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The Gospels make explicit God's Word to us, through the teachings of Jesus Christ.
We are disciples of Jesus.

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

*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."

In Summary

The situation of these two men (the rich man and the poor man) is described in this parable. The rich man enjoyed his earthly wealth. However, **his sin was his lack of**

compassion – his failure to see the poverty and desperate need that was at his doorstep. So many stories in Luke's Gospel deal with our responsibility to use our blessings, for the good of all, rather than selfishly, for our own benefit alone. When the reality of the situation dawns on the rich man (in today's gospel), he is concerned that his brothers do not make the same mistake. But Jesus points out that they already have the teaching of Moses and the prophets (***today we have the Holy Scriptures - especially the gospels***) which call us to be compassionate and merciful. If people choose to ignore this call (*as we hear in the Gospels which make God's Word explicit to us*) what difference will it make ***'even if someone should rise from the dead'***. This gospel reading offers a challenge to us: Do we be like the rich man, lacking compassion and mercy, and be so self-absorbed, that we fail to see and respond to the suffering of others? ***Our faith is more than Sunday worship, it is about living the message of Jesus every day – and to live a "gospel life," as disciples of Jesus.***

Tuesday 27th September is the Feast Day of St Vincent de Paul

A saint who served "the least." St Vincent de Paul (24 April 1581 – 27 September 1660) was a French Roman Catholic priest who dedicated himself to serving the poor. He was renowned for his compassion, humility and generosity, and was canonized in 1737. A number of organizations specifically inspired by his work and teaching, and which claim St Vincent de Paul as their founder or patron saint, are grouped in a loose federation known as the Vincentian Family. Among these organizations is the **Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, a charitable organization dedicated to the service of the poor and is today present in 132 countries.**

Our Next Parish St Vincent de Paul Donations is to be 01st/02nd October



For parishioners who may wish to contribute to this worthy program, any non-perishable food in tins, packets or boxes will do (but no glass please). In addition to a food hamper, a \$30 Woolworths voucher is usually provided to enable the purchase of essentials like; fresh fruit and vegetables, baby food and more. **Cash donations may be deposited in our SVDP/poor donation box at the entrance of the church, to enable the purchase of cash vouchers. Food donations may be left at the rear of the church, or, in our parish centre.**

Though our local St Vincent de Paul group is administered from the Queen of Apostle Parish, Riverton; the help they provide includes those in our Wilson parish area. Each month, Bruno George would collect our parish donations (food parcels and cash donations) and deliver our donations to the St Vincent de Paul group at Riverton, where it is shared and delivered to the needy. I am appealing to parishioners, to help the needy in our community and donate to our monthly St Vincent de Paul collection. *Thanks Cliff.*

Parishioners who may need a "helping hand," may contact the SVDP Society for assistance, or speak with our local SVDP representatives: **Bruno George (mobile: 0470571041)** at Wilson Parish, or, **Sister Charla (telephone: 93545083)** at Riverton Parish. **The names of those requesting and receiving assistance is always confidential.**

Pope John Paul II often spoke of aspiring to 'be more' rather than to 'have more'?

Thursday 29th September is the Feast Day of the Archangels Michael, Gabriel and Raphael



Since the Council of Rome in 745, the Catholic Church officially only acknowledges the names of three of the seven Archangels: **St Michael, St Gabriel and St Raphael**. Although the Church acknowledges that there are seven Archangels (according to Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition) these three Archangels are the only angels named in Scripture and are currently the only three who are officially recognized by name. The names of the other four Archangels appear in Jewish and Christian sources outside of the canon of Sacred Scripture, and their names are: Uriel, Raguel, Zerachiel, and Remiel.

St Michael. Michael's name means, **"Who is like God"** and he is the ultimate embodiment of the pious general, and is the Patron of soldiers, police officers, and firefighters. Various traditions say that he was the first of the angels who were created, which may explain why he is often revered, as the eldest brother of his brethren. **Michael is revered as the Guardian Angel of the Church.**

St Gabriel. Gabriel's name has many meanings which may be summed up as, **"God is My Strength."** Gabriel is God's holy messenger. Gabriel appeared to Zachariah to announce that he would have a son (John the Baptist) who would be the forerunner of the Messiah Jesus (Luke 1); and he appeared to the Virgin Mary in the Annunciation (Luke 1). Tradition indicates that Gabriel was also the angel who appeared to St Joseph in his dreams (Matthew 1 and 2) and that **he was the Guardian Angel of Jesus and the Holy Family.**

St Raphael. Raphael's name means, **"Healing Power of God."** Traditionally, due to the meaning of his name, he is revered as **the Archangel of Healing.**

Friday 30th September is the Feast Day of St Jerome

Of all the things that made Jerome famous, nothing was so legendary as his translation of the Bible. He translated the Scriptures from Hebrew, Ancient Latin and Greek, into Latin. At this time, Latin was the language of the West and having a full, faithful translation of the Scriptures was needed for the Church. **It was thanks to the theological and linguistic genius of St Jerome, that the Church could rely on his translation for centuries.** **"Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ,"** St. Jerome declares. Through the

work of St Jerome, more souls over countless centuries got to know about Christ. Jerome died on 30th September 420. He was laid to rest under the Church of the Nativity (where he lived and worked), in Bethlehem. His remains were later transferred to Rome.

Parish Worship Schedule

A parish is a community of disciples of Jesus, who gather to celebrate the Mass and to "live the Gospel." **We are a community of Jesus' disciples and our church is here for our collective and individual worship and prayers.** We welcome the faithful to our Mass, or, to light a candle at our Marian chapel, or, to just pray in silence; and to grow spiritually.

Mass Times Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu & Fri 8.00 am (the Rosary after)

Mass Times	Saturday	6.00 pm
Mass Times	Sunday	9.30 am
Reconciliation	Saturday night	5.15 – 5.45 pm
Anointing of the Sick	Liaise with Fr Greg	
Baptisms, marriages and funerals	Liaise with Fr Greg	

Our Prayers of the Faithful

The Church expects that each parish community would prepare their own prayers so that all the community can join in the sacred intercessory prayer (Prayers of the Faithful) at Mass. In our parish prayers of the faithful, we pray to the Lord, to help and comfort our sick and suffering. We also pray for the souls of our recently departed, as well as, for those whose anniversaries, we remember at Mass today.

Prayers for Our Sick and Suffering

Jenny Cassin, Betsy De Wass, Frank De Luis, Nigel, Christina Sim, Maria Marshall, Claire Webster, Ivan Fletcher, Fabian Edmunds, Celia, Crowley family, Joe Sundaram, Thilak, Diana Scully, Bluey Thompson, Celeste Vicensoni, Carla, Annette, Joe Gibson, Georgina and Ronnie Ghosh, Gemma Altieri, Fred Kara, Reg Brown, Mary & Derrick Jansen, Marie Webster Viola, Gerry and Maisie Prendergast, James Rydqvist, Annie Magdalena Rydqvist, Anne Rydqvist, Dr Andrew Chilufya Snr, Robbie Illiffe, Donna Green, Horatio Hill, Ilean Wright, Cathy and Peter Ghouse, Jimmy Olivero, Kaye McIntyre, Jeff and Tony Francis, Fr Andre, Sheila Vanwieringan, CD Joseph, Marina Lim, Wendy Price, Julie Pinto, Christopher Jaffer, Yianni Donato, Bonnie Sullivan, Joslyn De Sylva and Philomena Rodrigues.

Anniversaries of our Beloved Departed

Delphine Matthews (23 Sep), Anthony Tan (24 Sep), Ida Colasante (25 Sep), Maria De Costa (25 Sep), Alice Saleh (25 Sep), Iris Kenwood (25 Sep), Shiran Perera (26 Sep), **Bill Pettitt (27 Sep)**, Joseph Diaz (27 Sep), Jemma Wallace (27 Sep), Annie Labos (27 Sep), Michael O' Sullivan (27 Sep), Julie Joseph (28 Sep) and all our departed relatives and friends.

Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the Resurrection and the life; whoever believes in Me will live even though he dies" (John 11: 25-26).

Note: Parishioners may email Cliff at: cliffordqerard@bigpond.com, for any additions (or deletions) to our lists of sick, recently deceased and anniversaries, whom you wish to be included in our "Prayers of the Faithful."

Everyone has a name, and if we are to pray for them, we should say their name.

We Welcome "God's Little Children" to Our Mass

People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he was indignant. He said to them, **"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."** Mk 10: 13-14.



Activity sheets and colour pencils, are available at the rear of the church, to occupy the children during Mass. Parents may even pin their child's work on the noticeboard (when space is available) for others to appreciate their efforts.

