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September 25 –26th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)



This is another text about the unexpected reversals of the kingdom of God. The situation of the two characters is described in detail. The rich man no doubt saw his affluence as a blessing from God, a reward for his goodness. His only sin was 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 wealth for the good of all rather than to monopolise resources selfishly for our own benefit alone. When the reality of the situation dawns on the rich man, 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 who

repeatedly call Israel to justice and mercy. If people are prepared to ignore that call, what difference will it make 'even if someone should rise from the dead'. This phrase offers a challenge to Christians: do we too, like the rich man, fail to see and respond to the needs in our world? Christian faith is about more than Sunday worship. It is about living the message of Jesus every day. *(the summit)*

XXVI Domenica del tempo ordinario (ANNO C)

Con questa parabola Gesù ci richiama l'irreparabile eternità delle pene dell'inferno. È un discorso duro, ma viene dalle labbra di Gesù. Il ricco Epulone, che durante la vita terrena non ha praticato la carità, soffre irrimediabilmente nell'oltrevita. Egli, come i suoi fratelli, conosceva la legge e le profezie che specificano i modi della giustizia divina: forse riteneva che per lui si sarebbe fatta un'eccezione, e invece tutto si compie alla lettera. Siamo avvertiti anche noi: non possiamo edulcorare la legge di Cristo, affidarci a una "misericordia" che non trovi corrispettivo nella nostra carità. Finché siamo quaggiù abbiamo tempo per compiere il bene, e in tal modo guadagnarci la felicità eterna: poi sarà troppo tardi. Gesù dà un senso anche alle sofferenze di Lazzaro: le ingiustizie terrene saranno largamente compensate nell'altra vita, l'unica che conta. Abbiamo il dovere di far conoscere a tutti, cominciando dalle persone che amiamo, la logica della giustizia divina: e questa è la forma più squisita della carità. *(lachiesa.it)*

Joke of the week

An elderly man and a Baptist minister were sitting next to each other in an aeroplane.

As the flight had been delayed, the crew announced that passengers would receive complimentary drinks by way of an apology.

When the flight attendant came round with the drinks trolley, the old man requested a whisky and soda. 'And what would you like?' she then asked the Baptist minister.

'I would rather commit adultery than drink alcohol!' he snapped.

The old man looked confused and, handing his drink back to the attendant, said 'I didn't know there was a choice.' *(The book of senior jokes)*

The sick in our parish: Teresa & Con Lamonaca, Nola, John Markis, Elda Taranto, Panfilo Ambrosini, Carmela Renda, Lorraine, Patricia, David, Vanessa Borg, Peta Wright, Herrmann Family, Adam, Helen Rakuscek, Bob Brown, Rina Carfi, Angela Barto, Patrick Brennan, Maria Saracino, Rommel Montano, Sonia Taranto, Norm McDonough, Evelyn McDonough, Diana Nash, Lori, Maurice, Domenic Cunsolo, Laurence, Amelia Testa, Blake, Floriano Pivetta, Margherita Costa, Bruna Zando, Rita Paladino

Recently deceased: Ellen Deguara, Paola Curatore, Rosa Cimino, Alfredo Galdo, Brian Miller, Raffaella Matera, Aldo Bucetti, Giovanni Mantineo, Father Luigi Sabbadin

Anniversaries: Camillo and Maria Lamonaca, Gavino, Denti Family, Ruiu Family, Maria Catalano, Fortunato Mercuri, Gregorio Torchia, Rosaria Scarmozzino, Carmelita Tolliday

We especially pray for all the deceased St. Matthews parishioners, those whose names are on the Church pews & the Resurrection Chapel.

Rosters for weekend masses (Oct 2)

Lectors:

Saturday 5.30 pm: A. Proud

Sunday 9.00 am: J. Butera

Sunday 10.30 am : M. Costa

Bus driver: B. Tajhano

Mass times

Weekday:

Tuesday-Friday 9.30 am

Wednesday: Novena mass: 6.00 pm

Weekend:

Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm

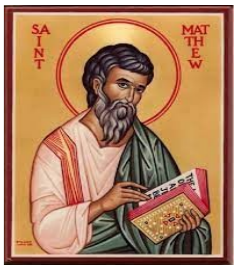
Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass)

Confessions are available on Saturday 5.00 pm—bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office.

St. Matthew's Feast Day

The Parish will be celebrating the feast day of our patron saint St. Matthews on Saturday night.

Refreshments will be available in the Parish hall after the 5.30 pm mass



St. Matthew

Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. From Matthew we know of the many doings of Christ and the message Christ spread of salvation for all people who come to God through Him. The Gospel account of Matthew tells the same story as that found in the other three Gospels, so scholars are certain of its authenticity. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament. Many years following the death of Christ, around 41 and 50 AD, Matthew wrote his gospel account. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword.

St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

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