

“Every day, as long as this ‘today’ lasts,
keep encouraging one another” (Heb 3:13)

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings p. 143
September 25 2022

Amos 6:1, 4 - 7

We are warned of the dangers of complacency.

1st Timothy 6:11 - 16

Paul encourages his co-worker, Timothy.

St. Luke 16:19 - 31

The parable is a wake-up call to those who have plenty of the world’s goods.

“At the gate
there lay a
poor man
called
Lazarus,
who longed to
fill himself
with the
scraps”



The Rich Man and Lazarus is a powerful story reminding us that we are called to live our faith in our daily lives through generosity towards the poor and in working towards justice in our world. We do this in a variety of ways and we can see the goodness around us in those who are living examples of the Christian message. We are now called to listen urgently to the cry of the earth and to reflect on the injustices caused by the climate crisis. Millions of people are suffering worldwide through drought, sea-level rise and a breakdown of the earth’s ecological systems.

Joanna Sustento lives in Tacloban city, Philippines. On 8 November 2013 she lost her parents, her brother, her sister-in-law and 3-year-old nephew in the storm surge of Typhoon Haiyan. This storm was the largest to make landfall in recorded history, with wind speeds of over 300km per hour. 10,000 people perished in two hours. Joanna’s story is one of thousands. The strength of Typhoon Haiyan is attributed to climate change. It is an injustice that those who have done the least to cause this problem are on the frontline. The governments of the world must act. They will only do so if the public demand it. We have a responsibility to ensure they do so. We are at a crossroads as a global community and we have the solutions. Let us go forward together to a more sustainable future and listen to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

‘Christians need an ‘an ecological conversion,’ whereby the effects of their encounter with Jesus Christ become evident in their relationship with the world around them. Living our vocation to be protectors of God’s handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian life.

Jane Mellett

Today’s Psalm
Psalm 145

Today’s first reading and gospel are about sins of neglect. The sin of the rich man in Jesus’ parable is in neglecting the poor man, Lazarus. Lazarus is the only character of any parable to be given the dignity of a name. His name means God has compassion.

The psalm celebrates this compassion of God. Three times we repeat *it is the Lord*, words of recognition used by the beloved disciple when the risen Lord came to them at the lakeside. *It is the Lord* who is present in the compassionate activities of those who work for justice, feed the hungry, liberate the oppressed and care for the neglected people of our society.

Sins of omission are easily overlooked. Self-serving piety comfortably launders conscience of our social responsibilities. Charity has to look beyond self, take the initiative and do what is possible. ‘It is better to have a tender heart at home than to burn incense at a distant shrine’ (Chinese proverb). *It is the Lord* who inspires those who work for justice and the alleviation of poverty. Through their concern, *the Lord will reign for ever*. ‘Where charity and love dwell, there is God.’

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Mass Intentions for w/c Sunday, September 25 2022

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30.am.: Parishioners

10.30.am.: Christopher Drinkwater

Mon: Weekday

9.30.am. Private Intention

Tues: St.Vincent de Paul

9.30.am: Special Intention(ML)

Wed: Weekday

9.30.am: Loughlin Family

Thursd: SS. Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, Angels

9.30.am: JC

Fri: St. Jerome

7.00.pm Private Intention

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8.30.am.: Parisoners

10.30.am: Queen Elizabeth

0771 942 7926 (only for emergency use)

Confessions

At your request

On Admittance to Hospital or Nursing Home

Staff need to be made aware by you: that you, or the member of your family, or the person you accompany, are Catholic, and require the services of the Catholic Chaplaincy.

Cemetery

All visitors are asked to help keep the Cemetery tidy and to use the appropriate waste bins.

Mass Intentions received upto 24/09/2022

Queen Elizabeth 2; Special.Intention (ML);
Special Intention(GH)

We pray for the Sick, especially the sick of the parish **Ryan Troop; JC;**

Catherine Thompson; Maureen Beardsworth; Desmond Corman; Thomas Halligan.

The **banner on the Nursery Wall** in the car-park was created by children from our school, and won First Prize in a competition held for Primary schools throughout Lancashire. It reflects the anxiety children have for the future of our planet and how we can save it now by cutting engines and the pollution when we park-up, and onther simple ways.

Thursday – **The Guardian Angels** The concept of an angel assigned to guide and nurture each human being is a development of Catholic doctrine and piety based in Scripture. Jesus' words in Matthew 18:10 best support the belief: "See that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

Friday – **St. Jerome** Born about the year 342 Jerome was a scripture scholar particularly important for having made a translation of the Bible which came to be called the Vulgate. Supporting Bible Societies is a very positive way in which we can ensure that the Bible continues to be translated into new languages published, promoted and distributed. The Bible Society is passionate about making the Bible available to men, women and children around the world. There are lots of ways from donating to volunteering that you can get involved. Visit www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/

Next Sunday – **CAFOD Harvest Fast Day** God asks us to reach out and help one another. Together, we can solve problems. We can share what we have so that God's children everywhere have what they need to live life to the full. Take home a donation envelope from the back of church and return it with your donation from your Harvest Fast on Sunday or soon after. Don't forget to fill out the gift aid slip envelopes available at the back of church, if you are a UK tax payer.

"Love and business and family and religion and art and patriotism are nothing but shadows of words when a man's starving." (O. Henry, Heart of the West, 1907)