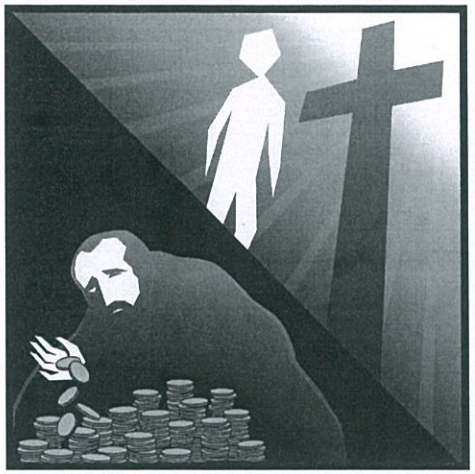

the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried.

'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 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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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

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WEEKDAY MASS:

Monday:
12.10pm St Patrick's Church

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5.30pm St Mary's Church

Wednesday
6.30am St Francis Xavier Church
4.00pm Francis of Assisi Chapel

Thursday
9.00am St Michael's Church, Sarina
5.30pm St Mary's Church

Friday
6.30am St Francis Xavier Church
12.10pm St Patrick's Church

Saturday
7.00am Francis of Assisi Chapel

DEVOTIONS - St Patrick's Church
Tuesday : 7.00pm Novena
Friday:
11.00am Exposition of the Holy Eucharist.
12 noon Angelus

SUNDAY MASS:
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C

Saturday 24th September:
5.00pm St Mary's, South Mackay
6.00pm St Francis Xavier, West Mackay

Sunday 25th September:
7.00am St Patrick's, Mackay
9.00am St Francis Xavier, West Mackay
9.00am St Michael's, Sarina
10.45am Francis of Assisi Chapel
6.00pm St Patrick's, Mackay
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Friday & Saturday 11.30am - 12.00 noon

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Saturday 10.30am - 11.00am

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The Catholic Men's **September** Dinner is on Monday **26th** at the City Bowls Club, Shakespeare St. Mackay.
Our guest speaker for Monday 26th September is **Paul Crowe**, member of QRAT, a hi-tech search and rescue group of volunteers. Get along with a mate for top tucker, great company and **amazing** stories.
6:30 for a 7pm start. Please **RSVP** to Kevin; phone or text 0487747412 by pm **Sunday 25th September.**

DID YOU KNOW?
The St Vincent de Paul Society Members of St Francis Xavier visit people who are lonely and in need of a chat. If you would like to know more, you can contact
Terry Hilder on sfx4740@svdpqld.org.au

Cherish Life Qld – Mackay Branch
March for Life 2022 – Saturday 15 October at 9am
Meeting on Harbour Road across from Big Banana and marching to Caneland Park, Matsuura Drive.
MARCH to protest against the Qld Government's Euthanasia & Late-Term Abortion Laws.
Guest Speaker: Kay Painter, author and pro-life speaker on tour from the US
For further information contact 0429822313 or email: mackay@cherishlife.org.au

108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees
25 September 2022

Pope Francis has chosen "Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees," as the theme for the 108th World Day of Migrants and Refugees 2022. The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) has prepared the online resources, Migrant and Refugee Kit 2022.
For the celebration of this special day.

Resources available at: https://acmro.catholic.org.au/newsletters/0822.html

Prayer: 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.
Rome, Saint John Lateran, 9 May 2022 **Pope Francis**

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Freddy Ahwang, Tracey & Melissa Smith, Sue Christensen, Grace Mifsud, Fred Maes, Debbie Jones, Melissa Smith, Pat Holdsworth, John Bugeja jnr, Kiana Bugeja, Ty Smith, Jim Scriha, Natalie Valmadre, Debbie Hagger, Mary Walsh, Gavin Carter. *(permission of people needed for names to be printed)*

THE FAITHFUL RECENTLY DEPARTED: Joseph Muscat, Josephine Checuti, Catherine Lenz, 'Sunny' Contessa,'Nina'Zarb, Therese Suokallio, Jerry Butimer (Ireland), Francis Muscat, Sr Anne-Marie Kinnane rsm (R'ton), Tony Galea, Errol Comerford, Carol Taaffe, Sr Josie Curran rsm (B'bane), Yvonne Maher (G'coast), Frank Farrugia (Mel), Sr Mary Gabrielle RSM (R'pton), Mick Deguara (B'bane), Cathy Stevenson Knezvic, Reginald (Joe) Norris, Owen Smith, Miles Smith, Warren Hanna (NZ), Illona Jeffcoat-Sacco (USA), Emanuel Camilleri (Syd), Kevin Burke, Sr Teresa (Malta), Bridie McGill (Ireland), Charles Galea, Charles Quattromani, Gerald Murray Moore (Murray), Tom Ryan,

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: 'Chas' Bugeja 5/9, Mary Deguara 5/9,Tim Mulherin (7/9),Patricia Frazer 7/9, Antonio Rostirolla 17/9, Bartholomew Devlin 18/9, Jeff Old 29/9,

WE REMEMBER THOSE FOR WHOM MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED: Paul, Terese, George & Joseph Camilleri, **Francesco, Anna & Joseph Rostirolla, Maria & Vincenza Rostirolla, Pietro Prasside Raiteri, Charlie Deguara, Miles Smith, Cathy Stevenson Knezvic, Joe Mifsud,** Joseph & Theresa Borg, Charlie Borg, Charles Deguara, Pat Leahy, Joe Cortis, Vince Cortis, Ron Dutton, Fay Dutton, Donna Gaske, Helen George, Peter George, Lionel George, Amelia Kirwan, Bernie Kirwan, Jack Moriarty, Marie Pyke, Esma Taylor, Sr Betty Attard, Kath Bartolo, Alice Bartolo, Tony Ghusn (Robina), Ray Gunning, John Langford, Dorothy Robinson, Carmel & Bill Daley, Chris Ryan, Bernie Connor, Rosaria, Sebastiano & Joe Leotta, Giuseppe Morabito, Joe Bartolo, Mick Mifsud, Pat & Daniel Connor, Joseph Grech, Peter & Francis Corby, Doris McSherry, Paul Grech, Anthony & Pat Brazil, Madonna Bennett, Emanuel Bugeja, Jim Vella, Frank Vella, George Vella, Joe Mifsud, Rosaleen & Arthur Noonan, Joyce Bonehill, Monty Martin, Joe Zammit, Giuseppe (Joe) D'Anna, Mary Falzon, George Camilleri, **Bernard McGuire,** John Styles, Alfred, Hellen & Henry Miller, Ethel & Frederick Jeffs, Len & Myrtle Butterworth, Joe & Frances Vella, Giuseppe & Maria Sorbello, Albert & Mary Deguara, Mary De Thomasis, Marlene Comin, Margaret Hackett, **Brian Hill, Gerard Hill, Ben Faa,** Casey Zarb, Vince Guinea, Tony & Vera Galea, Louis & Grace Bezzina, Frank Camilleri, Jack & Mary Camilleri. **Deceased members of the** Steen, Sherriff, Patroni, Forzatti, Ahern, Sorbello, Galea, Muscat, Mirano, Mirabella, Camilleri, Bugeja, Casey, Hackett, De Brincat, Quinn, Guinea, Donnelly & Noonan Families.