



## Our Lady of Peace

*‘With Christ in our hearts, together we grow’*

- **Twenty-sixth Week of the Year**
- **Luke 16: 19-31 Lazarus and the rich man.**

# Introduction

Anyone who loves Jesus and acts in His name, is filled with the goodness of God. Whatever our religion or race might be, God will see this goodness, and rewards us with His love.

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# Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia (all sing) x 3**

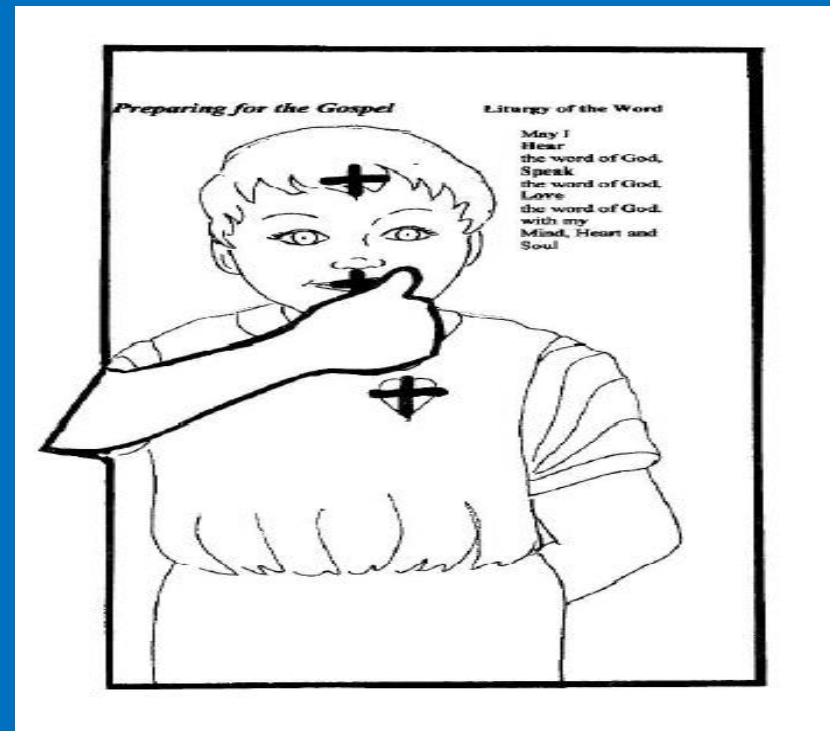
**Your words Lord will guide me closer to  
you.**

**Alleluia! Alleluia Alleluia (all sing) x3**

The Lord be with you  
Response: And with your Spirit

A reading from the holy Gospel according  
to Luke

Response: Glory to you, O Lord



# Gospel



# Luke 16:19-31

One day Jesus told this story: Once there was a rich man who had fine clothes and the best of everything that money could buy. He spent his time enjoying himself and feasting with his rich friends.

On the street outside his house lay a poor man called Lazarus who was thin and hungry and covered in sores. Lazarus would gladly have eaten the rich man's scraps, if they had been offered to him.

'Lazarus died and went to heaven where he was truly happy at last. When the rich man dies he went to hell and seeing Lazarus so happy, he cried out to him for help. But God asked the rich man "Did you help when Lazarus cried out for food? Did you care for him when he was ill and had nowhere to go? You thought only of yourself and gave up the chance of everlasting happiness with me."



The Gospel of the Lord  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ





# Reflection 1

The Gospel today gives us a very important message Jesus wanted to show us that being rich and comfortable often makes us 'blind' to the needs of people around us.

When we become selfish and self centred, caring only about our own happiness.

# Reflection 2

- We should not forget that our words and actions in life will decide whether we share God's everlasting happiness or like the rich man pay for our greed and selfishness.
- The rich man was so concerned about his own happiness that he did not even notice Lazarus lying in the road.

**Question:** What do you think the rich man should have done?

# Reflection 3

**Question:** How do you think we can help them?

Answer: There are many homes and hostels where donations of food, clothes and even toys are greatly received.

Charity events to raise money.

Each of us in our own way should help wherever we can.  
In which ways are you already helping?

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# Reflection



# Prayer



# Closing Prayer

Dear God,

Whatever I have done to others, I have done the same to you. Please forgive me if I have been selfish or unkind and have put my own needs and happiness first.

Help me to make a fresh start and to put your goodness into action in my life.

Bless all the homeless people in our world and those who have to beg for their food.

Open our eyes to their needs so that we can help them in whatever way we can.

With Christ in our hearts, together we grow

Amen

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