Ng

**MORNING TEA:** N/A**FLOWERS:** Irene Dharmawan

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For some years, the "Lifeboat Foundation" has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse with basic living costs, counselling, vehicle expenses – and just simply listening, believing and caring. The Foundation has been greatly assisted by donations of **unwanted cars** e.g. from deceased states, or people relinquishing licence etc., either to give to victims who need them, or selling them to raise funds. You could help this important work (a) by identifying people who might **donate an unwanted motor vehicle**, and (b) **identifying someone to assist** in the administration of Lifeboat's "Car Donation Project" e.g. speaking to potential donors of vehicles – it's not complicated nor over-demanding of time. If you can assist or would like more information about the "Lifeboat Foundation" and/or the "Car Donation Project", contact

**Fr. Kevin Dillon – [frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au) or 0421 777 360.****Zoom —Virtual Rosary**

October is approaching, a month dedicated to our Lady.

This year we would like to do a Zoom Rosary.

Every Thursday in October, starting from 2 October, at 7pm, and will go for around 30 mins.



The Zoom Meeting ID: 818 2077 7329 Passcode: 094929  
 The Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81820777329?pwd=Ahbr0kMntwICEv5qYUtumJalvV4Q6e.1>

*Nicholas Tonti-Filippini* ORATION

**Reflections on Evangelium Vitae and Australian Culture – 30 years on**

**SPEAKER**  
**ARCHBISHOP ANTHONY FISHER**

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**TWO COURSE DINNER & SPEECH**  
 7PM