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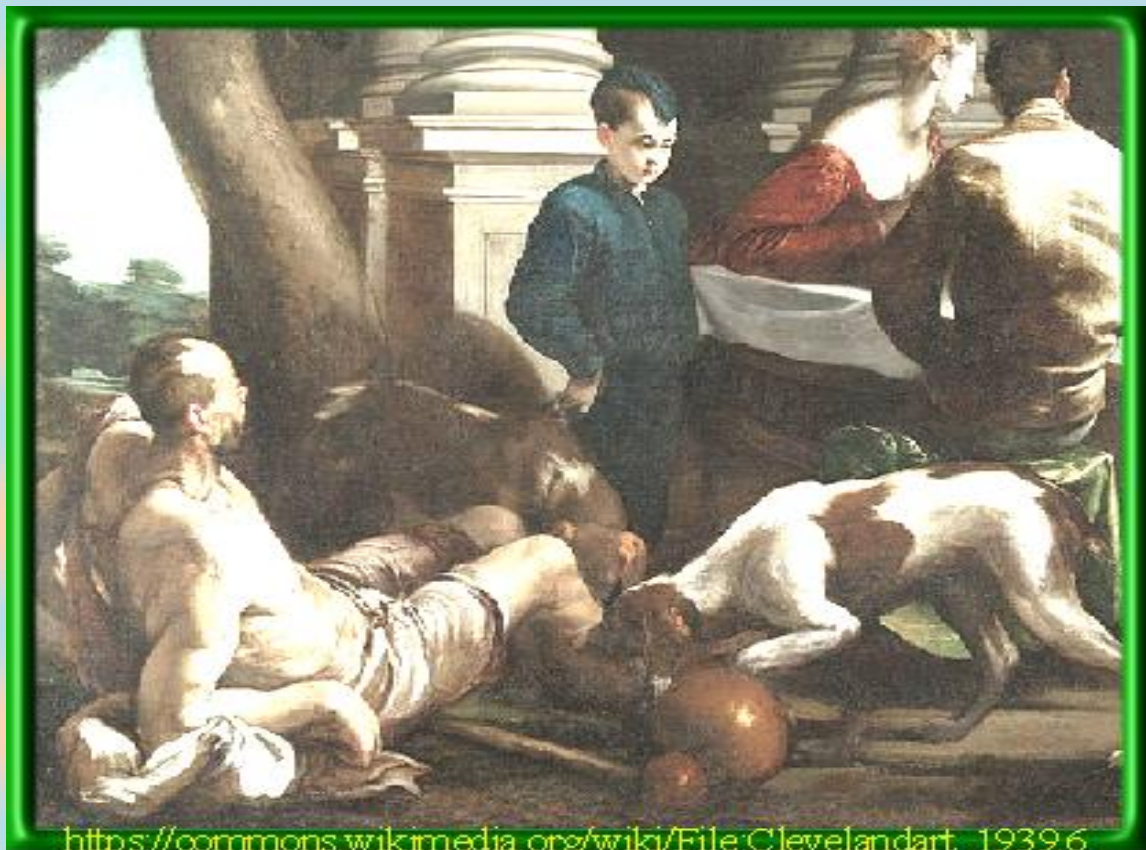
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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY



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Dear Friends,

In the gospel reading from Luke, Jesus recounts a familiar rich man/poor man folk tale, adding fresh and telling differences. In the story as told by Jesus, the poor man has a name, *Lazarus*, which means '*God will help*', whereas the rich man has no name. Usually, it is the poor who are nameless, while the rich have names, glamour, fame and fortune. Furthermore, the fortunes of Lazarus and the rich man are reversed. The final destiny of Lazarus is to be '*carried away by the angels to the bosom of Abraham*', whereas the rich man ends up '*in torment in Hades*' (Luke 16:22-23). Like Amos, Jesus pinpoints indifference as the basic sin of the rich man. Cushioned by his lavish life-

style, he is utterly oblivious to the presence of the poor man at his gate, starving and ‘*covered with sores*’ (Lk 16:20). He fails to see Lazarus as a fellow human, a brother, in dire need. The worlds of the rich and poor can exist side by side but never meet.

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus is particularly relevant to our time, when the gap between the rich and the poor continues to grow. The growing concentration of the world’s wealth in the hands of a few billionaires has been highlighted by *Oxfam*. Closer to home, a 2022 report from *Social Justice Ireland* stated that, despite the existence of a comprehensive social welfare system, the gap between the rich and poor in Ireland has increased over the past few years. We are all aware that the recent dramatic increase in the price of gas and basic foodstuffs is having dire consequences for everyone, especially the poor. Many will be unable to make ends meet. We may say that this is a problem for the Government to solve but it must be our concern, too. We cannot be indifferent to the poverty around us. We are our sisters’ and brothers’ keepers. As St. John Chrysostom, that great champion of the poor, reminds us, **we cannot celebrate the presence of Christ in the Eucharist without serving him present in the poor: ‘Do not pretend to honour Christ in the Church while you neglect him outside where he is cold and naked’.**

So, let us ask the Lord today to make us more aware of his presence in the poor and to open our hearts in response to their needs.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

When	Where	Masses Requested	Saints & Feasts
Sat 27 th Sept 5.30pm	St. Peter’s	Patricia Bowen - RIP	Adoration followed by Mass at 6.00pm
Sun 28 th Sept 9.00am 11.00am	St. Michael’s St. Peter’s		26th Sunday Rosary at 10.40am followed by Mass
Mon 29 th Sept	No Mass	Fr. Maria’s Day off	Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels - Feast
Tue 30 th Sept	No Mass		St. Jerome
Wed 1 st Oct 10.00am	St. Michael’s		St. Therese of the Child Jesus
Thu 2 nd Oct 9.30am	St. Peter’s		The Holy Guardian Angels
Fri 3 rd Oct 9.30am	St. Peter’s	Peter Wallis - RIP	

SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

In St. Peter’s Saturday 5.30pm to 6.00pm
In St. Michael’s Wednesday 10.30am to 11.00am

A Warm Welcome: today is Sunday 28th September. As always, we welcome visitors and newcomers to join our “regulars,” asking Almighty God to bestow His blessings and graces on us all. You are most welcome to join us for coffee and tea in the Parish Hall.

**A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL
PAINTING TEAM**

I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to the amazing painting team – **Shaun Gibson, Maureen Ayllot, and Vivek** – led by **Pat Togher**, for their dedicated work in painting the windows of the presbytery and the sacristy at St. Peter's.

Their generosity in giving their time and talent has not only brightened our parish buildings but also lifted our spirits. We are truly blessed to have such willing hands and generous hearts in our community!

MAMMA MIA FILM NIGHT (FRIDAY)

Due to high demand, we are excited to add a Mamma Mia Film Night (& Sing-Along) on **FRIDAY, 3rd October, 6:30pm at St. Peter's Parish Hall**. Same great food and energy included in ticket price! Tickets are £15 each and there will be an exciting raffle and drinks available for purchase on the night. Fancy dress optional. All proceeds will go towards repairs needed at St. Peter's Parish Hall. Please purchase tickets online beforehand at <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-peters-cirencester/> or please speak to a member of the fundraising team and we can reserve tickets for you! Thank you for your support.



DEAR LADIES OF ST. PETER'S...

Our next big fundraising event is the Mama Mia Sing along on 3rd and 4th October. We will be running a raffle. Last time this raised over £500. We are making up some "Pamper Hampers". Do you have an unwanted gift you could donate? Perhaps you'd be generous enough to purchase a small item. Anything that would help someone to relax would be very welcome. Some hot chocolate and marshmallows, hand cream, face mask and scented soap are just a few ideas. Please leave any donations in the sacristy by 30th September. Many thanks. - Lina Watts

JOIN US FOR THE EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION AT RAU

We warmly invite you to the Eucharistic Celebration at the **RAU** on **Tuesday, 14th October, at 6.30 PM**. This will be a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer and community. After the Mass, stay for **refreshments, including coffee, tea, and delicious cake** - because every good gathering deserves a sweet treat! Bring a friend, share in the joy, and make it an evening to remember.
All are most welcome!

FAITH INTO ACTION WITH THE SVP IN ST. PETER'S AND ST. MICHAEL'S

A member of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), John Ciereszko, will be giving a short address at masses on **4th and 5th October** to appeal for volunteers to form a new SVP conference in both the Parishes.

The SVP is a lay organization that provides people with the opportunity to put their faith into action by offering practical help and support to those in need, wherever there is need, and making a real difference to their lives.

If anyone is interested in finding out more following the appeal, there will be a short follow up meeting in **St. Peter's Hall** with refreshments on **8th October at 6.00 pm** to provide further information.

HARVEST LUNCH AT ST. PETER'S

Cafod Family Fast day is on Friday October 3rd. On Sunday October 5th we will be having our annual Harvest Lunch after the 11:00 a.m. mass. This is a bring and share event for Parishioners and to support our brothers and sisters throughout the world whose faith we share.

There is a list at the back of the Church for you to sign up or just bring along your favorite dish.

We ask for a donation of £5 towards Cafod and children are free.

Finance Manager Needed...

On behalf of Dr Daniel Doyle, the Newman Catholic Trust is recruiting a Finance Manager (4 days per week). This is more than a finance role – it is a chance to bring professional expertise into a mission-driven environment where every decision supports children's flourishing.

You will be part of a growing Trust with a strong proven track record, working flexibly and dynamically alongside committed colleagues. As Finance Manager, you will help shape clear systems, support Principals with confident decision-making, and steward resources so that our schools can focus on what matters most: forming lives and building communities of hope.

This is a role for a finance professional who combines technical skills with service, able to give leaders clarity and confidence as our family of schools grows.

- 4 days per week (29 hours)
- Salary: £30,652-33,014
- Location: Bristol (hybrid working across schools)
- Closing date: 20th October 2020
- Apply here: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/17561/EDV-2025-CNCET-13863>

Annual Formation Day

The Clifton Diocesan Annual Formation Day will take place on Saturday 11th October at St Brendan's College, Brislington, with Mgr John Armitage as our keynote speaker. He will be reflecting on the theme of 'Being an Evangelist Today: the tools required to be a joyful witness of Jesus'. There will also be several workshop options to attend where you can choose one for the morning and another for the afternoon when booking a ticket. More details and to register for the day, please use the Eventbrite link: <https://diocesanformationday.eventbrite.co.uk>



Offertory Collection

Last Week:

St. Peter's: £ 301.26 (incl. via the Dona Machine)

Building Maintenance Fund: £ 50.00

Second Collection: £ 88.82

St. Michael: £ 65.60

Second Collection: £ 39.50

