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Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 28 September 2025



Readings for
this week:

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



Readings for
next Sunday:

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



Liturgical Jottings

Liturgy and Creation IV

Last year this column had a three-part series on Creation. Since then new texts for Creation have been published. The latest is the Mass on the Care of Creation first celebrated by Pope Leo XIV in the garden of Castel Gandolfo Rome (9 July 2025).

The decree on the new Mass texts begins: "The mystery of creation is the beginning of salvation history, which culminates in Christ and receives from the mystery of Christ its definitive light. For, manifesting his goodness, 'in the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.' (Gen 1:1), since already from the beginning God was intending the glory of the new creation in Christ. Sacred Scripture exhorts men and women to contemplate the mystery of creation and to give ceaseless thanks to the Most Holy Trinity for this sign of his benevolence. Creation is to be loved, cared for, and at the same time promoted, as well as handed on from generation to generation."

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Looking at the Readings

Today's readings carry a harsh warning to the complacent, those who go on living well, "not made ill by the collapse" of their sisters and brothers [Amos], ignoring or failing to see the suffering poor outside their doors [Luke]. The gospel parable illustrates Jesus's belief in God's special love for the poor and illustrates how God can extend that love through other-than human parts of Creation. Note that the dogs were far more compassionate toward Lazarus than the rich man, trying to heal his sores.

In the parable, the rich man ignored Lazarus when he was alive and continues to do so after his death, relating to Abraham as his assumed peer, asking Abraham to send Lazarus as a servant to attend to his needs. From Christ's perspective, Lazarus is Abraham's peer and companion; we never even learn the rich man's name. Popes Francis and Leo direct our attention to the poor, to migrants and refugees, to indigenous peoples. Too often they are looked down upon as backward or undeveloped, turned away as a threat to our comfort, wealth, and lifestyles. Many simply ignore them, as the people who Amos challenges, the people represented by the rich person in Jesus's parable.

The main part of today's story Jesus tells out once it is too late to do anything to change the situation. We need to look around, see what is wrong now and act accordingly particularly with our relationship to others and our common home: creation.

From Peace with Creation by James E Hug SJ.

Pope Leo on Creation

Dear brothers and sisters, the Borgo Laudato Si', [Castel Gandolfo gardens] where we now find ourselves, seeks to be, in line with the vision of Pope Francis, a kind of "laboratory" where we can experience that harmony with creation which brings healing and reconciliation, and to do so by developing new and effective ways of protecting the natural environment entrusted to our care. I want to assure all of you, who are working to realize this project, of my prayers and my encouragement. Pope Leo XIV, Homily on 9 July 2025

Prayer of the Day

O God of justice, hear our cry and save us. Make us heed your word to the prophets; rouse us to the demand of the gospel and impel us to carry it out. We ask this through Jesus Christ our brother and Saviour. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

"In a country well governed, poverty is something to be ashamed of. In a country badly governed, wealth is something to be ashamed of." Confucius



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Milly Perry, Matt Carver, Olive McElroy, Frances Corso, Philip Bowman, Kady Mitchell-Treacy.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Virginia Spina, Kate Delahenty

(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)

ROSTERS

Sunday 5 October 8.30am

Commentator – N Watt

Lector – M Carver

Special Minister – A Ryan

Saturday 11 October at 5pm

Commentator – C Anderson

Lector – L Ratcliffe

Special Minister – L Sorbello

Sunday 12 October 8.30am

Commentator – B Elliott

Lector – J Chant

Special Minister – M Di Petta

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 1299.10

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

PARISH DETAILS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

SUPPORT OUR ST VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE GOOD WORKS

Earlier this year, access to low-cost nonperishable food for our pantry from Food Bank Victoria was lost due to insatiable demand. Demand from families in need within our community is also high and supporting them with pantry food made a difference. Our pantry is empty.

To highlight the need and provide an opportunity for parishioners to contribute nonperishable food items for our pantry, a basket is located at the rear of the church.

STEEPLE REPAIRS COMPLETED

Thanks to a vigilant parishioner, a large hole in the church steeple, caused by cockatoos, was discovered and promptly repaired by Paul Munro during the school holidays. Over two days, Paul and his colleague restored the damaged section, addressed additional roof issues, and helped protect our church from further deterioration.

JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE

As part of the Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope, a pilgrimage is being organised to Numurkah to visit St Mary of the Cross Indigenous Garden and Historical Trail. Australia's first saint and co-founder of the Sisters of Saint Joseph, Mary MacKillop of the Cross founded the first Josephite School in Victoria at Numurkah in 1890. In December 2024, Numurkah parishioners celebrated the opening of an indigenous garden and history trail dedicated to the memory of Mary MacKillop and the Josephite Sisters who have served their community so well.

The Pilgrimage will leave St Augustine's Church 9.30am on **Saturday 25th October** to arrive at Numurkah by 10.30am. There will be morning tea on arrival and visit to Historical Garden. Mass will be celebrated by Fr Uday at 12noon. Lunch will follow at Shamrock hotel. If you have a spare seat in your car, please reach out to those in need of a lift. RSVP to Parish Office 03 5852 1026, Mary Zobec 0427 190282 or Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 by 21st October.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BRINGS CHANGE

As daylight saving begins on Sunday 5 October, our Saturday Masses beginning on Saturday 11 October will change to 6pm.

ANointing MASS

The next anointing mass will be held on Thursday 2nd October at 10am, followed by a cuppa.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 27th September - 5pm Mass

Sun 28th September - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 30th September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 2nd October – 10am Anointing Mass

Sun 5th October - 8.30am Mass

Sun 5th October - 11.30am Tongala (Liturgy)

Weekly Masses

Tue 7th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 9th October – No Mass

Sat 11th October - 6pm Mass

LADIES CUPPA AND CHAT

Ladies are invited to Cuppa and Chat at Fauna Park Café on Wednesday 8th October at 2pm. If you need a ride, please contact Mary Elliott on 0427 822754.

MONTHLY WORKING BEE

Monthly working bees are being held on the 1st Saturday of the month at 9.30am to do some general cleaning in the If you are able to help, we would love to see you. The next working bee will be on Saturday the 4th October.

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Wishing all the students and staff of St Augustine's and St Patrick's a wonderful and safe school holiday break.

RCIA INQUIRY EVENINGS

Inquiry evenings for the RCIA program will begin on Monday 6th October at 5.30pm in the presbytery. The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a process of Christian formation by which those who are seeking full communion with the Church. The RCIA is a process, not a program. It is a process which responds to Christ's invitation to unbaptised (catechumens), and to candidates (those who have received Baptism in other Christian denominations), to come and see how the Catholic community live, pray and worship. For further information please contact Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 or Mary Zobec 0427190282

PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION APPEAL

We have 12 retired Priests. Fundraising assists the provision of housing, annual recurrent and everyday expenses. The Foundation relies on the generosity of the people of the Diocese. A collection will be taken again this weekend on 28th September. Donations over \$2 are tax-deductible. Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10 are to please use the envelopes provided. Thank you.

DIOCESAN FORMATION GATHERING

Be part of **Building Communities of Belonging** at the Diocesan Formation Gathering on Saturday, 11 October at Notre Dame College, Shepparton; a day to learn, connect, and explore how we can strengthen and grow communities of belonging in our parishes. Keynote presentations will reflect on the place of community and belonging in a Catholic parish:

- Why does belonging matter in today's culture?
- How does it shape the mission of our parish and the wider Church?
- What can we do, together, to strengthen it?

With six practical workshops to choose from, the day offers insights and tools to help parishes grow a deeper sense of welcome and connection among parishioners and beyond.

There'll also be opportunities to share ideas and experiences through:

- Round Robin dialogues between parishes
- Plenary conversations with shared reflections
- Parish group discussions

Registrations close 30 September - secure your place now and be part of shaping the future of our parish communities! Register here: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1394762>

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

"... nobody ever knew Christ so profoundly as she [the Blessed Mother] did, and nobody can ever be more competent as a guide and teacher of the knowledge of Christ." – St. Pius X

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 the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by the 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 came 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 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."

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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Breaking Open the Word

REVERSAL OF FORTUNE

We live in relative wealth and comfort, although we are aware of many who suffer from impoverishment and homelessness. We know that the wealthy get wealthier as the gap between the rich and poor grows. This is a global issue.

Today's Gospel reflects on this same issue characterised in a person of great wealth and another who is impoverished, hungry and sore-covered. He is called 'Lazarus'. The evangelist wants our sympathy to be with him. He is named and even attended to by God's creature, the dog, who seeks to heal Lazarus' sores. In contrast, Luke paints a picture of a nameless wealthy householder. He feasts daily, dressed in the garb of imperialism with a table overloaded with food, inaccessible to the famished Lazarus barred by a gate. Both die and the roles become reversed in the afterlife vividly portrayed. Lazarus is comforted by God; the other separated by a huge gulf in the flames of punishment. Even in this scene of the hereafter the man of wealth continues to look down on Lazarus and suggest he even be his servant, bringing water to quench his intolerable thirst.

The promise of comfort for those who suffer and the reversal of fortune for those of wealth echoes throughout the Gospel. This is the future that awaits everyone and is in God's hands. To those of high status and wealth in the Lukan household, the story would be heard as a sobering reminder of how to live generously, caring for those in need. Today's Gospel might also nudge us into action.

Fr Michael Trainor



THE SAVING WORD

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FIRST READING

Amos 6:1, 4-7

A reading from the prophet Amos

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 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 145:6-10. R. v. 2

R. Praise the Lord, my soul! (or 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 Tim 6:11-16

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

Obeys 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

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.