

# Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

## YEAR C

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September

*26th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September

*Saints Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,  
Archangels - Feast*

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

*Saint Jerome, Priest, Doctor*

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October

*Saint Therese of the Child Jesus,  
Virgin, Doctor*

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

*The Holy Guardian Angels*

### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

*Friday of week 26 in Ordinary Time*

### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October

*Saint Francis of Assisi*



*Saint Michael is in the book of Revelation as the leader of the heavenly host. Saint Gabriel some of the prophets visions in the book of Daniel and was also sent to Mary on the Annunciation. Saint Raphael heals Tobit of his blindness. His name means God heals.*

O God,  
who by the marvellous order of angels are we  
humans protected,  
may our lives be defended by those who  
watch over us,  
as we build Your kingdom here on earth.  
Amen.



*Holy Archangels  
Pray for  
us*

# WORD OF THE WEEK

## P R U D E N C E

**Prudence** is the virtue of sound judgement, making wise decisions based on reason and faith. It is about taking the time to think before we act, considering the consequences of our choices, and seeking guidance from God and wise counsel. **Prudence** helps us navigate life's complexities, discern God's will, and make choices that align with our values and beliefs. It is a key virtue for living a life of integrity and purpose.

### Sunday's Gospel

Luke 16:20-25

Lazarus was at the rich man's door, hoping to eat the bits of food that fell from the rich man's table.

Lazarus died and was carried by the angels to the feast in heaven. The rich man dies and was buried, in Hades, he saw Abraham, far away, with Lazarus at his side. So he called out, "Father Abraham! Take pity on me, and send Lazarus to dip his finger in some water and cool off my tongue, because I am in great pain in this fire!" But Abraham said, "you were given all the good things, while Lazarus got all the bad things. But now he is enjoying himself here, while you are in pain."



Prudence helps us build a better world and help people where they need it as we can make decisions based on God's love and mercy. Subsidiarity means that decisions should be taken by people at the lowest level, by the people who are most affected. Governments should only step in when local communities are unable to help. This means that the people who understand can have autonomy on how they help the need in their community with their people.

### See

Look at the image. Ask God to open your eyes to see what God wants you to see. What is God telling you in this image?

### Hear

Read the Gospel slowly and prayerfully. Meditate on God's Word. What word or phrase is God speaking to you? Highlight or underline it.

### Think

What can I let go of in order to serve others better?

What random act of kindness could I do today?

What can I do to better listen and act upon the Scriptures?

### Do

Sing  
*The Servant King*  
by Graham Kendrick



In this Gospel, Jesus narrates a parable contrasting a rich man's luxurious life with Lazarus, a destitute man. After death, Lazarus found comfort with Abraham, while the rich man suffered. The rich man's plea for relief and a warning for his brothers was denied, emphasising the sufficiency of Moses and the prophets' teachings. The Gospel parable about Lazarus and the rich man illustrates that our actions have consequences beyond this life. It teaches us that how we treat others, especially those in need, influences our eternal destiny. It highlights the concern for the poor and suffering. It reminds us that our faith calls us to help those who are less fortunate. It emphasises the importance of paying attention to the Scriptures to guide our lives.

# CELEBRATION OF THE WORD

## P R U D E N C E

### Gather

#### Atmosphere

Turn off the lights  
Sit on the carpet  
Play thoughtful music  
Close your eyes

#### Prayer Area

Green cloth  
Light a candle  
Cross  
A thinking cap

#### Action

Sign of the Cross  
Sing **The Servant King**  
Explain **Prudence**  
Half the room into rich and poor

### Word

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

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**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Read the Gospel explanation on the Instagram post*

Write a prayer about **Prudence** using the following words:

- wise
- poor
- love
- choices

### Let us pray

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**Amen**

### Response

#### Physical

Come up with a few scenarios and then get different children to put on the thinking cap. They have to make the decision to be like the rich man or help the poor in your scenario.

#### Spoken

Pass around the thinking cap and when it is your turn, answer the following question:  
"What random act of kindness can I do today?"

#### Written **CST Link**

Discuss what poverty you see in your area. Write down a few ways that you can help those in need in your local community. Maybe come up with a class action to live out.

### Mission

**When faced with a difficult decision this week, think about what Jesus would do.**

End with a morning/end of day prayer and the Sign of the Cross

# REFLECT

# AND

# GROW

## Gather

During the GATHER, we should now see that we are in a time of prayer. We need to make the space feel different. Have some music playing. Think about the lighting and how you want them to sit. Have a prayer focus. A prayerful space for people to focus on and that contributes to the time of prayer. Explain why each item in on the prayer focus. Welcome those to the prayer through song and words.

Have a moment of prayer. Explain what your theme is.

**"Welcome to our Celebration of the Word. We will begin with the Sign of the Cross ..."**

**"Please join us in singing this song together ..."**

**"Our theme today is ..."**

**"Our theme means ..."**

**"We can live out our theme today by ..."**

**"On our prayer focus, we have chosen ..."**

**"This item on our prayer focus represents ..."**

**"Let us spend a moment in prayer by ..."**

## Word

During the WORD, we hear a piece of Scripture that is linked to our theme. The Scripture is at the centre of our Celebration of the Word.

Tell us why you chose it and explain how it is still relevant today. Be creative and show this by using your God given gifts.

**"The Scripture we have chosen today is the story of ..."**

**"We chose this Scripture because ..."**

**"It links to our theme because ..."**

**"We can live out this Scripture today by ..."**

**"We will now reflect on this Scripture story by ..."**

## Response

During the RESPONSE, we think and reflect on the message that we have heard through the Scripture. Link a thought or an action to the theme. Make sure that everybody in the room is taking part in some way. Whether that be through physical, spoken, or written responses.

Have a moment of prayer. Be silent, say a prayer or sing a song.

Explain why we as a group are responding to God in this way.

**"We would now like you to move in this way because ..."**

**"We would now like you to speak to the person next to you and ..."**

**"We would now like you to write down something that ..."**

**"We would now like you to spend some time in silence thinking about ..."**

**"Put your hands together and join us as we say this prayer together ..."**

## Mission

During the MISSION, we are challenged to go out and do something which makes us put our prayer into action. Challenge the group to live out the message in the world. Give them a challenge or activity. Give them something to take away with them. Make them think of their role in God's plan. Spend a moment praying to God. End with some music or a song.

**"Your mission this week is ..."**

**"You can live this mission out in the world by ..."**

**"You are all going to get something to help you with your mission ..."**

**"Let us spend a moment in prayer asking God to help us live out our mission ..."**

**"Please join us in singing this song together ..."**

**"Thank you for joining us for our Celebration of the Word. We will end with the Sign of the Cross ..."**

**What happened during the Celebration of the Word?  
How did it make you feel?**

Be specific in the grey boxes

Prayer Focus/Altar/Display ☐

Liturgical Colour ☐



Images/Videos/Slides ☐

Sign of the Cross ☐

Scripture ☐

Music/Singing ☐

Speech ☐

Silent Prayer ☐

Personal Reflection ☐

Seasonal Prayers ☐

Questions ☐

Physical Response ☐

Spoken Response ☐

Written Response ☐

Objects ☐

Mission ☐

Linked to theme ☐



HAPPY

☐

SAD

☐

EXCITED

☐

CALM

☐

INTERESTED

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BORED

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INSPIRED

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PRAYERFUL

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Highlight something you want to see more of in your Celebration of the Word