

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 September 2016

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Jubilee Year
of Mercy
2015/16

Next Week's Readings

1st Reading: Habakluk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

2nd Reading: Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-19

RESPONSE

*Praise the Lord,
my soul.*

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!*



Who's Outside Your Door?

Have you ever noticed that this rich man never did anything wrong? He just went about his life. For whatever reason, he didn't even notice Lazarus. Maybe he was just busy. Who knows?

And that, Jesus says, is the problem. It's not what the rich man did. It's what he didn't do.

Life gets busy. There are some people that work hard all day and then spend the evening driving their kids to all sorts of sports and activities. There are young people that go to school all day and then spend the evening on homework, sports, part-time jobs, or school activities.

But Lazarus lives today. He is the lonely kid at school. He is the hungry child in Africa. He is the refugee in Syria seeking a place to call home. Jesus challenges us to care for him regularly. Make it part of your "busyness," not something you fit in when you find extra time.

Here are some tips. Ask God daily to show you the people others ignore. Read newspapers and surf the internet to learn about the problems that cause suffering in our world. Make community service trips and peace rallies part of your monthly schedule.

God has given you the power to change the world for people who suffer like Lazarus. Who's lying outside your door?

Resources: www.gpbs.com.au; image by www.ocarm.org



No war is holy!

Violence in the name of God does not

represent the true nature of religion and must be condemned by all faiths, Pope Francis said. 'We never tire of repeating that the name of God cannot be used to justify violence. Peace alone, and not war, is holy!' the pope said 20 September at the closing ceremony of an interreligious peace gathering in Assisi.

Following a prayer service with Christian leaders, including Orthodox Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew of Constantinople and Anglican Archbishop Justin

Welby of Canterbury, the pope joined religious leaders from around the world to appeal for peace and unity.

The religious leaders also heard the experience of a victim of war from the Syrian city of Aleppo and prayed for those who had died in conflicts around the world.

In his speech, the pope called on believers of every faith 'to confront the great sickness of our time: indifference.' 'It is a virus that paralyses, rendering us lethargic and insensitive, a disease that eats away at the very heart of religious fervour, giving rise to a new and deeply sad paganism: the paganism of indifference,' he said.

Recalling the look on the faces of the refugees he and Patriarch Bartholomew met on the Greek

island of Lesbos in April, the pope called on religious believers to not remain indifferent to the suffering of others but instead to be the voice of those unheard.

'I am thinking of the families, whose lives have been shattered; of the children who have known only violence in their lives; of the elderly, forced to leave their homeland. All of them have a great thirst for peace,' he said. 'We do not want these tragedies to be forgotten.' True peace, he said, is not a result of 'negotiations, political compromises or economic bargaining, but the result of prayer.'

Full text at www.melbournecatholic.org.au

THANKSGIVING

CHURCH: \$ 1,802
PRESBYTERY: \$1,170
(RETIRED PRIEST & ARCHDIOCESE)

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING AND THEIR FAMILIES

ANNIVERSARIES:

Joseph Smart, Lesley Fernando, Bernard Tilley, Alec Gallagher, Paraskewia Osiurak, Nelly Den Elzen

SICK: Mary Edmonds, Brian Taggart, Pauline Muscat, Marta Kristan, Kala Lindsay, Geoff Bell, Stan Piergrosse, Peter Himing

HONOURING OUR SENIORS

All are invited after the 10am mass for a morning tea in the Narthex with our Senior Parishioners. Hope to see you there!



St Vincent de Paul Society calls for humane response to asylum seekers ahead of New York talks

The St Vincent de Paul Society is urging the federal government to increase Australia's annual intake of refugees to 30,000, as world leaders convene for two special summits on refugees in New York.

'Contrary to the government's assertions, breaking people's spirits in offshore processing facilities is not the unavoidable alternative to deaths at sea,' the Society's National Council CEO Dr John Falzon said. 'The most urgent matter facing the Australian government is the fate of refugees and asylum seekers stuck in limbo on Nauru and Manus Island.'

'We call on the Prime Minister to embrace a humane and respectful way forward for the vulnerable children and their families on Nauru, along with the more than 800 men on Manus Island, who have been living without hope for too long.'

Since 2013, the cost of Australia's current policy of turn-backs and offshore detention has cost \$9.6 billion. 'The boats haven't stopped - they've just been turned away to other dangers,' Dr Falzon said.

Between 2012 and 2015, the number of people seeking asylum in Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand rose by 36 percent.

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FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 27 September - St Vincent de Paul
- 29 September - Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael
- 30 September - St Jerome
- 1 October - St. Therese of the Child Jesus

Parish Diary

- 28 September PPC Meeting
- 30 September Presbytery Office closed (Public Holiday)
- 9 October Baptism
- 12 October Finance Committee Meeting
- 23 October World Mission Sunday
- 28 October Confirmation

NEW ROSTER AVAILABLE NOW IN THE NARTHEX

You many now get your copy of the new roster for Liturgy and Altar Setter for the period of October - December 2016

Pope appoints ACU Vice-Chancellor to the Congregation for Catholic Education



Pope Francis has appointed Australian Catholic University (ACU) Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Greg Craven as a Consultor to the Holy See's Congregation of Catholic Education - the Vatican dicastery that oversees Catholic schools, universities and institutes of higher education around the world.

In making the appointment, the Holy Father has recognised the considerable leadership, knowledge and experience that Professor Craven brings to the Congregation, particularly in the higher education sector.

President of Australian Catholic Bishops' Conference and Australian Catholic University, Archbishop Denis Hart says Professor Craven encapsulates the true spirit of the Second Vatican Council and its call for greater lay collaboration in the mission of the Church.

'Greg Craven is an immensely gifted man, a man of faith, a loyal son of Christ; he has given many years of dedicated and faithful service to the advancement of Catholic education in Australia,' Archbishop Hart said. Full text at www.melbournecatholic.org.au



Indonesian religion journalists visit the Archdiocese

ABC International is hosting five Indonesian journalists in Melbourne, as part of the annual program, 'Window on Australia', which showcases Australian culture and lifestyle.

This year's program, targeting an Indonesian audience, is aimed at creating better understanding and stronger relationships between Australia and Indonesia.

While in Melbourne, the group visited a Muslim mosque, the Jewish synagogue in East Melbourne and St Patrick's Cathedral in East Melbourne. At the cathedral, they met David Shutz of the Archdiocese's Ecumenical and Interfaith Commission and Ginette Everest of the Jewish Catholic Muslim Association of Victoria.

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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

2 October 2016

Remember to set your clock ahead!