



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

20 SEPTEMBER 2020

FIRST READING

Isa 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.

RESP 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. **R.**

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. **R.**

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.**

SECOND READING

Phil 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! / Open our hearts,
O Lord, / to listen to the words of your
Son. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 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



OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

25th Sunday Ordinary, 20 September 2020, Year A

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MASS INTENTIONS



25th Sunday Ordinary, 20 September

Saturday 6pm Mass for Antonio Da Silva (RIP Anniversary) + Giovanna Sgro (RIP 3 Month Anniversary)



Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for OLMC Primary School First Holy Communicants + Vitoria Da Silva (Intentions) + Luisa Nobrega (RIP Recently in Brazil)

11am Baptism of Aviana Lebr

Monday 21 September + 7.30pm Mass ... St Matthew

7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group



Tuesday 22 September

9am Mass for Dorothy & George Leach (RIP) + Salvatore Pirri (RIP 1st Month Anniversary)

Wednesday 23 September ... St Pius of Pietrelcina

9am Mass for Dorothy & George Leach (RIP) + Jim Alberti (RIP – Birthday)

Morning Tea after Mass

10.30am Legion of Mary

6-7pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 24 September

8.50am Mass at Seton Catholic College for Year 12 Graduation

Friday 25 September

9am Mass for Idalia (Birthday Intentions)

9.30-10.30am Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am Mass at Hilton Park Aged Care



Saturday 26 September ... Sts Cosmas & Damian

9am Mass for Dorothy & George Leach (RIP)

26th Sunday Ordinary, 27 September ... World Day of Migrants & Refugees

Saturday 6pm Mass for Maocheia Family (Intentions) + Cipriana Monding (RIP Birthday)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Connie Minervini (RIP Anniversary)

Sunday 9am Mass Souls in Purgatory + Teresa Ambuch (RIP)



WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, please introduce yourself to Fr Paul. We could like to know a bit about you and your family. You can also fill in a Parishioner Registration Form and join in the Parish Planned Giving Program.



PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Gordon Smith, David Azzaro, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Vee Appleton, Dermot McKernon, Judith Greer, Edward Fortune, Lou Collova, Franca Kalat, Joan McGrath, Zdenka Mravljincic ...



2020 SACRAMENT DATES

CONFIRMATION

Friday 16 October 2020 ... To Be Confirmed



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Saturday 12 September at 6pm

Sunday 13 September at 9am

Sunday 20 September at 9am



RECONCILIATION

Saturday 9.30-10am and 5.15-5.45pm
Or by appointment.



MASS INTENTIONS

Suggested Offering \$15 per Mass.



NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

26th Sunday Ordinary, 27 September

1st: Ezek 18:25-28

2nd: Phil 2:1-11

Gospel: Mt 21:28-32



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.





STEWARDSHIP: Theology of Stewardship – Fundamental Principles in Pastoral Activity ... Third, liturgical action flows out of this vision and story and carries it forward,

shaping the present. Liturgical action gives expression to the story and the vision, shapes the lives of those involved in the liturgy, and enhances the vision.



COVID-19 PHASE 4 IS STILL IN PLACE: As you would be aware, the Western Australian Government has announced a further deferral to the commencement of Phase 5 of the WA COVID-19 roadmap. Based on the latest health advice, Phase 4 of the WA COVID-19 roadmap has been extended until **Friday 23 October 2020**. The new tentative start date for Phase 5 will now be **Saturday 24 October**. A final decision on whether Phase 5 can proceed on this date, or if it can be brought forward, will be decided by the Western Australian Government in October. Phase 5 would see remaining restrictions removed, except Western Australia's hard border and access to remote Aboriginal communities. Phase 5 would also see the removal of Western Australia's 2 square metre rule and the 50 per cent capacity for our major venues.



REVISION OF ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTIVES:

On 24 June 2020, Archbishop Costelloe SDB issued directives for Churches and Chapel within the Archdiocese of Perth which reflected the introduction of Phase 4 of the Western Australian government's COVID 19 roadmap. These directives of 24 June 2020 remain in place, and are available on the Archdiocese of Perth's website. In light of the Western Australian government's extension of Phase 4, the archdiocese is currently reviewing current health advice with the view to revising and reissuing the Archdiocesan guidelines as soon as is practicable. This office is aware of recurring requests regarding the possibility of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for school aged children. The revision of the existing archdiocesan guidelines will address this possibility explicitly. I thank you for your patience and understanding as the archdiocese undertakes this process and the relevant due diligence required in the engagement of expert advice. **In our Community:**

✦ Keep the social distancing. ✦ Use sanitizer when entering the church. ✦ Wash your hands often if necessary. ✦ If you are unwell, stay home. ✦ If you feel coughing, sneezing due to cold weather, it is ok to wear a mask. **Support your church and priests.** Thank you to all who have been supporting our Parish and priests financially. We still need to go long way off. We need your continuous support to get back to normal

financially. Please consider joining in our planned giving programme.



THANK YOU: Hello Everyone. On Tuesday this week I was told by my oncologist that I am in remission. It's been a hard 6 months, but all your wonderful prayers and well wishes have helped me along the way. Thank you all for your Prayers. I have been blessed. **Franca Kalat.**



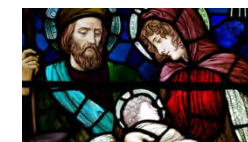
LEGION OF MARY MEMBERS PRAY ROSARY WITH OLMC SCHOOL:

Legion of Mary Members, Moya and Marion prayed the Rosary on Tuesday 1 September 2020 with the whole school to celebrate Mary's birthday.



PRAYER FOR COVID-19 PANDEMIC:

Gracious God, trusting in your providence and presence, we bring our prayer for an end to this pandemic. We pray for your strengthening of those offering costly leadership during this crisis. We pray for all who are ill. We pray for those anxious about getting ill. We pray for those full of grief. We remember those who have died. We pray for your grace to sustain us as we do what we can in our context. We ask these things, as you encourage us so to do. "Ask and it will be given you." (Matthew 7:7) In resurrection faith, we offer our heartfelt prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

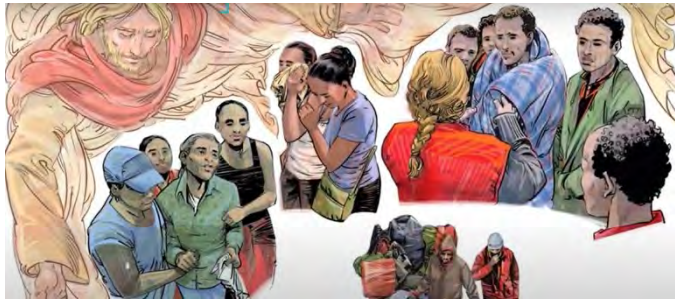


THE DOMESTIC CHURCH - HOME IS A HOLY PLACE: Thursday 24 September between 7.30pm to 8.30pm - online.

Where is God in your home? God is present within all the messiness of family life. How can we appreciate that the ordinary life and activity of our homes are vehicles of God's love and grace? This one-off online evening event will address the challenge of making God's presence more widely known, served and celebrated within the home. CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for knowledge Cost: Free of charge. Presenter: Dr Carmel Suart – Director Office of Christian Initiation. **Further info** or to



register, visit <http://cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/>,
email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9241 5221.



106th WORLD DAY of MIGRANTS and REFUGEES (WDMR): Will be celebrated in Australia on **Sunday 27 September 2020**. Pope Francis has selected **"Forced like Jesus Christ to flee"** as the theme for The Holy Father's reflections originate in the experience of Jesus Christ and his parents as displaced persons and refugees.

The Shopfront  **THE SHOPFRONT. Is an Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth - Permanent Part Time Vacancy (16 hours / 4 days a week):** A vacancy exists for an Administration Assistant for the Shopfront, a LifeLink funded, drop-in centre offering onsite and external referral services to its visitors in the Bentley area. The position requires good administration skills, experience with Microsoft Office applications, the ability to maintain databases, statistics and upload information onto the website together with strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work under pressure. To receive the Job Description and submit your application by **Monday 5 October 2020**, please contact Damian Walsh: damian.walsh@perthcatholic.org.au.

The Mass Transcends Time And Space
Don't Miss It For The World!




By The Power Of God And For All Generations, Christ's Singular, Perfect, And Eternal Sacrifice Is Made Present At Every Mass.

Our Lord promised St. Gertrude 1,000 souls would be released from purgatory each time this prayer is said devoutly:

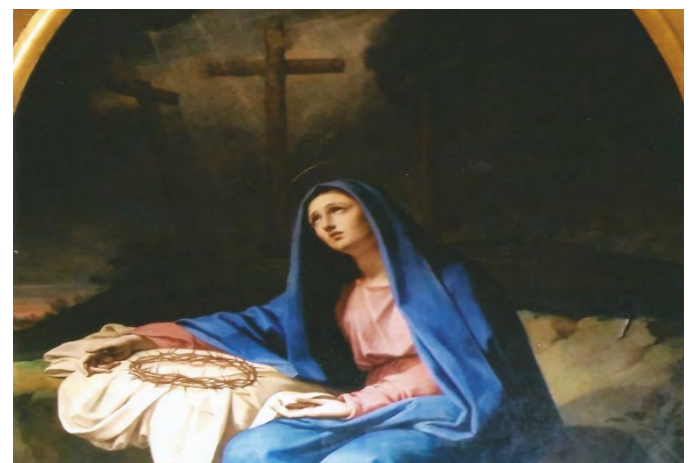
*"Eternal Father,
I offer You the most precious blood
of thy Divine Son, Jesus,
in union with the Masses said
throughout the world today,
for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory,
for sinners everywhere,
for sinners in the universal Church,
for those in my own home,
and in my family. Amen."*

How COOL is it that
the same God who
created mountains
and oceans and
galaxies looked at
you and thought
the world needed
one of you, too.



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that
You are present in the
Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive
You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually
into my heart.
I embrace You as if
You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me
to be separated from You.
Amen.










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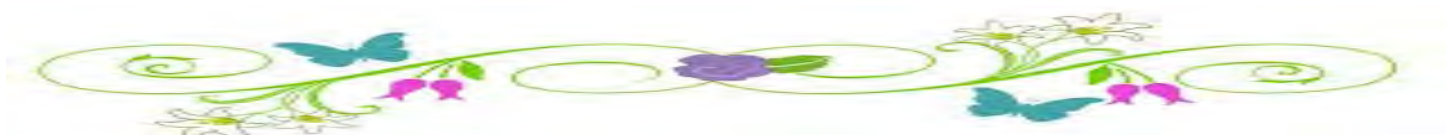
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<p>OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA: God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep each of us from harm And bring us to the joy of heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Lord. <i>Amen.</i></p> 	<p>SOULS in PURGATORY PRAYER: Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home, and in my family. <i>Amen.</i></p> 	<p>OUR LADY of ALL NATIONS PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. <i>Amen.</i></p> 
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<p>PRAYER FOR PRIESTS By St Faustina: O my Jesus, I beg you on behalf of the whole Church: Grant it love and the light of your Spirit, and give power to the words of priests so that hardened hearts might be brought to repentance and return to you, O Lord. Lord, give us holy priests; you yourself maintain them in holiness. O Divine and Great High Priest, may the power of your mercy accompany them everywhere and protect them from the devil's traps and snares which are continually being set for the souls of priests. May the power of your mercy, O Lord, shatter and bring to naught all that might tarnish the sanctity of priests, for you can do all things.</p> 	<p>Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish Hilton EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION One Hour with Jesus Wednesday Evenings 7 – 8pm Friday Mornings 9.30 – 10.30am</p> 
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WEEK 3 SEPT 19-20 25 TH ORDINARY	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Loretta Masnada	Carmel Collova	Gerald Farrell
Sun 7.30am	Volunteer	Maureen Cooper	Frank Cooper
Sun 9am 1 ST HOLY COMMUNION	OLMC School	OLMC School	Joe De Ornelas
WEEK 4 SEPT 26-27 26 TH ORDINARY	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Katie Hughes	Enrico D'Alessandro
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Monica Cook	Elizabeth Sabella	Gerald Farrell



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.

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Reflections on the Gospel

REFLECTING THE GENEROSITY OF GOD

Today's Gospel is introduced as a parable 'about the kingdom of heaven'. That is, it illustrates the way in which God's rule is reclaiming the world for values that allow people to live lives that are human in the fullest sense of the word.

In the Palestine of Jesus' time, employment was for many a day to day business. Whether labourers got work—and the wage they needed to support themselves and their families—depended on whether they were hired for that day in the marketplace.

The story presupposes a long working day with successive hirings during the day. The 'just wage' agreed upon at the start of the day would have been a denarius, the standard wage for a day's labour. This is in fact what everyone receives, but when those who have laboured since early morning see even the latecomers paid this wage, they expect that in *their* case 'a just wage' will mean considerably more. Hence their grievance.

Jesus' message is that we cannot simply take the conventional idea of justice and apply it without qualification to God. God *is* just, but, beyond justice, reserves the right to be overwhelmingly generous as well. If the landowner, out of wider social concern, chooses to be generous and to pay everyone, deserving or not, what social justice today would call a 'living wage', this truly reflects the will and action of God. Aligning ourselves with this view of God has much to do with allowing the values of the kingdom to transform our lives and our world.

Brendan Byrne, SJ