



**Diocese of Broken Bay**

# MANLY FRESHWATER PARISH

## Mary Immaculate, Manly and St John the Baptist, Freshwater

### 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th September 2019

**Administration Office:**

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Friday: 9am – 4pm

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**Presbytery:** 9977 2100

50 Whistler St, Manly NSW 2095

**Mary Immaculate Church**

6 Raglan St, Manly NSW 2095

**St John the Baptist Church**

cnr Johnson & Oliver St,  
Freshwater NSW 2096

**Weekend Masses:**

**Manly:** Saturday Vigil 6:00pm

Sunday 8:30am, 10:30am, 6:00pm

**Freshwater:** Saturday Vigil 5:00pm

Sunday 9am

**Weekday Masses:**

**Manly:** Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

**Freshwater:** Tuesday – Friday 9:15am

**Liturgy of the Word and  
Holy Communion**

**Manly:** Monday 9:15am

**Freshwater:** Monday 9:15am

**Baptisms: by appointment only**

**Manly** 4th Sunday of the month

**Freshwater** 2nd Sunday of month

**Reconciliation:**

**Manly** Sat 10am – 11am

**Freshwater** Sat 4:30pm



In the First Reading the prophet Amos speaks forcefully to those who enjoy a life of luxury and leisure but ignore what is happening in the world around them. He tells them that God deplores the way they are living.

The Psalm is a hymn of praise to the Lord who is on the side of those who are oppressed, who gives food to the hungry and sets prisoners free, who raises up those who are bowed down. In our day, we can help to fulfil these promises for those in need.

Paul encourages Timothy to live as a man dedicated to God should live (Second Reading). By doing so he will be a witness for Jesus, speaking up for the truth.

The Gospel story illustrates how those who want to follow God's values must take care of the poor and those in need. Jesus points out to his hearers that he is not saying anything that Moses and the prophets have not already told them.

Our life of faith cannot be reduced to following a set of rules. Rather our Christianity must give thought to the fact it depends on a relationship. This message of justice and hope for an equal share of the world's goods for everyone is strong in the gospel of Jesus. His heart was on fire with the hope of a better life for the poor. He went to help them simply because they were poor.

The Christian Church, being faithful to the gospel, should be involved in many ways in the creation of a more just world. Parishes should take special care for the refugee, the new poor, the unborn, the elderly, and in fact all whose voices may not be usually heard. The parable is meant to make us as aware of the huge inequalities that exist in our world, and in the exploitation of resources in the developing world. This week we pray to live even more faithfully as Jesus's disciples. *Pathways to God | Sean Goan 2019*

**WEEKEND MASS COLLECTIONS**

**Thank You** for your financial support of our Priests and Parish Community.

**The 1st Collection** is for the financial support of our priests.

**The 2nd Collection** is for the maintenance & running costs of our Parish Community.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: Politicians, Scientists and Economists** That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

**Manly Freshwater Parish** promotes **SAFEGUARDING** which involves the implementation of proactive, common sense and practical ideas that ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in our community.

**Parish Pastoral Council:** Vuna Tuifua (Chair); Laurie de Ambrosio; Joanne Druery; Richard Heasman; Michael Larkin; Robert Marshall; Ian Press; Freya Zemek

**St Mary's Primary School** 9977 2225  
Principal: Paul McGuire

**St John the Baptist Primary School** 9939 6699  
Principal: Judy Slattery

**St Paul's Catholic College** 9977 5111  
Principal: Chris Browne

**Stella Maris College** 9977 5144  
Principal: Elizabeth Carnegie

**Oct Yr C 2019**

Mon 30/9 – St Jerome	Zech 8:1-8; Lk 9:46-50
Tue 1/10 – St Therese of the Child Jesus	Zech 8:20-23; Lk 9:51-56
Wed 2/10 – The Holy Guardian Angels	Ex 23:20-23; Mt 18:1-5,10
Thurs 3/10 – 26th week in Ordinary Time	Nech 8:1-12; Lk 10:1-12
Fri 4/10 – St Francis of Assisi	Baruch 1:15-22; Lk 10:13-16
Sat 5/10 – 26th week in Ordinary Time	Baruch 4:5-12,27-29; Lk 10:17-24
Sun 6/10 – 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Hab 1:2-3,2:2-4; 2 Tim 1:6-8,13-14; Lk 17:5-9

**LET US PRAY FOR** 29th September 2019

**Recently Deceased:** Jim McCartney, Joan Kirkman; James Hamill

**Anniversary:**

**Prayers for the sick in our parish:** Carmel Keys; Wayne Smedley; Mark Taylor; Kay Flenady; Leon Cochrane, Jonathan Keil, Robina Dwyer, Betty Borg; Ann Irvin; Prionsias Kearney; Brian Davies; Majella McLoughlin; Debbie Vernon; Desmond Connors; Lauren Hannahan; Rosalba Galuis; Joan Herringe; Vanessa Squirrell; Judith McKenzie; Ann Kovacs


**Mass Intention Publications:** All Mass Intentions may be left at the Parish Office or on the collection plates on the weekend. Names for Mass Intentions for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries and for those who are sick (permission of the person is required) will be included in the weekly bulletin. All other Mass Intentions (including yearly offerings) will be given directly to the Priests who will offer the Masses.



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is held at Manly Church on Wednesdays from 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour held from 7:00pm – 8:30pm. To assist us on Wednesdays and present before the Blessed Sacrament, a Guard of Honour Roster has been placed on the notice board. We invite you to place your name in a time slot which suits you.

**Visiting sick at home** - If you, or if you know of anyone who is unable to attend Mass because they are unwell and would like a home visit please contact the parish office 9977 5822 to organise for Communion or Anointing

Please TURN OFF your mobile phones during all Church services; that includes sending/receiving text messages

 St Mary's Church at Manly is fitted with an audio loop for hearing impaired.

**The St Vincent de Paul Clothing** bags available for you in the Piety Store and you can return your clean clothing donations either to the Piety Store or the Church Foyer. There will also be SVDP Clothing Appeals from time to time.

**DATES TO REMEMBER...**

**School Resumes – Monday 14 October**

**SUNDAY MORNING TEAS**

**FRESHWATER:** following the Sunday 9am Mass.

**MANLY:** following the Sunday 8:30am Mass each weekend, with the Filipino Family Group hosting a morning tea on the 2nd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass and the Tongan Community hosting a morning tea on the 3rd Sunday following the 10:30am Mass.



If you are a new parishioner to Manly Freshwater Parish, we invite you to complete a Parish census form. This will assist us in updating our records to include you and your family in our parish community activities. The census form can be found on the back wall of the Church or at the side door entrance and may be left in the collection plate.



**Craft Group** meets each week on Tuesday mornings from 10am to 12noon in the Parish Center. We invite you to come along for a cuppa and a chat in a friendly relaxed environment. Bring along your knitting or other craft if you wish. Visitors to the area are more than welcome.



**Lectio Divina** Read his story in the Gospels. Spend time with him. Listen to what he says. Lectio Divina group meets in the Parish Centre on Wednesday mornings at 10am AND Tuesday evenings at 7:30pm in the Parish End Room.



**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** Anyone interested in this form of silent prayer is most welcome to attend. Enq: Hazel Cottee 0402 052 088 "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46: vs 10)



**Children's Liturgy** is held each weekend at Manly during the 8.30am Mass and at Freshwater during the 9am Mass



**The Parish Playgroup** will resume on Monday 14th October in the Parish Hall at Manly from 9am to 10.30am.

**Pope Francis @Pontifex**



We are called to be witnesses and messengers of God's mercy, to offer the world light where there is darkness, hope where despair reigns, salvation where sin abounds.

**FR PAUL'S YOUTUBE**



Please take a minute to watch Fr Paul Kim's presentation on today's Gospel reading.

You can view it through YouTube – search **frpaulkim** (one word with no space).

## Changes to 9:15am week day Masses next week

**MANLY** – Mass on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday  
**Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Wednesday**

**FRESHWATER** – Mass on Wednesday  
**Liturgy of the Word with Communion on Tuesday, Thursday & Friday**



**australian CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL**  
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- 5 & 6 day option
- Open to young people aged 15 - 30

**LISTEN TO WHAT THE SPIRIT IS SAYING**

www.bbcatholic.org.au/acyf

## Australian Catholic Youth Festival 2019

The Archdiocese of Perth is hosting the next event from December 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> 2019 on behalf of the ACBC. The Festival is for Young people from year 9 (in 2019) to young adults 30 years of age.

**7 young people from our Parish have registered to attend the ACYF in Perth.**

**If you would like to know more about how to join** these young people from our Parish please contact the Parish Office on 9977 5822.



Thank you for supporting this year's Catholic Missions Church Appeal through your kind gifts and prayers and for reaching out to children

and communities in need in Ghana and throughout the world.

Donation envelopes will be available again this weekend on the Church pews.

For more information about the work of Catholic Mission please contact us at [catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact](http://catholicmission.org.au/about-us/contact).



## PIETY STORE

The Piety Store has a good selection piety goods.

For your convenience and ease in purchasing gifts from Manly Piety Store we now offer a pay wave facility.

Come and take a look

**Living Faith Books now available**

## MAKING IT REAL

GENUINE HUMAN ENCOUNTER IN OUR DIGITAL WORLD



SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT 2019-20

## SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY

The Australian Catholic Bishops' Social Justice Statement for 2019 – 2020, **Making it Real: Genuine human encounter in our digital world**, affirms the positive possibilities for encounter and solidarity offered by new digital media, while warning of those elements of our digital world that may be harmful. These include

information overload; social isolation; marginalisation of the vulnerable; consumerism and fake news. The Statement reminds us that the new digital media cannot be seen as neutral or 'unaffected by any moral considerations'.

While many users do not realise it, the core business of social media platforms is to sell advertising and maximise profits. People's personal lives may be reduced to data that is traded for profit or power, and it is used to target and influence us in ways previously unthinkable. Pushing users to more extreme positions and promoting fake news and conspiracy theories sells, but this is at odds with human solidarity.

The Statement amplifies Pope Francis' call to us to 'boldly become citizens of the digital world', with the image of the Good Samaritan as our inspiration. We are called not only to love our neighbour, but to bring the love of God to the new global neighbourhood. The Statement points out that we are called not just to be inhabitants of this new digital world, but active citizens shaping it. All of us – whether we are users, communities, industrial or political leaders – have a role to play in rejecting hatred, divisions and falsehoods.

We have a duty to foster a neighbourhood that promotes those human attributes and social values that lend themselves to genuine human encounter – love, understanding, beauty, goodness, truth and trustworthiness, joy and hope.

Copies of the Statement can be found at the entrances to the Church or online

<https://www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au/publications/social-justice-statements>

Facebook: @socialjusticeACBC Twitter: @JusticeCatholic

### A prayer from Pope Francis'

*Lord, make us instruments of your peace.*

*Help us to recognise the evil latent in a communication that does not build communion.*

*Help us to remove the venom from our judgements.*

*Help us to speak about others as our brothers and sisters.*

*You are faithful and trustworthy; may our words be seeds of goodness for the world:*

*where there is shouting, let us practise listening;*

*where there is confusion, let us inspire harmony;*

*where there is ambiguity, let us bring clarity;*

*where there is exclusion, let us offer solidarity;*

*where there is sensationalism, let us use sobriety;*

*where there is superficiality, let us raise real questions;*

*where there is prejudice, let us awaken trust;*

*where there is hostility, let us bring respect;*

*where there is falsehood, let us bring truth.*

*Amen.*

**PARISH WEEKLY EVENTS**

- Christian Meditation:
- Craft Group: Tues 10:00am in the Parish Centre
- Divine Will Prayer Group: Mon 11:00am in the Parish Centre
- Eucharistic Adoration: Manly Wed 2pm with Divine Mercy Hour from 7:00pm – 8:30pm
- Holy Hour: Freshwater Tues after morning Mass
- Lectio Divina: Wed 10am in the Parish Centre
- Parish Playgroup: Manly on Mon 9am – 10:30am
- Piety Store: Open 15mins before & after Mass
- Reconciliation: Manly: Sat 10am – 11am  
Freshwater: Sat 4:30pm
- RCIA: Contact the Parish Office 9977 5822
- Rosary: Manly: Mon – Fri at 9.45am  
Freshwater: Tues – Fri before 9.15am Mass

**PARISH MONTHLY EVENTS**

- Anointing Mass at Manly and Freshwater  
1st Friday of each month at 9:15am Mass
- Baptisms: By appointment enquires to Parish Office
- Crazy Whist Morning: last Tues of each month at 10:00am
- Eco-operate: 3rd Thursday of each month at 7.30pm
- Parish Pastoral Council: contact Parish Office
- St Vincent de Paul: Manly & Freshwater Conferences 2nd Mon each month at 5:30pm



**TAP TO DONATE TO HELP WITH REPAIRS OF OUR BEAUTIFUL CHURCH**

If you would like to make a donation to assist with our ongoing **Church Repairs**, you can do so by a direct deposit

into the Parish Account using the following

**Account Name:** Manly Freshwater Parish

**Bank Name:** Commonwealth Bank

**Account#** 13958001 **BSB #** 062 784 (Please include the following reference – BM/your surname)

If you would like to use one of our tap units at **Manly** there is a unit in the front foyer of the Church and at the side exit into the Carpark.

**We thank you for your generosity & commitment to our parish**

**Masses** -During the week Students from St Pauls College and Stella Maris College celebrated their year 12 Graduation Masses at Manly. Please remember these Students in your prayer as they prepare for the final school exams in a few weeks.



The **Broken Bay Bible Conference** will take place this October. This two-day conference is a wonderful opportunity to break open the Gospel and delve deeper into Scripture. This year the theme is *The Holy Spirit Through the Pages of Scripture* and we will journey through the Bible and discover who the Holy Spirit is and how the Spirit guides, enlivens and encourages our lives and the Church today. The presenters are Rev Assoc Prof Ormond Rush, one of Australia’s top Theologians and Biblical Scholar Dr Debra Snoddy. We would like to extend a special invitation to you and your group to this year’s Bible Conference. This year we have a special **group booking discount**, which you are welcome to take advantage of! For groups booking of 5 or more, we are delighted to offer a **10% discount**. To take advantage of this opportunity please contact Tania Rimac on 8379 1629, for the special discount code required on booking to obtain the discount. Date: Friday/Saturday 11 – 12 October Time: 8.30 – 5.00pm Venue: Bldg 2, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills

**Tania Rimac Resource Coordinator Catholic Life & Faith Formation Office of Evangelisation Diocese of Broken Bay**

**Catholic Healthcare - Pastoral Care Conference 2019**  
On 2nd October 2019, we are holding our Pastoral Care Conference at ACU, North Sydney.

There will be two presentations during the Conference:

1. *Finding Meaning in the Experience of Frailty* - Professor Elizabeth MacKinlay AM, Charles Sturt University
2. *Dignity and Ethics in End of Life Care: Considerations from Victoria’s ‘Voluntary Assisted Dying’ Experience* - Dr Dan Fleming, St Vincent’s Health Australia

Tickets may be purchased via the following link:

<https://www.trybooking.com/BDLKP>

or by calling 8876 2224.

**The Rich Man and Lazarus**

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**Work on the Presbytery Roof**

These are essential works due to major leaks.

The costs of these works are just over \$30,000.00. Fr David and the Finance Committee worked to hard to ensure the best quote was obtained for the work done. Due to the regulations full scaffolding was required, which was a large portion of the costing.

AGONY	BEGGAR	DIED	BAD	ANGELS
DOGS	WATER	WARN	HELL	PITY
GOOD	TABLE	LICKED	PURPLE	DRESSED
LINEN	GATE	LAZARUS	RICH	TONGUE
BURIED	SORES	FINGER	REPENT	LUXURY

# ROSTER – OCTOBER 2019

If you would like to take part in one of these ministries, please contact the parish office 9977 5822

## MANLY

Mass Times	Ministry	Week 1 5th – 6th October	Week 2 12th – 13th October	Week 3 19th – 20th October	Week 4 26th – 27th October
		<i>27th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	<i>30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
6pm Vigil	Acolyte/Snr Server	Ron Gravalin Freya Zemek	Kazuko Fischer	Louise Wareham	Freya Zemek
	Junior Server		Bernie Lawler		
	Readers	Rita Bruzzese John Stapleton	Carmel Lawler Jean Halcrow	Rita Bruzzese	John Stapleton Bill Tango
	Ministers of Communion	John & Merle Zemek	Carmel Lawler Maree Rowan	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni	John & Merle Zemek John Bigeni
	Music	Simon Hyland	CD's	Bianca Zatz	Bianca Zatz
	AV Screens	Peter Simpson	Peter Simpson	Peter Simpson	Avis Fontaine
	Warden	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek	John Zemek
	Piety Shop	John & Merle Zemek	Louise Wareham	John & Merle Zemek	Louise Wareham
	Flowers	Louise Wareham	Hazel Cottee Carole O'Donnell	Merle Zemek	Liz de Ambrosis
8:30am Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham	Ken Thompson	Louise Wareham
	Readers	Patty Thomas Paul Walsh	Paul Walsh Rita Bruzzese	Patty Thomas	Jan Van Den Broek Paul Walsh
	Ministers of Communion	Mary Prager <b>Assistance Required</b>	Trish McGregor Tiere Morgan	Judith O'Malley Laurie de Ambrosis	Madeleine Le Surf Tiere Morgan
	Music	Parish Choir	Bianca Zatz Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	AV Screens	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir	Parish Choir
	Warden	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina	Dom Ferragina
	Piety Shop	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen	Jan Dorsen
	Morning Tea	<b>Assistance Required</b>	Sophie Ford Rose Redding	Lynn Parkes	Lynn Parkes
	Children's Liturgy	Gabriella	Claire Shefford	Fiona S	Fiona C
10:30am Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Lynn Parkes Louise Wareham	Ron Gravalin	Ron Gravalin	Ron Gravalin
	Junior Server	Iona & Teresa Hearn	Iona & Teresa Hearn	Iona & Teresa Hearn	Bernie Lawler
	Readers	Katalina Taefotu Vuna Tuifua	Jane Fonua	Katalina Taefotu Vuna Tuifua	Rita Bruzzese Carmel Lawler
	Ministers of Communion	<b>Assistance Required</b>	Kim McGrath	Jan Dorsen	<b>Assistance Required</b>
	Music	Tongan Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall	Tongan Choir	Kath Papallo Gina Marshall
	AV Screens	Tongan Choir	Robert Marshall	Tongan Choir	Robert Marshall
	Warden	David Hala	Marika Jones	David Hala	Peter Bartolotta
	Piety Shop	Maria Condomitti	Maria Condomitti	Anne Gaughan	Anne Gaughan
	Morning Tea	Tina & Sokee	Filipino Group	Tongan Group	
6pm Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic	Ivica Covic
	Server	Ivana Covic Evan & Byron Cahill	Michael, Kieran & Gabriel Wan	Ivana Covic	Ivana Covic Evan & Byron Cahill
	Readers	Sandie Cornish Simon Cahill	Mark Sing Flora Spiteri	Paul Novak Dean Gale	Family Mass
	Ministers of Communion	<b>Assistance Required</b>	Paula Martin Richard Heasman	Pam Rawson Richard Heasman	<b>Assistance Required</b>
	Music	<b>TBC</b>	Josh Willard	Josh Willard	Simon Hyland
	AV Screens	Bill Tango	Bill Tango	Bill Tango	Family Mass
	Warden	Mark Wall	Stephen Crowley	Mark Bateman	Family Mass
	Piety Shop	Lynette & Sophie Duffy	Lynette & Eliza Duffy	Lynette & Sophie Duffy	Lynette & Eliza Duffy

# FRESHWATER

5pm	Ministry	Week 1 5th – 6th October	Week 2 12th – 13th October	Week 3 19th – 20th October	Week 4 26th – 27th October
	9am Mass	Acolyte/Snr Server	Joanne Druery	Mick O'Farrell	Ian Press
Readers		Amanda Whitfield	<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	Amanda Whitfield
Ministers of Communion		Angela Vumbaca	Angela Vumbaca	Angela Vumbaca	Amanda Whitfield
Music		CD's	CD's	CD's	CD's
AV Screens		Bill Kelly	Bill Kelly	Bill Kelly	Bill Kelly
Acolyte/Snr Server		Lou Maruca	Francis Raymond	Lou Maruca	Amorina Wright
Readers		<b>Assistance Required</b>	<b>Assistance Required</b>	Luke Campbell	Joshua Wright Jasmine Wright
Ministers of Communion		John Dunn	<b>Assistance Required</b>	Toni Walsh	Toni Walsh
Music					
AV Screens		Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca	Margie Gruca
Altar Society		Marg Norrie & Meg Storey	Mary Ann Marles	Isabella & Phillip d'Souza	Maria Harkness
Morning Tea		Andy & Becky Thiss	Feledy family	Raymond family	Brigid Lynn Andy Mandikian
Children's Liturgy		Jackie Feledy	Rena Curl	<b>Assistance Required</b>	Leanne Ippolito

## Let's Listen & Discern

*How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church that is:*



**Plenary Council** president Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB says the involvement of Catholics across the country remains critical as the Council's Listening and Discernment stage ramps up. The Council recently published the "Let's Listen and Discern" guide, a tool to help people participate in the practice of communal discernment. A number of resources, including videos, have also been released to offer advice on how discernment has evolved in the Catholic tradition.

"After almost a year of inviting people to share their experiences – both past and present – of the Church and of their own personal faith,

it is important that we now shift gears and fix our eyes on the Church's future through the National Themes for Discernment," Archbishop Costelloe said. "The voices we captured through Listening and Dialogue represent the largest collaborative process the Church has ever undertaken in Australia and it forms a central plank of our ongoing reflection. "But the process of discernment requires those voices to be considered in the light of Sacred Scripture, the living tradition of the Catholic Church, magisterial teachings and our evolving understanding of matters like leadership and governance – often gained from our ministries and the broader community."

The six National Themes for Discernment invite people to reflect, to pray and to consider how God is calling the People of God to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is: Missionary and Evangelising; Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal; Prayerful and Eucharistic; Humble, Healing and Merciful; A Joyful, Hope-Filled and Servant Community; Open to conversion, Renewal and Reform. Groups are encouraged to meet to consider one of the six National Themes for Discernment.

An online portal was recently opened to allow people around the country to share their discerned communal response of up to 1000 characters (about 150 words), offering practical ways to respond to the chosen National Theme for Discernment. Those responses will be provided to the Discernment and Writing Groups that will draw together the wisdom of the Church and the broader community to draft papers for consideration in the lead-up to the first session of the Plenary Council.

Plenary Council facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins said the Discernment and Writing Groups, which will hold their first meetings in the coming weeks, are being formed from another first-of-its-kind process.

"More than 400 people – from all parts of the country, from various cultural and linguistic backgrounds, from teenagers to people in their nineties – expressed their interest in helping the Church discern what God is calling us towards at this time in our history," she said.

"From that number, about 60 lay people, priests and religious will join 12 bishops to form the six Discernment and Writing Groups – skilled and faith-filled people who will prayerfully discern what the Spirit is saying to the Church in Australia." Archbishop Costelloe said the bishops on those groups "very much look forward to being part of this Church-wide process of discerning the will of God and responding to His will".

Download the "Let's Listen and Discern" guide and access other discernment resources on the Plenary Council website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

# 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time – YEAR C

## First Reading

*Amos 6:1, 4-7 (JB)*

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 to 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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 145:6-10 (JB)*

R. Praise the Lord, my soul!

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.

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.

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 Timothy 6:11-16 (JB)*

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

*Obey 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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Acclamation

*2 Corinthians 8:9 (JB)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

## Gospel

*Luke 16:19-31 (JB)*

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.*

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 anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and 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.'"

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