

LITURGY OF THE WORD
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
First Reading

Isaiah 55:6-9
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
My thoughts are not your thoughts.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.
The Word of the Lord
R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm
Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R. v.18
(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.
1. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.
3. The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.
(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading
Philippians 1:20-24, 27
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
For me to live is Christ.
Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.
The Word of the Lord

R. Thanks be to God
Gospel Acclamation
See Acts of the Apostles 16:14
Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel *Matthew 20:1-16*
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
Why are you jealous because I am generous?
Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’
The Gospel of the Lord
R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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No Salvation outside the Church?

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus’ time. The ‘early birds’ contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius. This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the ‘Gentiles’. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the ‘daily bread’ of the Kingdom of God. Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of *their* idea that God’s grace could *not* be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.
We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us ‘the Bread of Life’, given for the salvation of *all* the world.
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TWENTY FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A



Upcoming Events

Choir Practice
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am
Fridays after Mass, and
1st Saturday of the
month @ 9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS
Wednesdays after 9am
Mass

Wrap With Love
Wednesday 27th
September 1pm CMR
All are welcome

Craft Group Thursdays
10am

ADORATION TUESDAYS
@ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB
Thursdays after Mass
Venue: Corrigans Cove
All are welcome

Generosity of Heart & Service Despite Suffering.

When Stan Arneil, in his early 20s was suffering with his fellow prisoners of war, forced into cruel labour on the Thailand- Burma Railway, he kept a minimal record of the ordeal on scrounged scraps of paper – published 40 years later as ‘One Man’s War’.

The book is a testament to the existence and endurance of the human spirit. It tells how starving men, stripped of everything , found not only the will to survive but compassion for each other. **They died in their thousands but ‘no man died alone’.** Arneil recounts how men kept their faith in life and in each other for 3.5 years of deprivation. After the war, Arneil never lost a sense of gratitude for a glass of clean tap water and a roof over his head.

After the war, he redeemed his suffering into a creative life of generosity and service. He founded Credit Unions in Australia to secure the future of countless disadvantaged families. He did not succumb to depression and bitterness as his Christian faith gave him hope and compassion to go beyond himself and reach out to others.

The Generosity of God
Today’s Gospel of the parable of the ‘**Labourers in the Vineyard**’ is unique to Matthew. In Matthew’s narrative context, Jesus’ parable seems to be a story directly connected to discipleship issues, possession and authority. **Instead of a story of unfair treatment of labourers, we are challenged to look at this story from a different point of view.** We have to learn what God’s justice is like. Another name for God’s justice is mercy and compassion. In the eyes of the world this parable can seem unjust – those who came at the 11th hour and hardly dirty their hands get the same as those who laboured all day.

Jesus’ challenge to his listeners is: ‘**Why be envious because I am generous?**’ The question for us is: ‘**Are we happy that God is good and compassionate to all?**’

We are often pleased when God is merciful towards our selves. But how do we feel when we observe the mercy of God towards others, especially those we feel are less deserving of God’s love? Are we like the workers in the Vineyard mentioned in today’s Gospel – resentful of the owner for being so generous to the latecomers?

Isaiah tells us that such thoughts are evil and should be abandoned – that God’s ways are beyond our comprehension – that God’s kindness flows also to us without measure or limit. Arneil seemed to know this in his own heart, rather than being resentful or bitter about his experiences in a cruel war, Arneil rejoiced in God’s mercy and compassion that far surpassed any of his limited notions of fairness and justice.

After the war he lived out his life in a spirit of generosity, compassion and service.

Marie Weatherall





MASS THIS WEEK

Monday 25th September

Sunday 1st October

Monday 25th: No Mass

Tuesday 26th: Mass 5pm
Adoration 4pm

Wednesday 27th: Mass 9am

Thursday 28th: Mass 9am

Friday 29th: Mass 9am

Saturday 30th: Mass 6pm

Reconciliation 4.30-5.30pm

Sunday 1st: Mass 9am

**Fr John will be celebrating Mass for us on
Thursday 28th September @ 9am**

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am
Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am
The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The
Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Mara-
natha Lodge

ROSTERS

23/24 SEPTEMBER

Cleaning
25-29 B Coffey/M Paine

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer K Conway
Commentator M Bridges
Reader J Quigley
Eucharistic Ministers
C.Brownlie A Rogers
Computer Screen
M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer L Foran
Commentator B Basevi
Reader: A Skinner
Eucharistic Ministers
N & L Page
Computer Screen D
May.

MORNING TEA:

N Beatty/M deSmet

30 SEPT/1 OCTOBER

Cleaning
2-6 Oct R & K Ison

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer C.Brownlie
Commentator: D
Robinson
Reader : M Weatherall
Eucharistic Ministers
M O'Neill Y Oerder
Computer Screen
K Conway

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer J McClelland
Commentator N Beatty
Reader: B Basevi
Eucharistic Ministers
A Skinner D Herring
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Priest.

MORNING TEA:

Filipino Community

109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees – Sept 24, 2023

Pope Francis in his message for this year's World Day Migrants and Refugees encourages people to carefully analyse and understand the complexity of the migrant phenomenon. This includes understanding the different stages of migration and ensuring the people's decision to migrate is truly free.

'Persecution, wars, atmospheric phenomenon and dire poverty are among the most visible causes of forced migration today' the Pope writes.

'Migrants flee because of poverty, fear or desperation. Eliminating these causes and thus putting an end to forced migration calls for shared commitment on the part of us all.

'This commitment begins with asking what we can do and also what we need to stop doing. '

For more information on World Day of Migration and Refugee Day please visit the following:

<https://cathnews.com/2023/09/07/resources-published-for-world-day-of-migrants-and-refugees/>

MARIAN PROCESSION

2023

Sunday—October 22

@ The restored and rededicated STS PETER &
PAUL OLD CATHEDRAL, GOULBURN
10am—2pm

Please see poster in church foyer for further
details

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the parish
e-platform giving for both the Priest and the Church, the
details are as follows:

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To all our wonderful Parish volunteers,

Thank you for your commitment to ministry in our Parish. We would be unable to continue to provide pastoral and administrative support to our parishioners and community members without your dedication and support.

In NSW the requirement is for anyone over 18 years of age involved in activities with children to hold a current Working With Children Check (WWCC). At a Parish level, this applies to parish priest/staff/ volunteers active in particular ministries.

Twice a year, a report of all active WWCC holders is required to be sent to the Institute for Professional Standards and Safeguarding office (IPPS) in the Archdiocesan Chancery, Manuka. Audits are due at the end of March and September and all parishes in the Archdiocese are required to comply. The Archdiocese can be audited by the NSW govt agencies at any time, so the audit reports are an important aspect of maintaining accurate records.

Our parish is committed to the safeguarding of children and vulnerable persons and complying with Archdiocesan and Govt requirements. **Please help us to maintain accurate records for the audits by ensuring your WWCC is current.**

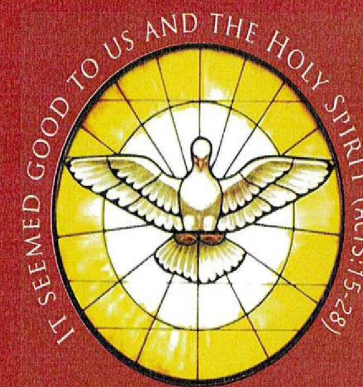
Remembering the Sick:

Maria de Rocco, Pam Wilson, Laurence Foran, Julie Morgan, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel, Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in hospital and nursing homes.

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Krsto Jarnjevic, Julie McDonald, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick) Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa, Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, Dan Quigley, Maree O'Brien, Rees De Winter, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic, Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Nita Gorzalka, Linda Russell

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RESPECTS TO THEIR ELDERS, PAST,
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YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light
of the Holy Spirit,
did instruct the hearts
of the faithful,
Grant that by the same
Holy Spirit we may be
truly wise and ever rejoice in his
consolations.
Through the same
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis
Monthly Prayer
Intentions

September

**For people living on
the margins**

We pray for those persons
living on the margins of
society, in inhumane life
conditions; may they not
be overlooked by
institutions and never
considered of lesser
importance.



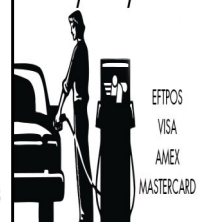
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