



THE SAVING WORD

MATTHEW

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

1 OCTOBER 2023

FIRST READING

Ezek 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 6

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. **R.**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / Do not remember the sins of my youth. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

3. The Lord is good and upright / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path / he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one



thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings



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26th Sunday Ordinary - 1 October 2023 - Year A

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MASS INTENTIONS



26th Sunday Ordinary, 1 October - Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

Saturday 6pm Mass for Gerard Cooper (RIP) + Connie Minervini (RIP 15th Anniversary)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Manuel Telo (RIP) + Adelaide Andrade Gomes (RIP) & Joao Gomes Rodrigues (RIP) + Lidia Rebelo & Guida Da Silva (Birthday Intentions)

Sunday 9am Mass for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Cono & Tonino Randazzo (RIP) + Holy Father Honour + Jennifer Derrell (RIP 1st Anniversary) + Jaimon & Jini (Intentions 19th Wedding Anniversary)
2.30-3.30 Holy Hour



Monday 2 October – The Holy Guardian Angels

NO 7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group



Tuesday 3 October

9am Mass for Mato Rogacevic (RIP Recently)

Wednesday 4 October – St Francis of Assisi

9am Mass for Mato Rogacevic (RIP Recently)
5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 5 October – St Faustina Kowalska

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

Friday 6 October – St Bruno

9am Anointing Mass for Olga Correia & Children (Intentions)

9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration

10am Holy Communion at Hilton Park Aged Care



Saturday 7 October – Our Lady of the Rosary

9am Mass for Mato Rogacevic (RIP Recently)



27th Sunday Ordinary, 8 October

Saturday 6pm Mass for Souls in Purgatory + Antonio D’Alessandro (RIP 19th Anniversary) & Renato D’Alessandro (RIP 9th Anniversary)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for John Randall (RIP) + Holy Trinity Honour



HOLY TRISAGION (Thrice Holy) TO THE MOST HOLY

TRINITY: By the sign of the Holy Cross, deliver us, O Lord our God from our enemies ...



WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, we extend a warm welcome to our Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and ask that you introduce yourself to Fr Paul.



PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Zdenka Mravljincic, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Maria Villamagna, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster, Maria De Sousa, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry, Fr Joseph Angelo, Fr Augustine, Fr Anibal Da Cunha ...



2024 SACRAMENT DATES

TBC



RECONCILIATION

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



MASS INTENTIONS

Suggested Offering **\$15 per Mass**. Please give Mass Intention Envelopes to Fr Paul or Parish Office.



NEXT WEEK’S READINGS

27th Sunday Ordinary, 8 October

1st: Is 5:1-7

2nd: Phil 4:6-9

Gospel: Mt 21:33-43



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.



COMMUNION ANTIPHON: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

UNITY PRAYER: My Adorable Jesus, May our feet journey together. May our hands gather in unity. May our hearts beat in unison. May our souls be in harmony. May our thoughts be as one. May our ears listen to the silence together. May our glances profoundly penetrate each other. May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen.





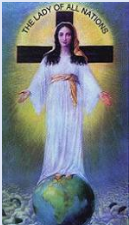


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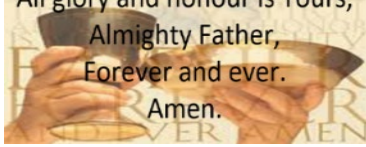


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 <p>OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA: God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep each of us from harm And bring us to the joy of heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Lord. Amen.</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. Amen.</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. Amen.</p>
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WEEK 1 30 Sept-1 Oct 26 Ordinary	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Martha Kalat	Volunteer	Joe De Ornelas
Sun 7.30am	Michael Muller	Volunteer	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Bridget Chamberlain	Franca Kalat	Ken Hla
WEEK 2 7-8 Oct 27 Ordinary	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Karissa Marie	Simon Overton
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Nicolas Lim	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Vicky Rafala	Volunteer	Frank Cooper



<p>Through Him, with Him, in Him In the unity of the Holy Spirit, All glory and honour is Yours, Almighty Father, Forever and ever. Amen.</p> 	<p>PRAYER TO OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS: Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our Citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p> 	<p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION Wednesday Evenings 5.30 – 6.30pm Friday Mornings 9.30 – 10.30am Come Visit Jesus For One Hour Jesus is Waiting for You</p> 
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in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! / My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; / I know them, and they follow me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

Breaking Open the Word

INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

While we are familiar with the notion of personal responsibility, it may come as a surprise to learn that it took some time to fully develop in the Old Testament. While the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel were not the first to invent the concept, they are major contributors to its development. In Ezekiel 18, the prophet is trying to convince the people of Israel that while it might seem harsh that each person is held responsible for their sins, there is also the possibility to change one's life. God will respect this change of heart and reward it.

As Jesus teaches in the Temple, he challenges the Jewish authorities to understand that what Ezekiel had spoken of continued to be true. Tax collectors and prostitutes took the opportunity that John the Baptist's preaching provided – to take responsibility for their lives and change. The parable of the two sons is a pointed commentary not only on the openness of sinners to John the Baptist but also on the opposition of the Jewish authorities. In the next few weeks, the lines of demarcation between Jesus and the authorities will continue to intensify.

The Christians of Philippi are encouraged by Paul to take responsibility for the building up of their community, a community which is to be marked by unity, and a profound valuing of the other person. He reminds them of a hymn they know well, a breathtaking hymn that talks of the sublime example of Jesus' humility and love which is the model for all Christian life.

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