



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

24 SEPTEMBER 2023

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



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Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9am – 3pm
Thursday: 9am – 12.30pm

PARISH MINISTRY TEAM

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MASS INTENTIONS



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Saturday 6pm Mass for Isabel & Leonel Dias (Health Intentions) + Alberto Monding (RIP Anniversary) & Cipriana Monding (RIP & Birthday)

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Ana Divic (RIP Recently) + Octaviano Goncalves (RIP Recently)

Sunday 9am Mass for Idalia (Birthday Intentions) + Horace Thompson (RIP & 88th Birthday) + Mary Theresa Edwards (RIP 16th Anniversary) + Guido Madregle + Miho Nikolec (RIP) + Sarina Sciano (RIP 2nd Anniversary)



Monday 25 September

NO 7-9pm Holy Trinity Prayer Group



Tuesday 26 September – Sts Cosmas & Damian

9am Mass for Souls in Purgatory

Wednesday 27 September – St Vincent De Paul

9am Mass for Gorete de Sousa (Birthday Intentions)
5.30 – 6.30pm Eucharistic Adoration



Thursday 28 September – St Wenceslaus + St Lawrence

Ruis & Companions

9am-4pm Church Open for Prayers

Friday 29 September

9am Mass for Elsa De Sousa (Birthday Intentions) + Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael Archangels Honour

9.30 – 10.30am Eucharistic Adoration

10.30am Mass at Hilton Park Aged Care



Saturday 30 September – St Jerome

NO 9am Mass

26th Sunday Ordinary, 1 October

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

Sunday 7.30am Mass for Andrew De Sousa (RIP)

Sunday 9am Mass for Stephen Randall (RIP) + Cono & Tonino Randazzo (RIP) + Holy Father Honour + Jennifer Derrell (RIP 1st Anniversary)

2.30-3.30 Holy Hour



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 ...



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

26th Sunday Ordinary, 1 October

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.

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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STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship and Capital Campaigns.

4. Trainingt – In the assignment of calls to be made, try to make the task for workers as easy as possible by allowing them to make their contacts within their own geographical areas (Same streets, same neighbourhoods.).



2023 HOLY FATHER 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”.



OLMC HILTON FUNDRAISING:

We are Fundraising for Repairs to the Presbytery and Airconditioning. Parishioners are encouraged to support us by bringing prizes and buying tickets for \$5 each. **Fr Paul.**



VISA CARD FOUND: If you have lost or misplaced your Visa Card, please ring or come to the Parish Office during office hours to claim your Visa Card.



REFUGEE FAMILY

SPONSORSHIP: To celebrate **Migrant & Refugee Sunday, The West**



WACMRO

Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO) would like expressions of interest from parishioners for the Refugee Family Sponsorship... Refugee Family Sponsorship requires 5-8 volunteers to form a group to financially sponsor a family from a refugee camp to live in Perth... Refugee Family Sponsorship is overseen by Federal Government and is fully safeguarded... This is also a wonderful opportunity for a parish and school community to practise welcoming a displaced family in need... To register your interest or for inquiries, please contact: wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au.

REVIVE SRM RETREATS with Br Stanley Joseph:

Spiritual Renewal Ministries, supported by Catholic Charismatic Renewal, is conducting two Healing / Deliverance and Teaching events in Perth, with international guest, Stanley Joseph. The first on **Friday 29 September**, from **7:30pm - 10pm**, at **Orana Catholic School Hall**, 37 Querrin Avenue, Willetton. The second on **Saturday 30 September**, from **9:30am - 4pm**, at **Queen of Apostles parish hall**, 55 Tudor Avenue, Riverton. Both events are free entry; Saturday includes a free light lunch. For further information contact Varghese 0425 807 434.



LIVING ROSARY AVAILABLE ON WEDNESDAYS DURING OCTOBER:

In honour of Mary, our Mother, Catholic Mission in partnership with the Spirituality Hub in Kirup, offers the opportunity to be part of a Living Rosary group in the tradition of Blessed Pauline Jaricot, founder of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, one of the works of Catholic Mission. Pauline was a person of great faith, bold courage and generous creativity. Pauline began a worldwide movement to free people from harsh circumstances and, through the Living Rosary, led them to a spirituality that gave them hope. Parishioners are invited to join us online each Wednesday during October at 12.30pm. For more information about this Living Rosary group and how to participate online via Zoom, please contact Spirituality Hub coordinator Deborah Robertson on 0419 939 864 or deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com.



POPE FRANCIS & SYNODALITY:

Since the beginning of his Pontificate, Pope Francis has been highlighting the importance of cultivating synodality in our Church. In his own words, synodality is the path “which God expects of the Church of the third millennium” because it is “a constitutive element of the Church.” That is why Pope Francis has called for a Synod on Synodality, happening from 2021 to 2024... Pope Francis’ call for us to focus on synodality is a call to restore and deepen our roots as the People of God journeying together in a common mission as followers of the Way, Jesus Christ. Inspired and motivated by this journey that our Church is undertaking at this time, Laudato Si’ Movement (LSM) has also gone through a synodal process during





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2022 to evaluate and deepen its own synodality in communion with the Catholic Church. Since our start, synodality has been a central part of who we are, as reflected in our identity statement... Laudato Si' Movement's (LSM) 2022 synodal process Throughout 2022, Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) has been reflecting on how we can deepen our synodal journey as a movement and in communion with the wider Church engaged in the Synod on Synodality. As part of this year-long reflection, we developed a public consultation process and reflection that resulted in a submitted paper to the Synod on Synodality. A wider process has been set in motion as a result of this synodality journey along with the initiatives from the Board of Directors and the Secretariat to improve LSM by further embedding synodality in our leadership bodies... **How you can take part:** This process that took place in 2022 was made up of listening sessions, organized by Laudato Si' Circles and Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) Chapters in all the regions where this movement is active, as well as five online sessions organized by the Global Secretariat in English, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese. This process allowed for the experience of synodality to be lived by all movement members who had the opportunity to participate in encounters for reflection on their experiences and expectations regarding the mission of LSM in communion with the Church... In the same way, our members will be able to express themselves through the online survey open to our entire network that will assess how they view synodality in relation to LSM's strategic goals: ecological conversion, prophetic advocacy, and sustainable lifestyles. Stay tuned to know when the online survey will be available so you can let us know your thoughts on synodality and be a part of official communications from Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) to the Synod on Synodality... The results from our 2022 synodal process will also be reviewed in the light of the post-synodal exhortation by Pope Francis, expected to be released after the Synod on Synodality. In this way, LSM seeks to continue on its journey of deepening its synodality, improving the capacity of listening and journeying together to care for our common home, always at the service of and in communion with the Catholic Church... Synodality throughout Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) Synodality has been present within Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) from the beginning, and it grows at the same pace that our movement seeks to deepen its capacity for listening and journeying

together. Learn more how synodality has shaped the story of Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) ... We warmly ask you to take part in this incredible synodal process. Read more about synodality related to our movement and take time to reflect on how you can live more synodally as well: • LSM Synodal Contribution here (in English and Spanish only). • Living synodality as the Laudato Si' Movement (LSM). • Walking together – Embedding synodality in LSM's leadership bodies. • Listen to the Voice of Creation! Reflections on the LSM Synod contribution... The importance of listening to all its branches of Laudato Si' Movement (LSM) is recognized as a fundamental need for this movement to continue its work and mission. This has concrete effects on how LSM structures itself internally, being composed by the Board of Directors, the Advisory Council, staff and the Global Membership Council, as well as externally through Laudato Si' Animators, Laudato Si' Circles and Chapters, and Member Organizations.

FEAST of ST JEROME: St Jerome, the Priest, Monk and Doctor of the Church renowned for his extraordinary depth of learning and translations of the Bible into Latin in the Vulgate, is celebrated by the Church with his memorial 30 September. Besides his contributions as a Church Father and patronage of subsequent Catholic scholarship, Jerome is also regarded as a patron of people with difficult personalities—owing to the sometimes extreme approach which he took in articulating his scholarly opinions and the teaching of the Church. He is also notable for his devotion to the ascetic life, and for his insistence on the importance of Hebrew scholarship for Christians.



FIRST COLLECTION DIRECT DEBIT INFORMATION

Supports the Archdiocesan Priests

Ac Name: Hilton Park Presbytery Account
BSB: 086 006
Ac Number: 181363950
Reference: Parishioner Name

SECOND COLLECTION DIRECT DEBIT INFORMATION

Supports the Parish

Ac Name: The RC AB of Perth Hilton Church (Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish)
BSB: 086 006
Ac Number: 695605996
Reference: Parishioner Name



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<p style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">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 4 23-24 Sept 25 Ordinary	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Katie Hughes	Enrico D'Alessandro
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Franca Kalat	Elizabeth Sabella	Gerald Farrell
WEEK 1 30 Sept-1 Oct 26 Ordinary	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
Sat 6pm	Martha Kalat	Volunteer	Joe De Ornelas
Sun 7.30am	Michael Muller	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Bridget Chamberlain	Franca Kalat	Ken Hla



<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 style="text-align: center;">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 style="text-align: center;">EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday Evenings 5.30 – 6.30pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friday Mornings 9.30 – 10.30am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Come Visit Jesus For One Hour Jesus is Waiting for You</p>
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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.

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Breaking Open the Word

GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT OURS

One of the misconceptions that Christians often have about the Old Testament is that God is portrayed as harsh and unforgiving. We are all too used to contrasting the Old Testament view of God and the loving Father of Jesus that emerges in his teaching and ministry. It is important to remember that it was the Hebrew Scriptures that shaped Jesus' own understanding of God as a loving father.

The first reading from Isaiah clearly challenges misconceptions we might have that the God of Israel is not merciful. Isaiah encourages the wicked to change their ways precisely because God's ways are not ours. While we might tend to punish, God's mercy reveals a sovereignty that is often beyond our grasp and understanding. Jesus' parable of the owner of the vineyard who deals with all the workers in an even-handed and generous manner is, or can be, just as challenging for us to comprehend. Sinners who repent, and those who have always been devout, will all receive the same reward. Indeed, God's ways are far from those of our world.

Paul finds himself in a quandary. He knows that God is a loving God, and his ultimate desire is to be with God. On the other hand, he knows how his fledgling community in Philippi needs his presence and support. Caught between the good of caring for the Philippian community and that of wanting to finish his journey to be with the Lord, he wrestles and struggles with what is best. In the end, the problem is resolved because he knows his reward lies before him. In the meantime, there is still much work to be done.

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