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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

**19TH & 20TH SEPTEMBER,
2020**

WEARING OF MASKS FOR MASS

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

WEEKEND MASSES

You are now invited to attend Mass every week at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

THERE IS A CAP OF 100 PEOPLE AT ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP.

Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell you are advised not to attend Mass.

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM

You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation.

Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.

DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS

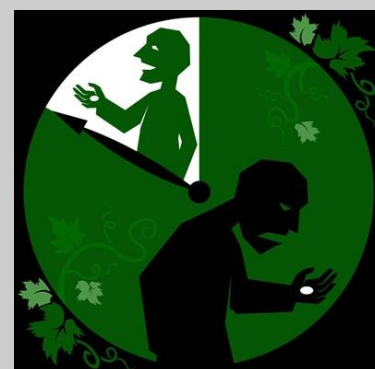
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The Living Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th September, 2020

First Reading

Is 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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R. v.18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

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.)**

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.)**

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.

Gospel Acclamation

See 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 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.'

Scriptural context – Kingdom parables

A feature of the kingdom parables that Jesus used is a challenging 'shift' to the unexpected. Jesus only ever uses parables to describe what the kingdom is like, and never says exactly what it is or isn't. In each parable he compares the kingdom of God to something that would be familiar to a 1st century audience but then he twists the familiar and makes the challenging shift by making the familiar, unfamiliar. (This 'shift' is sometimes called a 'discombobulating shift'.) Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God disrupts our normal way of thinking, it turns our expectations upside down and it completely challenges our 'normal' relationships.

Have you thought? Equality or Equity?

How would you feel if you had done a full day's work and were paid the same as someone who had only worked for one hour? Is the landowner in the parable being unjust? He pays the workers exactly what he promised them – but he promised everyone the same amount, regardless of when they started work. The workers who started at 6.00 am complain. How do you think the workers who started later in the day felt? The landowner claims the right to be generous – is generosity unfair? There is a difference between treating people equally and equitably. What has the landowner done here?

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REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

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.



REFLECTION *by Dianne Bergant CSA*

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many.

We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September



Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * How did the labourers hired first feel when they collected their pay? Were they justified?
- * How do you think the labourers hired later in the day felt?
- * What is the 'shift' in this parable that takes it from a narrative story to a parable about the kingdom?
- * What message about the kingdom do you think Jesus was trying to convey in the parable?
- * What is a situation today where we could apply this parable?

Questions for Adults

- * What is the 'shift' in this parable that takes it from a narrative story to a parable about the kingdom?
- * What is the point that Jesus was trying to make about the kingdom?
- * Why do you think Jesus always portrayed the kingdom as challenging the norm?
- * What parallels can you draw between this parable and casual / itinerant workers today?
- * What situation would Jesus use to illustrate the kingdom today?

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * What type of farm is mentioned in today's Gospel?
- * How did the farmer find workers for his vineyard?
- * When did the farmer pay the workers?
- * Why were some of the workers jealous?
- * Can you think of a time when you were cross because someone got more than you?
- * Can you think of a time when you received more than others?
- * How does it make you feel when someone is generous?
- * God is generous to us, we also need to be generous.

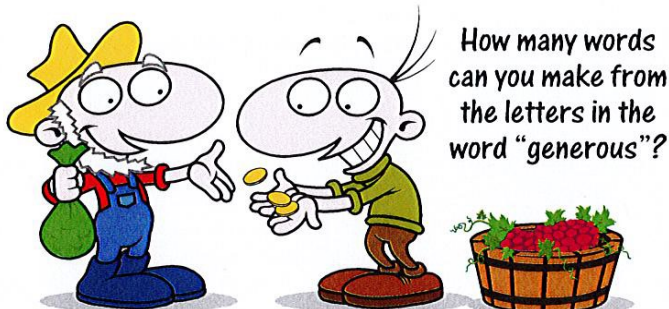


God is generous



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus teaches that in the kingdom of God, those who are treated as least in this world will be come first. What kind of people are the 'last' in our world today?



How many words can you make from the letters in the word "generous"?

GENEROUS

Jesus also says that in the kingdom of God, those who put themselves first in this world will be the last. Circle the words that describe someone who always puts themselves first.



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GENEROUS

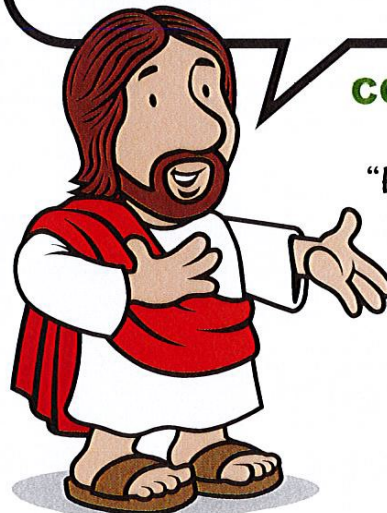
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FINISH



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"Everyone who is now first will be last!"

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- ◇ contributing to the Planned Giving Programme via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ◇ or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme.

Your gift to Planned Giving does help cover the running of your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey, Margaret & James Vella, Anthony Azzopardi (08/08/15),

Recently Deceased:

Renato Rosales Snr, Paul Xiberras

And for those who are sick:

Joan Schneider

If any parishioner would like Fr Chris to offer Mass for someone who is recently deceased, a loved one's anniversary or if someone is sick, please email the Parish Office. We can also include the person in The Net so everyone can pray for them.

Parish Office Hours



Parish Office operating hours have not yet returned to normal. If you need to visit the office please call first to ensure that someone is there. Please leave a message if we don't answer and we'll get back to you. You are also welcome to email. In the case of an emergency please contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

Parish Gardening

Just a reminder to the people who have agreed to look after a section of the gardens around the church and parish grounds... can you please inspect your area for weeds, etc. If access is needed to work on the garden area please contact the parish office to arrange for the gate to be opened to gain access to the area.

If you require access outside of parish office hours you are welcome to contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.

The Parish Pastoral Council invites parishioners to submit suggestions in any of the following ways:

- In person with a Parish Pastoral Council Member
- Email to corpuschristippc@gmail.com, a direct email address to the Secretary of the Parish Pastoral Council
- Letter mailed or hand delivered addressed to: The Secretary, Parish Pastoral Council, Corpus Christi Parish, PO Box 21, Cranebrook NSW 2749
- Suggestion Box, located in the foyer of the Church.

Please remember to include your name and contact number in case we need to contact you for any clarification or update.



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PARISH	LOCATION	LINK TO LIVESTREAM
PADRE PIO PARISH	Glenmore Park Parish	Streaming through Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH	Kingswood Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6lSdw/featured
ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	Marayong Parish	Streaming through Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/
ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA	Penrith Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/
THE GOOD SHEPHERD	Plumpton Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/ https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/videos/163690304720839/
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/

Act of 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, please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen



Parramatta Diocesan News

Blessing of the Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral

The 167-year dream of a peal of bells in St Patrick's Cathedral has been realised. On 8 September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv blessed the bells in a pontifical ritual from the 16th Century. You are invited to re-watch the momentous occasion via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal

Catholic Outlook Magazine September Edition

Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early September. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity?

During *Include A Charity Week* (7 – 13 September), we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in our Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will, visit www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

Diocese of Parramatta celebrates the Season of Creation

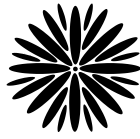
The Diocese of Parramatta is celebrating the Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October) by creating a video to be released on 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We invite all parishioners to be involved. Send your photograph, video, art or poetry of your favourite nature spot in the Diocese to comms@parracatholic.org by 25 September. Details can be found at <https://www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice/>

Catholic Youth Parramatta

Engaging Young People in New Ways

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

Clergy Support Foundation Father's Day Appeal Update



Due to the pandemic and its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Diocese's Clergy Support Foundation will not be holding its annual Bishop's Collection for Retired Priests, also known as the Father's Day Appeal, this September. However, donations will always be accepted via their BPOINT portal at www.parracatholic.org/csf. If you wish to donate by other methods, please contact csf@parracatholic.org for more information.

Pastoral Planning Celebrating and Sharing Our Gifts: 9th – 23rd September

The Pastoral Planning Office are offering an opportunity for prayerful discernment about the spiritual gifts God has given us to bring to life God's mission. Join us for 3 Wednesday evenings of prayer, input and discussions beginning on 9 September from 7.30pm to 9pm. You can register at www.tinyurl.com/celebrate-and-discern.

Pastoral Planning Plenary Council Engagement Sessions: 12 – 24 September

You are invited to join with others online to be informed about the next steps for the Plenary Council 2020. You will experience how to use a simple guide to animate your local community to engage with the Thematic Writing Papers, and to develop Good News Stories in the spirit of Plenary. Please register for one of the following sessions:

Monday 21 September at 7pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary21september>

Thursday 24 September at 7pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary24september>

Office For Worship RCIA Workshops

The Office For Worship will be running RCIA workshops for RCIA coordinators & teams and anyone who might be interested in understanding the RCIA process. The workshops will run with limited numbers due to social distancing measures on four Monday evenings between 14th September and 19th October at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP by 7 September, or if you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

Social Justice COVID-19

Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au


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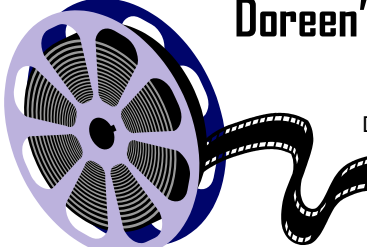
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

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