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**WEEKLY BULLETIN: SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2022**

**TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C**

*YEAR OF SAINT LUKE – OUR FUTURE IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY!*

*TWO PARISHES AND ONE MISSION*

Readings this week: Am 6:1, 4-7; Ps 145; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31.

## Gospel Reflection ~ 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.

### Gospel Focus – Rising from the dead

At the end of the passage, Abraham says that if the people of Israel have not been convinced to change their ways by the great prophets throughout time, then 'they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead'. This is obviously a reference to the fact that by the time of the writing of this gospel – some 50+ years after Jesus – most of the Jews remained unconvinced by the message of Jesus, despite his rising from the dead. It is an indication of the rising tension between Jews and Christians at the time of writing.

### Living the Gospel – Paying attention

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

### Scriptural context – Gates

The poor man, Lazarus, is described as sitting at the gate of the rich man. We have a picture of Lazarus sitting on the outside looking in at all that he cannot have. Gates are used both literally and metaphorically throughout the gospel of Luke. In the cities and towns of Palestine, gates marked a physical barrier between those who were 'in' and those who were 'out'. But they also marked the boundaries of society. Those who were permitted to sleep within the walls were the acceptable of society. Those who were shut outside the gates and outside the city of an evening were the unacceptable.

*Two Parishes and ONE Mission ...  
... from delegation to participation ...*

# Saint Timothy's Catholic Parish Forest Hill

*Our Future ...*

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Archdiocese of Melbourne

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Parish Priest

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## SUNDAY MASS

Saturday *Australian Vigil* - 6.00pm

Sunday *Australian* - 9.00am

*Please welcome Fr Brian Kelty*

Sunday *Vietnamese* - 5.00pm

## WEEKDAY MASS

Weds. & Thurs. @ 9.15am

Fri. @ 10.00am

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month  
@ 10.00am Mass of Anointing

## RECONCILIATION

*In recess this week.*

## EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION

*In recess this week.*

## WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS

By appointment and  
six months (6) notice, please.  
*(This helps with the planning of both  
celebrations and Parents usually know  
nine months in advance when their  
baby is to be born).*

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## Prayer to Saint Timothy

O God, who adorned  
Saint Timothy with  
apostolic virtues, grant, through  
his intercession that, living  
justly and devoutly in this  
present age,  
we may merit to reach our  
heavenly homeland.  
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.  
Amen.

*Patron Saint of stomach and  
intestinal disorders.*



**WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER** this weekend all who are sick and all those Parishioners unable to be among us this weekend. For those who died recently, for the casualties of war in Ukraine and for those whose anniversaries occur about this time especially: Joseph Biviano, Elwyn Kelly, Frederick Dew, Paolo De Franceschi, Leonard Edwin Taylor. R.I.P.

**LITURGICAL CALENDAR THIS WEEK:** **Ordinary Time ~ Monday:** St Cosmas and Damian, martyrs; **Tuesday:** St Vincent de Paul, priest; **Wednesday:** St Wenceslaus, martyr and St Lawrence Ruiz and companions, martyrs; **Thursday:** Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, archangels; **Friday:** St Jerome, priest, doctor; **Saturday:** St Therese of the Child Jesus, virgin, doctor. **Masses this weekend:** Eucharistic Prayer as chosen by supply priest and Mystery of Faith Eucharistic Acclamation I.

## **2022 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM FOR THE PARISHES OF ST TIMOTHY'S FOREST HILL AND ST LUKE THE EVANGELIST BLACKBURN SOUTH**

### **OUR PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM HAS FINISHED**

Thank you on behalf of us all at St Timothy's for your involvement and response. Please collect your acknowledgement letters from the Narthex today. The new pledge commitments take effect from Sunday 2 October. A summary of the results will be made available once Fr Gerard returns from annual leave.

### **SACRED HEART GIRLS' COLLEGE OAKLEIGH – 65<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**

**REUNION** Sacred Heart Girls' College Oakleigh is celebrating 65 years since our foundation. All former students and staff of the College are warmly invited to join us for afternoon tea and a tour on Sunday, 16 October between 2pm and 4.30pm. To book your place, please go to <https://www.trybooking.com/CCLMD>.

### **MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND "Live Your Best Life in Love"**

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. **Please check our website for more details. 22- 23 October 2022** at St John Bosco, Niddrie (Book early to avoid disappointment) Information/Bookings: Phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au) Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)

**MELBOURNE CATHOLIC:** Created and loved: [honouring the beauty and dignity of every person](#). Central to the Church's teaching is the notion that each of us is created and loved by God, and that this love pervades every aspect of our humanity and every moment of our life's journey. Trusting in God, we are invited to grow into the fullness of life that our creator intends for us, and to recognise the beauty and dignity of every person, including ourselves.

**2023 ENROLMENTS** @ St Timothy's Primary School Vermont are still open. Book a tour and please make contact with the Principal, Ms Anne Maree Jones on 9878 4188 or email the School Office @ [principal@sttims.catholic.edu.au](mailto:principal@sttims.catholic.edu.au) ~

**A Great Place to Be ...**

**VOCATION VIEW:** You have one precious life to give. How do you choose to offer it to God? Be willing to accept the challenges of discipleship. (Luke 14:25-33)

**STEWARDSHIP CORNER:** "Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31 Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency. (Weekly First Collection Presbytery: \$331.35; Thanksgiving Stewardship Envelopes this week: \$213; Vietnamese Donation: \$169.90). Click here: [for Parish online CDFFay](#) [Parish Church A/c BSB: 083-347 Account: No: 652 643 669 & PP's support BSB: 083-347 Account No: 651 938 684]

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS** who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.

## WEEKEND PARISH MINISTRY ROSTER

### MINISTERS OF THE WORD

**SATURDAY**      **6:00 PM**  
**9:00 AM**  
**5:00 PM**

### 24 AND 25 SEPTEMBER

Patrick Kelly  
Martin Harris  
Hieu Nguyen & Ha Nguyen

### 1 AND 2 OCTOBER

Peggy D'Cruz  
Andrew Johny  
Dieu Nguyen & Dung Nguyen

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

**SATURDAY**      **6:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY**        **9:00 AM**  
                      **5:00 PM**

### 24 AND 25 SEPTEMBER

Volunteer  
Laura Cigana  
Hoang Nguyen

### 1 AND 2 OCTOBER

Mary Italiano  
Daphne Hickman  
Hung Dinh

### SLIDE OPERATORS

**SATURDAY**      **6:00 PM**  
**SUNDAY**        **9:00 AM**  
                      **5.00PM**

### 24 AND 25 SEPTEMBER

Michelle Chen  
Yee Family  
Toan Tran

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### CHURCH FLOWERS

24<sup>th</sup> September  
Parishioners  
1<sup>st</sup> October  
Parishioners

### COUNTERS

This week Team 3:  
Peter Deayton & Lester Steele  
Next Week Team 4:  
Kelvin Chen & Michael Yii

### CHURCH CLEANING

8<sup>th</sup> October:  
Toan Tran, Dao Dinh,  
Hieu Nguyen & Dieu Nguyen

**ON THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK:** On the Journey this week: Fr Mark De Battista's reflection on a gospel with an interesting twist, the seeming care for others isn't coming out of love but instead out of self-interest. Mother Hilda on what makes a person officially awesome. Plus, Fr Anthony Crook explores why personal spirituality, and a sense of religious belonging is so protective and comforting to us, Trish McCarthy has a tip on being a better communicator, Fr Dave Callaghan says Christianity is not a spectator sport, and more great music!

**'WALKING WITH WISDOM SERIES'** (in person or via Zoom), 4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm. This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [office@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:office@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel (03) 9890 1101.

**'UNDERSTANDING YOUR PERSONALITY: GIFTS DIFFERING'**, Saturday 1 October 2022, 10am-3.30pm. Our popular Myers Briggs reflection day, led by Peter Malone msc (BA(Hons), STL, DTheol (Honoris Causa)). Participants can complete the Personality Type Indicator form on the day. Held at Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$60. Book and pay via [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [office@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:office@heartoflife.melbourne), or tel (03) 9890 1101.

**MAJELLAN FAMILY MEDIA:** Does your family have meals together? **Family mealtimes are an important opportunity** to develop strong parent and child relationships and a sense of family connectedness and belonging. Research focusing on the importance of family meals affirms the positive outcomes learned from time spent around the family dinner table.

**LEGION OF MARY MELBOURNE SENATUS: Centenary Year of the Legion of Mary.** The Centenary Year of the Legion of Mary draws to a close, here and around the world - 101 years from the first Legion meeting in Dublin led by Frank Duff on 7th September 1921. We once again give thanks to God, and to Mary, our Blessed Mother and Queen, for all the graces of that first century of the Legion; and we especially give thanks for the joy and blessings of our centenary celebrations.

**LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION - THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO:** We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Send us an inquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

**ACNC MONTHLY E-NEWSLETTER: Conversations and consultations, have your say and more.** Since joining the ACNC as Acting Commissioner last month I have spent my first few weeks meeting with a large number of stakeholders across the sector individually, as well as with our Adviser and Sector forums.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC SAFEGUARDING LTD: A new opportunity for Catholic organisations to show their commitment to the NCSS**

**CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE** Series of short sessions: online via Zoom Engaging Your Faith -12 sessions running in October 2022. Choose what interests you for just \$25 per session. Booking, payment and further information: [ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)

**SAFETY STATEMENT:** We are committed to a safe and nurturing culture for all children and vulnerable persons in our Church. Saint Timothy's Parish Forest Hill holds the care, safety, wellbeing of children and vulnerable persons as central and fundamental responsibilities of the Church. This commitment is drawn from and inherent to the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and the sanctity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel.

## Parish Groups & Contacts

*... is Our Responsibility*

**Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Counting Rosters**

Corrie Quimbo  
9412 8499

**Baptism Preparation**

Mary Italiano  
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**Vietnamese Community**

Andy Tran: 0422 382 109  
Ahn Loc: 0434 239 212

**Vietnamese Youth**

Kelvin Nguyen  
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**Parish Bankers**

Barry Silvester &  
Michael Kawalewski

**Parish Pastoral Council**

Fr Gerard - Parish Priest

**Parish Safeguarding Committee**

Theresa Nguyen, Mary Italiano  
& Fr Gerard

**Whitehorse Deanery**

Fr Gerard  
9877 2292

**Finance Committee**

Bernard Negline  
Parish Accountant

**Church Sacristan**

Margaret King & Hoang Nguyen  
9412 8499

**Church Housekeeping**

Margaret King  
9412 8499

**Church Cleaning**

Des O'Connor 9412 8499

**Parish Garden Maintenance**

Des O'Connor, Leo Watson,  
Anico Yee &

Vietnamese Community

**Holy Communion**

*to the housebound*

Fr Gerard

**Parish Choirs**

Mary Italiano & Theresa Nguyen

**School Advisory Council**

Ms. AnneMaree Jones  
9878 4188

**Our local St Vincent de Paul Conference**

For Assistance: 1800 305 330  
(Freecall: Monday to Friday 10am-3pm)

**Parish Contact:**

John McCoy

Vinnies Centre Ringwood  
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Maroondah Hwy Ringwood

For Furniture & Whitegoods pickup  
— Eastern Emergency Relief will

pickup for St Vincent de Paul  
weekdays 9am-1pm Ph. 9874 8433

Vinnies Centre Ringwood  
Ph. 9870 9124, Unit 1B/76-82  
Maroondah Hwy Ringwood

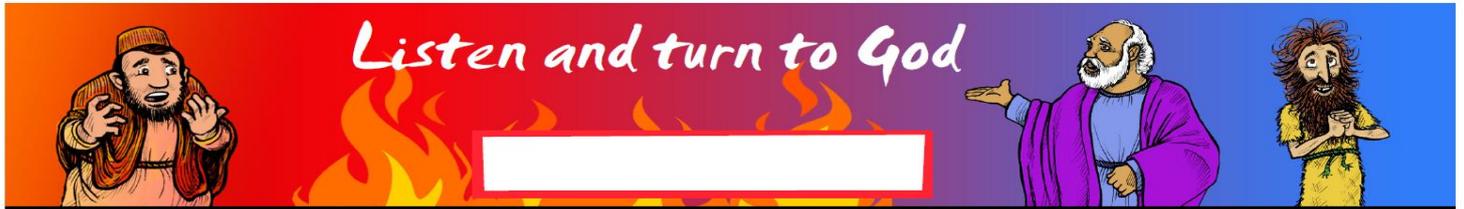
**Raise your voices ... Entrance Antiphon:** All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

**Response to the Psalm:** Praise the Lord, my soul!

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

**Eucharistic Acclamation:** We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

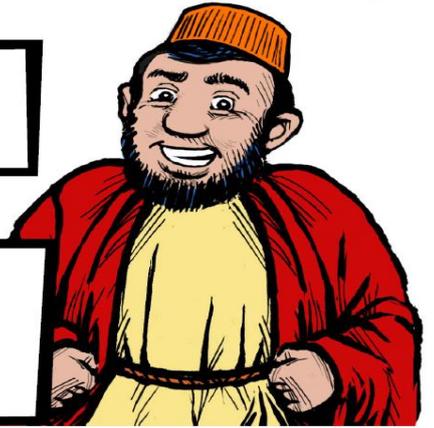
**Communion Antiphon:** Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



**26th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C**

What happened to the rich man when he died?

What should the rich man have done while he was still living on earth?



Jesus wants us to listen to him. In what ways can we listen to God? Draw yourself listening to God.



Help the angels take Lazarus up to heaven.

