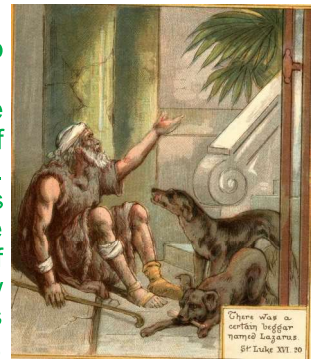


The sin of the rich man in today's parable was not that he was rich, but that he failed to share his wealth with the beggar at his gate. He knew Lazarus, perhaps walked by him every time he came in or out, but did nothing to relieve his suffering. Is there a Lazarus in my life? What am I doing to help?

**Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Focusing the Gospel (Luke 15:1-32)**

**Key words and phrases:** "They have Moses and the prophets. Let them listen to them."

**To the point:** This week's gospel continues with variations on a theme of poverty above riches. The story of Lazarus is simple dichotomy: the rich man has separated himself from love and reaps the result, and the poor man receives the mercy of God upon death. The twist here is that the rich man realizes his mistake and, in an act of selflessness that's too late, asks to warn his family, so they might not come to his fate. But God points out the obvious: "If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead." This may feel unfair. The rich man has repented-why not allow him to warn his brothers? But Jesus reminds us that we have received warnings and road signs for life over and over through the prophets and through his own ministry. We, in this age, have also inherited the witness of the saints. What, then, is our excuse?



**Connecting the Gospel**

**To the second reading:** Paul's letter to Timothy contains an interesting line: "Compete well for the faith." Compete? Against what? Against whom? "I charge you before God...to keep the commandment without stain or reproach. "The competition is between Timothy and himself. Paul is challenging Timothy to remain faithful against all odds. "Lay hold of eternal life, to which you were called when you made the noble confession in the presence of many witnesses."

**To experience:** The call of Timothy to keep his eyes on the prize is a necessary act of cheerleading, because, as the rich man in the gospel shows us, following the Law and the Prophets isn't always the obvious thing to do. It's easy for Catholics to attend the Mass every week, pray before meals, and say we are laying hold to the promise of our baptism. But commonplace, outwards acts of faith are not the benchmark against which to measure our goals of faith. If we want to be competitive, in the realm of salvation, we are called to compete inwardly, with our hearts as well as our bodies.

**Holy Hour Monday 26 Sept 7.30pm**

Eucharistic adoration enables us to spend time intimately thanking Him for His sacrificial gift expressed in His Eucharistic words: "This is my body which is given for you" (Luke 22:19). In the Eucharist we encounter Him as the Victim of merciful love, and it is the nature of love that it calls for a return in kind. Eucharistic adoration helps us to nurture our desire so that we grow in hunger and thirst for the Bridegroom who feeds His Bride on His own Flesh and Blood so that she may share ever more in His divinity. All are welcome to come and spend some quiet time in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

**Sr Monica's Memorial Mass**

A memorial Mass in honour of Sr Monica will be celebrated on **Saturday the 8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 9.00am**. This is to mark 100 days since Sr Monica went to her eternal home in Heaven. If anyone has photos of Sr Monica, please forward them to the office in person or by email [admin@catholicparish.org.au](mailto:admin@catholicparish.org.au) so that a slideshow can be organized. After the Mass, we will gather in the hall for morning tea. We ask everyone to bring a plate to share please. God bless. Fr Thai

DATE	CHURCH	Parish Centre
Mon 26 Sep	9:00am Mass/9:30am Rosary 7:30pm Adoration Holy Hour	Public Holiday
Tue 27 Sep	9:00am Mass/9:30am Rosary	7.00pm RCIA
Wed 28 Sep	9.00am Mass/9.30am Rosary	9:30am Craft Group – Rm 3
Thu 29 Sep	9:00am Mass/9:30am Rosary	
Fri, 30 Sep	11.20am Rosary 12.00noon Mass	9:00am Growing Vine – Rm 3 & Kitchen 2.00pm Legion of Mary – Rm 2
Sat 01 Oct	9:00am Mass 9:30am Recon/Rosary 5.30pm Mass	10.30am Men's Group Bible Sharing—DWWJ
Sun 02 Oct	7.30am Mass 9.00am Mass 10.30am Mass 2.30pm Silent Adoration 3.00pm Divine Mercy	1st Reading Hab : 1:2-3, 2:2-4 2nd Reading 2 Tim : 1: 6-8, 13-14 Gospel Reading Lk : 17: 5-9

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**Baptism - We welcome into God's family at Sts John & Paul**

**Idiana Grace Federoff**

**Xavier Carter Federoff**



## ARISE Charismatic Prayer Group

There will be no prayer meetings over the next two weeks in the school holidays. We will resume on Wednesday, 12 Oct.

## Some photos from the Confirmation Celebrations.....



Thank you to all who came and supported the JP Canteen last Sunday. Look forward to meeting all of you again in October.

## RCIA 2022

**Tuesday 27 Sept at 7pm, this week's session : The Bible Part 1. What is Bible, Bible Timeline, Sections of the Bible.** The Bible is plainly a literature, that is, an important collection of writings which were not composed at once and did not proceed from one hand, but rather were spread over a considerable period of time and are traceable to different authors of varying literary excellence . All are welcome to come and listen to the sessions.



## CYM Bullsbrook to Chittering Camino

Come and experience an epic journey – **the annual CYM Bullsbrook to Chittering Camino**– and put your endurance to the test. We invite you step out with us on this 15km walk from the Shrine of the Virgin of the Revelation to the Church of the Divine Mercy. This walk is for 18-30 yrs. Before we begin the Camino we'll have Mass and finish with benediction. Enjoy a lunch (byo) with your walking companions to finish a very memorable day! Come join us on **Saturday 29th of October at the Divine Mercy Church in Chittering at 7.15 am sharp!** There is a small fee of \$5.00. For more information please visit <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/chittering-valley-camino-revisited-registration-423873335557>. We look forward to journeying with you all!

**Call out for volunteers for John Paul Care – Gardening! We desperately need more hands to help the elderly and unwell for gardens maintenance. Please contact Rosa Pasquale.**

## John Paul Care

John Paul Care is a Pastoral Care Program in our parish. The program is operated by parishioners who generously volunteer their time and talents in helping out those in need. If you or you know of someone who needs help or you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the co-ordinators listed below.

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