



Readings for this week:

Amos 6:1, 4-7
1 Timothy 6:11-16
Luke 16:19-31



Readings for next week:

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14
Luke 17:5-10

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Sick List: Luke Holford, Robert Kelso, Jean and Bryan Mulcahy, Fr Chris Reay, Chris McIntyre, Graeme Weir, Gerard Hicks, Mary Hehir

Recently Deceased: Denise Dobbyn, Bruna Ryan

Anniversaries: Lina Villani

ROSTERS

BINGO ROSTER: 1st Oct - B. Ryan, O. Macreadie, I. Valoia, J. Mulraney, K. Glover, J. Kiss, L. Macreadie

COUNTER ROSTER: 25th Sept - M. Williams, B. Ryan; 2nd Oct - H. Betson, M. O'Meara

24/25 Sept	READERS	OFFERTORY	SPECIAL MINISTERS	ALTAR HELPERS
6:30 pm	E. Janke E. Macdonald	Emma Macdonald & Family	L. Turk M. Janke M. Hogarty	Irene Tumua Valoia Family
10 am	M. Macdonald N. Collins	Rosemary Wingrave	T. Tumua Irene Valoia (RP/G1) M. Murphy (RP/G2)	Irene Tumua Valoia Family
1/2 October				
6:30 pm	F. Smullen C. Dumaresq	Josie Buttigieg	H. Betson F. Dowling M. Williams	K. Brett D. Morris
10 am	R. Wingrave L. Turk	Liz Turk & Family	A. Butts C. Fasano (RP/G1) L. Pye (RP/G2)	K. Brett D. Morris

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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

Sunday 25th September 2016

Looking at the Readings

The challenge of an appropriate attitude to money and wealth for followers of Jesus continues in today's gospel. The contrast between the rich man (unnamed, he has no identity before God) and the poor man Lazarus, in this life and in the next life, is graphic indeed. The rich man's total change of fortune is brought about by his refusal to even notice, let alone respond to, the desperate needs of Lazarus right outside his palatial home. His plea that Lazarus might be sent to warn his family, to prevent them making the same mistake, is rejected because they have the consistent message of Moses and the prophets (seen clearly in the First Readings over the last weeks) which they choose to ignore, and they would not listen even if confronted by someone risen from the dead (as did Jesus himself).



Liturgical Jottings

Imagination part 4

This practical task of the liturgical imagination, involving translation, adaptation and creation, can be aided by a simple, five-stage process. These stages constitute the passage from liturgical text to liturgical act and planning as well. The five stages are: (1) preparing the text; (2) dwelling with the text; (3) locating the text; (4) enlivening the text; and, (5) enacting the text. Each of these involves the imagination in a variety of ways. The New Dictionary of Sacramental Worship.

Laudato Si

Far from offering a naïve condemn-ation of capitalism, Pope Francis provides an intelligent critique of the limits of the market, especially where it fails to provide for the poor. "Profit," he says, "cannot be the sole criterion" of our decisions (No. 187). *Commentary by Fr James Martin SJ (America Magazine)*

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So we, who have that message of Moses and the prophets, and who know Jesus as the Risen Lord, are called in our place and time to notice, to listen and respond. We are called to an attitude to property and wealth that does notice and respond generously to the needs of people in our various communities, people suffering real deprivation, poverty and hunger, while comparatively we are very well off indeed. What messages do we send through our local awareness and engagement, or lack of interest or response? What messages do we send to our Government about the need to share with those in need around the world?

Quote for the Week

Dives is punished for his pride, not his wealth, and Lazarus is rewarded for his humility, not his poverty. The proof lies in the fact that both Abraham, a rich man and Lazarus the poor man, share space in heaven. *St Augustine*

On the Lighter Side

A politician dies and is met by St Peter who gives him a choice of Heaven or Hell. He must decide after spending a day in each. In Hell he is greeted by many friends, plays golf, dines magnificently. In heaven he meets new people and plays music. St Peter asks for his choice, he elects for Hell. He is greeted by the Devil into a stinking sweltering hole. He asks "Where are my friends, the golf and dining room?" Satan replies: "Yesterday we were campaigning. Today you voted for us."



ST MARY'S PARISH MOTTO

“Reaching out to each other
- growing together in love”

MASS TIMES

Saturday Vigil: 6.30pm at St Mary's

Sunday: 10am at St Mary's

**Sunday: 8.30am at St Joseph's, Undera
(Monthly Mass - 2nd Sunday of the month)**

RECONCILIATION

10.30—11am at St Mary's

WEEK-DAY MASS TIMES

**NO MASSES AT ST MARY'S ON
27/28/29/30 SEPTEMBER**

Weekday Mass Times at St Brendan's Parish are:-

- Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

Weekday Mass Times at St Mel's Parish are:-

- Tuesday to Thursday 8.00am
- Friday 9.15am

PARISH NEWS

Monsignor Absent from Parish: There is a Priests' In-Service which Monsignor will be attending from Monday 26th to Thursday 29th September.

EMAILING OF PARISH BULLETINS

If you would like to have the Parish Bulletin emailed to you on a weekly basis, please send an email to the Parish Office - mooropna@cdos.org.au - with this request. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Nate Stevens

Jack Tracey

who will be baptised this weekend.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

**FIRST PARENT/CHILD INFORMATION EVENING
TUESDAY 4th OCTOBER 7PM MARIAN CENTRE**



SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

25th SEPTEMBER 2016

Today we celebrate Social Justice Sunday. The 2016-17 Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: '**A Place at the Table: Social justice in an ageing society**'. The Statement celebrates the value and dignity of older people in Australian life. It challenges us to recognise their significant contribution to society and emphasises this contribution should not be valued in mere economic terms. The Statement calls for justice for those who are most vulnerable and warns about a view of older people as burdensome or dispensable. To read the statement or for further details, go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au.

**Copies of the Statement are available
at the back of the church.**

A PRAYER FOR ALL AGES

God of all creation, you are timeless and beyond all ages. *We who are growing old* give thanks for the years you have given us – for family, friends and all those who have enriched our lives. *We who are not yet old* give thanks for the older people in our lives: for grandparents, loved ones, friends and all who generously offer the wise counsel of their years.

We who are growing old pray that we may be patient with our ageing limbs and difficulties in everyday tasks we once did much more easily. *We who are not yet old* pray for patience and kindness towards those who do not move as quickly as we would sometimes like.

We who are growing old pray for good health in our later years, and forbearance when our health fails us. *We who are not yet old* pray for good health for those we love and compassion towards those who suffer ill health.

We who are growing old pray for prudence and sweet timing, in offering our wisdom to the next generation, while respecting their energy and creativity. *We who are not yet old* pray for openness and humility in receiving the advice and guidance of our elders.

We who are growing old pray that we may face our death with serenity and dignity. *We who are not yet old* pray that we affirm the sacredness of each person's life and accompany those who are dying with gentleness and deep respect.

God of endless love, help us to understand that we share a common life journey, a call to live life to the full and to strive to enable all creation to come to the fullness of the Cosmic Christ. Amen

COLUMBAN CALENDAS FOR SALE \$10 EACH

Please place your money in the envelopes provided into the box on the table at the back of the church. Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The PPC met on Wednesday the 14th August with our focus discussion being centred on what we are doing well in our parish and what we need to continue to do in order to enrich our parish. *We have published these lists on the notice board and invite others to add their comments.*

Retiring PPC Members: We have two retiring members of the PPC; Maria Macdonald and Rob Slee. We wish to thank Maria and Rob for their contribution to the parish and the support they have given to Monsignor in being members of the PPC. Two new members have kindly offered their services as members of the PPC. These being Marie O'Meara and Margaret Campbell. We are extremely grateful to Marie and Margaret for volunteering their time as members of the PPC. Commissioning and decommissioning of our members will take place at our weekend mass at a later date.

Parish/School Carpark: The carpark is being sealed over the holidays and soon will be available for traffic.

Poland experience: The PPC would also like to thank Brian Valoia for sharing his journey to Poland with the parishioners through his slide presentation at our weekend masses.

To keep informed as to our PPC and what is happening in our parish, please take a copy of the minutes that are available at the back of the church.

SEASON OF CREATION - SEPTEMBER 1 –OCTOBER 4

Pope Francis stated on the World Day of Prayer for Creation, "The world's poor, though least responsible for climate change, are most vulnerable and already suffering its impact."

CLIMATE REFUGEES

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis reminds us "There has been a tragic rise in the number of migrants seeking to flee from the growing poverty caused by environmental degradation." (LS 25) Already in 2008, the UN said that **20 million people were displaced because of climate change**. As this number continues to grow, the necessary social, political, economic, and legal structures will need to be in place to support the migrant's needs.

May the most vulnerable among us continue to motivate us to pray, reflect and act for climate justice for all.

FOOD WASTE WEEKEND

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis tells us that "whenever food is thrown out it is as if it were stolen from the table of the poor" (LS, 50). During **September 23-25, we honor Food Waste Weekend** to raise awareness of all the edible and wholesome food that is never consumed. This includes the food that the farmer was unable to harvest, the grocery store chose not to sell, the food you throw out because the date on the packaging leads you to think that it's no longer healthy to eat, the supersized portions of food served in restaurants, and the three-day old bread the market throws away when the next shipment comes in.

Each creature possesses
its own particular
goodness and perfection.
#69 Laudato Si

A mistaken understanding of
our own (faith) principles has
at times led us to justify
mistreating nature.
#200 Laudato Si

Whatever is fragile, like the
environment, is defenceless
before the interests of a deified
market, which becomes
the only rule.
#56 Laudato Si

140th Anniversary of the Sisters of Mercy in Bendigo

A Mass will be held at the Sacred Heart Cathedral on Wednesday 19th October, 2016, at 11.00am.

Past pupils and their families are invited to thank the Sisters of Mercy for their contribution to the community and education in Bendigo.

October Marian Festival

Will take place at Sacred Heart Cathedral on Sunday October 2nd commencing at 11am with Mass. The Festival will conclude at 3:40pm with afternoon tea in the Catholic Hall.

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE

Tatura Branch is turning 80

Afternoon Tea on Wed 5 October at 1.30pm
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RSVP: Pat Baldwin on 5824 1137

**"There is more hunger for love and appreciation
in this world than for bread." Mother Teresa**