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26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Year C – 24/25th September, 2022

National Weekend for Migrants and Refugees

From the PP's Desk...

In the past few weeks we've had a Baptism, Confirmation Commitment Masses, the start of the Men's Group and the Social Justice Action Committee is holding activities. A youth group is being planned. Much is happening.

It seems we have well and truly come alive "post-Covid". Yet ...

Still we are missing over a third of pre-Covid Mass attendees and I wonder where they are? And I wonder what you and I can do to assist our friends to come back and be part of our community. Call them? Invite them? Ask them what needs they have that we might help with.

Alongside this we need to renew our ranks of people willing to help make things happen. More people to assist as Readers and to help with Communion at Mass, and to those at home and in aged care. More people to assist with designing / preparing liturgies, especially for Advent/Christmas. More people to assist with organising and running morning tea and special events.

What is your gift? What can you offer to assist? What is the Holy Spirit asking you to assist with? I had someone tell me recently 'all I can do now is pray' - well that is a gift of the Holy Spirit and I would love to have a group that takes on a ministry specifically to pray intentionally for the parish and what we are seeking to do to grow as a community that is alive and as a community that invites others to come and learn about Jesus.

God bless, Fr Charles

PS: At a funeral recently there were over 300 mourners with only maybe 30 mourners wearing masks (including me but only during the Communion Procession). The church with 150 people in it rates as a spreading environment...

Should we all be a bit more careful and wear masks a bit more? The onus has been put on us. I dislike mask wearing with a passion ... but ... flu and Covid spread easily—I am considering how I can strike the balance more effectively.

What's happening in our Parish this week?...

Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses
Tuesday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
	1.00pm	Needlecraft Group
Wednesday	11.00am	Adoration
Thursday	8.30am	Adoration
	9.15am	Mass
Saturday	5.30pm	Mass
Sunday	8.30am & 10.00am	Masses



REMINDER - 29th September Sr Brigid / Asylum Seeker evening Presentation - REGISTRATION essential

Registration (via Parish website Notice) is essential for the Social Justice Action online presentation by Sr Brigid Arthur at 7:30pm on Thursday 29 September. Online access details will be emailed after registration

John Costa



THANKSGIVING OFFERING

Thanksgiving Envelopes for the next period and contribution receipts for the immediate period to last Sunday are now available for collection from the table in the Gathering Space. Please ensure you collect yours before leaving today. In doing so, you will further assist the Parish in reducing its postage costs.

A huge **thank you** to Peter Norman in giving of his time and effort in preparing these envelopes for your convenience.

HISTORY OF WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

Every year since 1914, the Church has been celebrating World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The inception of this day can be traced to just a few months before the outbreak of the First World War. After being moved by the outcry of millions of Italians migrating abroad due to duress, Pope Pius X called on everyone to join hands together and pray for migrants. Benedict, who was succeeded only a few months later, was moved by Pope Pius' sensitivity and carried out some practical initiatives. During this time a letter titled "The pain and concerns" was sent to the Italian Diocesan Ordinaries with a request to establish an annual day of awareness to spiritually and economically support the pastoral work of Italian immigrants.

In 2019, the number of immigrants all over the world had reached a staggering 272 million, which was 51 million more than it was in 2010.

Many people left their home country for several reasons such as; seeking a better education for themselves, in search of better and more profitable jobs, and to escape unjust prosecution or war.

Upon arrival to the foreign land they hope to call their new home, they meet different challenges due to their limited resources.

They often have limited access to clean water, electricity, warm shelter, and health facilities.

Today is a day dedicated to expressing concern to many who face challenges related to immigration and is also a day to recognise our foreign brothers and sisters' journeys and shine a light on their stories whichever way we can.

LITURGY ROSTER

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 24/25th September 2022

1st Read: Amos 6: 1, 4-7 2nd Read: Timothy 6: 11-16 Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Turner	Daniel Marini	Maryanne McNamara
8.30am	Paul Polidano	Miriam Ayoub	Mary Waddick
10.00am	Julie O'Donnell	Liz O'Connell	Raffaella Dinelli Joe Batiller

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – 1st/2nd October 2022

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

Time	Commentator	Lector	Communion
5.30pm	Margaret Mangan	Kathy Pearce	Lynne O'Brien
8.30am	Frank Ozzimo	Rebecca Sandwell	Pat Rowland
10.00am	Vianney Shiel	Carmel Shiel	Tony Whelan Lucy Halliburton

We pray for Better Health: Michael Doyle, Fr Brendan Dillon, Jill Hodson, Ella Dunn, Betty Natoli, Rick Gaillardetz, Bastine D'Cruz, Mary Calleja, Batoul Barak, Louise Dipetro, Mary Hodgekinson, Izabella Fantin, John Nigro and Catherine Conti.

Anniversaries: John Shine, Ken Liu, Ercole Monaco, Michelle Reardon, Carmel Philips and Lorna Janes.

Recently Deceased:

Co.As.It. (Italian Assistance Association) Urgent - Volunteers Required

The Co.As.It. is an organisation funded by the Department of Human Services and the Commonwealth Government. They are currently looking for Italian speaking people who are willing to volunteer one to two hours per week to visit elderly people of Italian origin, who are socially isolated or lonely and in need of company. By assisting an elderly person on a social level, you have the chance to make a difference to their life. If you are interested or require further information, please contact Tania on 0430 556 283.

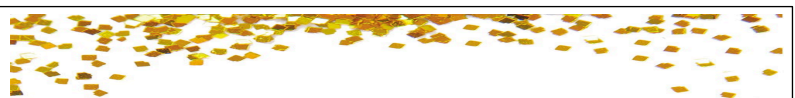
Cerchiamo Volontari - Urgente

Co.As.It. organizzazione al servizio della comunità Italiana D'Australia, cerca persone di lingua italiana che spendano da uno o due ore a settimana con persone anziane di origine italiana, che sono socialmente isolate e hanno bisogno di amicizia. Portare un po' di amicizia a una persona sola può significare tanto per loro e anche per te! Se sei interessato e ne vuoi sapere di più chiama Tania al 0430 556 283.



Are you interested in BECOMING A CATHOLIC and learning about Jesus?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) will soon begin its next series of meetings at St Gregory's. For more information, please phone Cathy and Noel on 9848 5447 or leave your details with the Parish Office or speak with Fr Charles. Please pass this notice on to anyone who might be interested.



**HAPPY 50TH
ANNIVERSARY**

Congratulations to

Mario and Izabella Fantin

who celebrate 50 years of Marriage on
Friday, 30th September.

**Best Wishes to you both and thank you for
all that you do for us and our parish.**

For information on our Parish
Schools please contact:

St Kevin's Primary School
Phone: 9273 9999

St Charles Borromeo Primary School
Phone: 9842 7634

Responsorial 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!

Response to Prayers of the Faithful

Lord hear our prayer.

REFLECTIONS ON THE READINGS OF THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading

[Amos 6: 1, 4-7](#)

Today's reading from the prophet Amos is even more of a diatribe than last Sunday's.

It's a fierce denunciation of the self-indulgent upper classes of society in both the northern kingdom of Israel and Samaria and the southern kingdom of Judah (though "Zion" may be a later addition given that Amos had been called from the south to prophesy in the north).

No doubt Amos' spartan life as a shepherd and arborist gave him a penetrating perspective on the hedonism of the rich and mighty.

He certainly paints a vivid portrait of their sensuous extravagances.

We are left under no illusions as to how mesmerised they were by their lives of leisure and luxury.

They were blinded both to the needs of the poor and to the danger posed by rising powers.

"The sprawlers' revelry" was indeed over soon after, when Assyrian forces overwhelmed the kingdom.

Second Reading

[1 Timothy 6: 11-16](#)

In today's third and final reading from 1 Timothy, we are told that Timothy had already made a public profession of faith "in front of many witnesses." Later in the letter, in a passage we never hear on a Sunday, there's reference to the "spiritual gift" given him through "the laying on of hands by the elders". That sounds like a rite of designating him for office.

Now the author, whether Paul or a disciple, reminds Timothy of his duty to be a holy and virtuous person and to put all that he had learned about leadership into practice. It is as if he were standing in front of Timothy and asking him to take the oath of office. The example that is invoked for him to emulate is none other than that of Jesus when he testified before Pilate.

From there the solemn address takes a liturgical turn and becomes a kind of creed culminating in a short doxology.

Readers have a challenge on their hands with this reading.

It gets progressively more complex from one sentence to the next.

The first presents no problem, the second is a little more elaborate, while the third is one unbroken sentence constituting two-thirds of the entire passage.

Not only that, but as has been noted above, its style changes half-way through from a summons to duty to a confession of faith.