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### **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time—Year C— 28 September 2025**

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,** In our first reading today, the prophet Amos paints a picture of the 'wrong life', where people sit around being lazy, selfish and complacent, and eating too much. He reminds us that such a life is self-destructive, and that God calls us to do something more with our lives. And in our second reading, St Paul tells Timothy about the 'right life', where people are righteous, faithful, loving, patient and gentle. He says we should grab these gifts of eternal life now, while we can, because the 'Kingdom of God is at hand' (Mk.1:15). It's foolish to wait, he says, because we just don't know how long we've got. Tomorrow might be too late. In today's parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus, the rich man is enjoying life with fine food, expensive clothes and a beautiful home. And outside his gate is poor, sick Lazarus, hungry and covered with sores. In the second half of the story, both men die and their roles are reversed. The rich man is shocked to find himself suffering in hell. And Lazarus is delighted to find himself in heaven, with Abraham.

And what happens when it's too late? That's when we discover that the tables have been turned. That's when the first find themselves last, and the last find themselves first (Lk.13:30). That's when those who 'had it all' are left with nothing, while those with nothing are given the keys to the kingdom (Lk.6:20-26; Lk.14:11). We see this in the stories of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Lk.1:46-55), Zacchaeus (Lk.19:1-10), and the Prodigal Son (Lk.15:1-32). We see this in the washing of the feet (Jn.13:1-17) and in the glorious resurrection of Jesus the humble carpenter.

This is what's known as 'The Great Reversal', and it horrifies the Rich Man in today's parable. His problem is that the rules of this world don't apply in heaven. He shouldn't have been surprised, however. We know that God's ways aren't our ways (Is.55:8-9). In God's kingdom, the lowly are lifted, the hungry are filled, the high and mighty are torn down and the proud are scattered (Lk.1:51-54; 1Sam.2: 1,4-5,7-8).

Are you prepared for The Great Reversal? If not, there's no time to waste. Take a look around: who is Lazarus waiting at your gate? Who are the poor you'll see today? They might not be materially poor, but they could be poor in friendship, poor in health, poor in hope, poor in joy. Reach out to them.

Welcome them in. God Bless.

**Fr Leonard**

**Dear Parishioners,**

Please mark the dates out for October celebrations, as part of our Jubilee year program. May I encourage all Mass centers to pray the Rosary 20 minutes before the Sunday Masses as a way of preparation for our pilgrimage. (page 3)

**Archangels or Angels** have always been an intriguing topic for many, this week we have a small article on archangels, if you are interested please collect a copy at the back of the church. (limited copies available)

**Next Saturday the 4<sup>th</sup> of October** (Feast of St Francis) we will have the Jubilee of our pets, with the blessing of animals in the front courtyard of Church of the Apostles at 11 am. Pets of all kind are most welcome: furry, feathered, woolly, scaly or slimy. (well secured of course) or bring a photo or memento of pets who don't travel well or who have died.

**Fr Leonard**

#### **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

**Saturday 5pm** Sacred Heart Church, Newstead  
**6pm** 5 Oct 2025 —5 April 2026

**Sunday** 7.30am Carmelite Monastery  
9am St Patrick's Chapel, Prospect  
9am St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay  
10.30am Church of the Apostles, Launceston  
**5.30pm** Church of the Apostles, Launceston  
**6.30pm** 5 Oct 2025—5 April 2026

#### **RECONCILIATION**

**Saturday** 9.30am-10.30am Apostles  
4.15pm- 4.45pm Newstead

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES 29 Sept –4 Oct**

Monday-Saturday **7.30am \***  
Carmelite Monastery  
Tuesday 12noon Newstead  
Wednesday **9.30am Carmel**  
12noon Apostles  
Thursday 12noon Mass Invermay  
Friday 12noon Mass Apostles

#### **MASS LIVE-STREAMED**

**Every Sunday at 9am**

Facebook @catholicparishlaunceston or:  
<https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicParishLaunceston/videos/>

Sunday Mass is also televised every Sunday

#### **SACRAMENTAL BOOKINGS**

Baptisms, Wedding and Funeral Enquiries  
Please contact the Parish Office

#### **Interested in becoming Catholic**

(RCIA Programme)

Enquiries: Parish Office

#### **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

1st and 3rd Sundays –9am Invermay  
2nd and 4th Sundays –10.30am Apostles

#### **FOR YOUNG PEOPLE**

Teens Group: Gr 6-12

2nd and 4th Sundays, Pastoral Centre  
**4.30pm-5.30pm**

**YAS** (age 18-35) 2nd and 4th Sundays in  
the Pastoral Centre 4.30pm-5.30pm  
Enquiries: Parish Office

*We are located on the country of the Tyerenotepanner, the Panninher and the Litarimirina people of the Stoney Creek Nation. We acknowledge and pay respect to the Traditional Owners, who have cared for land, sea, waterways and sky, as the ongoing custodians, for thousands of years. We honour Elders, past and present. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.*

## PARISH ACTIVITIES, INFORMATION AND NEWS

**CHRISTIAN MEDITATION** will be held in the Nano Nagle Room on Wednesdays at 11am and at 5pm. Christian Meditation is a method of prayer to help us set our eyes on God, in silence and grow closer to Him with Gratitude and Love. All are welcome. **Enquires: Tina: 0417305546**

**LECTIO DIVINA** Every Friday morning 10.30 am for 1 hour, at the Pastoral Centre, Lectio Divina - Contemplating and praying the scriptures for the upcoming weekend Mass readings. A time to slow down, to listen with the ears of your heart. Everyone is welcome.

**FRIDAY HOLY HOUR** Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for one hour every Friday when the 12noon Mass is held at the Church of the Apostles.

**HEALING MASS** for all the sick and aged in our parish for all those who are in need of Our Good Lord's anointing and mercy. **Every First Friday at Church of the Apostles at 12 noon.**

**THE CARMEL SHOP:** The Carmel Shop, 7 Cambridge St, West Launceston is open between 11am—4pm on Wednesdays. Enquiries: carmelshop@yahoo.com

### CARMELITE MONASTERY NOTICES 7 Cambridge Street, West Launceston

**FEAST OF ST THERESE** – The feast of St Therese will be celebrated with a Sung Mass at the Carmelite Monastery, on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 9:30am**. Archbishop Tony will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Mass will be followed by morning tea. All are welcome to join the Carmelite Nuns for this celebration

**SOLEMNITY OF ST TERESA OF JESUS** - A Sung Mass will be celebrated in honour of St Teresa of Jesus (Avila), the foundress of the Discalced Carmelite Order, at the Carmelite Monastery on **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 9:30am**. Fr Matthew Boland OP will be the principal celebrant and homilist. Morning tea will follow Mass. All welcome.



#### DAYLIGHT SAVING STARTS NEXT SUNDAY

MASS TIMES—5 October 2025 to 5 April 2026

Newstead Vigil Mass: 6pm

Church of the Apostles evening Mass: 6.30pm

**Prayers for the Sick:** You may have noticed that some people whom we have been praying for have been on our prayer list for a very long time. Shortly, we will be updating this list and would appreciate if you can contact the office to inform whether names should still be appearing. Please email: apostles@bigpond.com or call the office. We thank parishioners who keep us up to date with progress and let us know when they or family/ friends recover and can come off the list.

**Communion for the Sick:** Can you please contact the office if you or someone you know is unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion at home. The priests will contact you to organize a convenient time to visit.

### INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY DAY SUNDAY, 12<sup>th</sup> OF OCTOBER 2025 A CALL TO CELEBRATE OUR UNITY WITHIN THE COMMUNITY

We invite you to join us for 9AM Mass at St. Finn Barr's Church, followed by morning tea at the SFB School Hall from 10-11:30AM. There will be presentations from our international communities showcasing their traditional songs and dances. We encourage everyone to wear their national costumes at Mass and during the celebrations. Please bring a plate to share if you can.

**Enquiries:** Christina (0400183341) or Sr Elizabeth (0407215702)

### EDUCATION OF FUTURE PRIESTS ANNUAL COLLECTION

*The annual collection to support the formation and education of priests for the Archdiocese of Hobart is being taken at this time. Funds collected primarily support our seminarians in training to work as priests in Tasmania. Envelopes are available in the church. Please take an envelope and if you are able to make a contribution to this important appeal please return your offering over the next couple of weekends in the collection baskets.*

### YOU ARE ASKED TO PRAY

**FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:** Merrill Thompson, Marcus Hughes, Jenny Bowe, Christina Waiss, Kath Aldred, Carol Cleary, Bev Callahan, Irene La Palombara, Joanne Foley, Christopher Chauvet, Elsie Saltmarsh, Ruth Adams, Louisa Buttazzoni, Alida Moolenschot, Therese Brennan, Kees Moolenschot, Egidio Tosello, Brigitte, Pat McCarthy, Shirley O'Byrne, Will Smith, Tina La Palombara, Noelene Bye, Peter Brumby, Maria Holton, Sharon Manzone, Suzy Fenton, Elizabeth Nettlefold, Shirley Ambrose, Alfred Weeding, Scott Bailey, Ralf Roston, Jennifer Dowell, Andrew Campbell, Bill Lewis, Eduardo Bilanes, Brian Beardwood, Jane Gillard, Joel Wilkinson, Jesse Moore, Elaine Blake, John Walsh, Clare Maddox, William Siegrist, Anne Harris, Jane Savaro, Amelia Eckert, Allison Thambugala, Ava Woolley, David Lewis, Christian Barrett, Xavier Banks, George Donovan, and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

**FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED** Maureen Saunders who has died recently, Fr Frank Gibson, Francois Page, Jack Chambers, Bill de Jong, Wayne Dunn, Noel Callaghan, George Cashion, Betty Allen, Gertruida Tol, Bruno Spangaro, Damon Ferris, Sheila Faulkner, Damien Sheehan, Gina Murphy, Kay Joyce, Gianni Gaetani, Joseph Tyberek, Rex and Dulcie McCormack, Joan Bird, and we remember all those anniversaries which occur at this time.

**FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY AND THE WIDER COMMUNITY:** We continue to pray for the gift of healing and peace for all who contract the virus, especially for those who are in hospital, and for their families.

## Dates for your Calendar

- ♦ October 2025 (celebrating our pilgrim journey in prayer with the blessed Virgin and all God's creatures)
- ♦ May I encourage all to join in praying the Rosary 20 minutes before all Sunday Masses.
- ♦ 4th October (Saturday) – Blessing of Animals (Feast of St Francis) Church of the Apostles grounds at 11 am.
- ♦ 11th October (Saturday) – Australia needs Fatima Public Rosary, Church of the Apostles grounds at 11 am.
- ♦ 12th October (Sunday) – Multicultural Day Mass at St Finn Barr's Church, Invermay and celebration with variety show in the school Hall.
- ♦ 16th October (Thursday) – Jubilee Talk – Overcoming Addictions a Christian perspective.

**Please join us in these celebrations.**

**A big thank you** to all who supported in making our Jubilee talk on Thursday a simple, meaningful and deeply impactful one. Especially to Peter and Sue McKenzie and Tony and Heidi Portugal, for their life testimony's and deep insights into the subject. As well as to Christina, Jodie, Mary and Rainha for their support in organizing the programme.  
*May God Bless you, Fr Leonard*

### BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS Saturday 4th October at 11.00am Church of the Apostles



On this Feast of our beloved St Francis of Assisi, we ask that you please join us in the courtyard for a short Liturgy of blessing and thanksgiving for the animals who share our homes and lives.

Pets of all kind are most welcome: furry, feathered, woolly, scaly or slimy...(well secured of course) or bring a photo or memento of pets who don't travel well or who have died.

Contact Mary on 0429191762 for further details or phone the Church Office during office hours on 63 314 377

### **Nationwide Public Rosary Rally to Our Lady of Fatima** to be held in the grounds of Church of Apostles on **Saturday, 11th October, 2025, at 11.00am.**



Come along to pray for Peace in the World. Limited seating available, so please bring a chair if needed.

Refreshments to follow in the Pastoral Centre.

All Welcome. Enquiries to Rozanne on 0498278057.

### WEEKEND RETREAT ON CARMELITE SPIRITUALITY

You are warmly invited to attend our Carmelite Secular Order Retreat at the **Emmanuel Centre, Launceston** from **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October.**

Fr Aloysius Rego, Carmelite Friar based in Sydney, will be the Spiritual Director who will guide us closer to draw God through the writings of two great women Doctors of the Church "**St Teresa of Avila and St Therese of the Child Jesus**".

Cost of weekend including all meals and accommodation is \$300.

Call Sandra on 6331 4991 for further information and bookings

### **Dying to Live: Preparing for Life after Death**

**Presented by Fr John Flader**

*What does it truly mean to live well, and to prepare for death with hope? In this powerful presentation, Fr John Flader, well-known priest, author, and columnist, explores the profound Christian understanding of life, death, and eternal destiny.*

**WHEN:** Wednesday 15 October, from 6:30pm

**WHERE:** St Peter's Catholic Church Hall, Youngtown, TAS

**REGISTER:** <https://events.humanitix.com/dying-to-live>  
(Free Entry!)

### Catholic Theological College

#### Online Information Session

Monday 27 October at 7pm (AEDT)

Register via our website:

[ctc.edu.au/information-session](http://ctc.edu.au/information-session)

### Catholic Theological College

#### Knox Public Lecture

Wednesday 15 October 2025

7.30pm

For more information:

[ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture/](http://ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture/)

### Catholic Theological College

#### Engaging Your Faith

in October 2025

From \$25 per session.

For more information:

[ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/](http://ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/)



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**Safe Communities Information flyer available in the Church or visit:** [SafeCommunitiesTas.com.au](http://SafeCommunitiesTas.com.au)

## 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### FIRST READING

Amos 6:1. 4-7

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.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

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

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

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 Timothy 6:11-16

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.

### A VOCATION VIEW

*Who do you identify with – the rich man or Lazarus?  
Choose to notice others and to reach out to those in  
need. Support those who serve the poor. Luke 16:19-31*

### Next Sunday's readings- 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hebrews 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Psalm 94:1-2,6-9

2 Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Luke 17:5-9

*Ponder and pray the living Word of God*



### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Corinthians 8:9

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

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

*Alleluia!*

### 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 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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Account Name: Launceston Catholic Parish

BSB: 067 000; Account No: 1031 6153.

Reference: "your surname"

### PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

*My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.*

