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Weekend Masses Saturday 6.00pm, Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am **Weekday Masses:** Tuesday – Friday 9.00am

Reconciliation: Saturday 5.00pm - 5.30pm

Adoration: Thursdays 9.30am-10.30am



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

SUNDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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 for ever.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

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 are 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

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

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

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

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

GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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 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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

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NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Ezekiel 18:25-28
Ps 25:4-5, 8-10, 14
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

PLEASE TAKE BULLETIN HOME TO READ

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THE PARISH WEEK AHEAD

Monday 21st September

9.00am No Mass

Tuesday 22nd September

9.00am Mass

Wednesday 23rd September

9.00am Mass

Thursday 24th September

9.00am Mass

9.30am-10.30am Adoration

Friday 25th September

9.00am Mass

Saturday 26th September

4.45-5.45 Confirmation Lessons (m1)

5.00-5.30pm Reconciliation

6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 27th September

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.30am Mass (Morning Tea)

10.00am Mass (Morning Tea)

11.00am Parish Pastoral Council-AGM

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL-AGM & NOMINATIONS

The annual Parish AGM will be held on Sunday, 27 September at 11.00am in the hall.

We invite parishioners to consider nominating for the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC). The PPC is an opportunity to use your gifts, experience, ideas and wisdom to help shape the future of our parish; listening, discerning and working together with our Parish Priest to strengthen our community and its mission. Nominations forms are in the foyer. Once completed, place the form in the General Drop Box next to the forms.

SCHOOL REFERENCES

If you are requiring a school reference signed, please see Father Dat after the Mass.

(RCIA) FAITH JOURNEY

Thinking of Becoming Catholic? Our Catholic community welcomes people of all ages and backgrounds to come and listen to the story of Jesus. For more information, contact Geraldine Taylor on 0408 093 434



SEASON OF CREATION

Today I will note gratefully and use sparingly the waters that beautifully cleanse and heal all life. Perhaps this week you might like to take a reflective walk in your garden or a nearby park. You may be interested in an Ignatian Reflective walk in lake Gwelup on 3rd October. Details can be found on the parish notice board.

LIVING WATER Immersion in Living Water

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

Keith and Colleen Morgan continue to offer their Laying on of Hands at the end of the Vigil Mass on the 4th Saturday of each month. This month, it will be held on Saturday, 26 September. Parishioners who would like to receive this ministry before 26 September are welcome to contact Keith on 0408 134 935.

HEALED, RESTORED & SET FREE An Evening of Hope, Healing & Renewal

Parishioners and friends are warmly invited to an evening of prayer, healing and renewal **on Wednesday 30 September, 7-9 pm at Holy Family Parish Hall.**

The evening will be led by Mr Stanley Joseph, Co-founder and International Mission Head of Spiritual Revival Ministry (SRM), Bangalore, together with Mrs Rincy Stanley, SRM International Intercession Minister. Come and experience the hope, freedom and new life found in Jesus. Enquiries: Keith Morgan -0408 134 935. Please scan the QR Code to register.



COUNTING MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

Our counting ministry is seeking volunteers who can spare an hour every fortnight to join a team. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings after mass to count the weekend cash collections. Full training provided. If you are interested in serving in this important parish ministry, please contact Alan at finance.como@perthcatholic.org.au

MASS INTENTIONS:

For all those who are mentioned in the "Names of the Book of the Dead"

THE POWER OF PRAYER LIST PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Norah Langshaw, Waminda Residents, Dragutin Markovic, Daisy Givens, Nadia O'Brien, Mary Hippolite, Reg & Joyce Groutsch, Ed Devereux, Heather Jordan, Ng Choon Bee, Ng Chai Hong, Caroline, Wayne, Ethan, Liam & Scarlett, Sonali, Sachini, Fe Fontanini, Michael, Nadia, Annie, Reg & May, Margaret & Arthur, Edith Johnson, Rhys, Brit, David, Anne Armstrong, Elaine Newman, Helen Peters, Canada family, Sarah, Molly, Fred, Patrick, Louise, Chris, Aria, David Rowe, Familia Becerra, Famia Cerinca, Annemarie, Jessie Amphlett, Barbara Kenny, Margaret Abbott, Serafini Family, Cain Family, Regina & Linda, Beverley Loraine, Fr Carroll, Maria O'Connor, Chris Lowry, Aldrin Ong, Adrian Ong, Troisi family, Jean, Antonette & George, Declan & Family, John Joyce, Richard Newman, Kelley H, Mark, Eduardo & Mario Gomez, Anderson family, Vincent Scanlan, Sanderson family, Anna Alfonso, Samantha Wylie, Troy Skopelitis, Eliora Wijaya, Sophie and James, Toczylowski family, Lynne Klomp, Rena Widita, Stonowski family, Tan Ay Lian, Nancy Yeow, Pam O'Connell, Beatrice & Nora Johnson, Jono, Darren, Michael R, Mitch Leonardo, Maria Ho, Shauna Jem, April Latoja, David Ford, Erica DeSouza, Darryn, Sean Crosby, Yik Hu Wei (John), Birgita Lontoh, Jason Hiew, James, Christopher, Katherine, Erica Fonseca, Valerie, Bony Limas, Sarah, James, Heather, Mary N, Theresa, Samantha Grace, Philomee Noronha, Abin Davis, Tom Core, Irene Winch, Winnie So

HOLY FAMILY CARE

To be involved or seeking more information about this outreach ministry or know anyone who may need some care, please contact Rose on 0451 191 944 or the office staff.

SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT STATEMENT

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth is committed to providing a safe and secure environment for all its members, leaders, and especially its children and adults at risk. The care, safety and welfare of children and adults is a collective responsibility, embedded in robust policies and practices of the Archdiocese which reflect its zero tolerance to abuse.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel presents us a surprising parable: the master of a vineyard goes out from the first dawn until evening to call in some workers, but in the end, he pays everyone equally, even those who have only worked one hour (cf. Mt 20:1-16). It would seem an injustice, but the parable is not to be read through wage criteria; rather, it intends to show us the criteria of God, who does not calculate our merits, but loves us as children.

Let us look more closely at two divine actions that emerge from the story. First, God goes out at all hours to call us; second, He repays everyone with the same "coin".

First, God is He who goes out at all hours to call us. The parable says that the master "went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard" (v. 1), but then continues to go out at various times of the day until sunset, to look for those whom no one had yet taken to work. We thus understand that in the parable the workers are not only men, but above all God, who goes out all day without tiring. This is how God is: He does not wait for our efforts to come to us, He does not make an examination to assess our merits before seeking us out, He does not give up if we are late in responding to Him; on the contrary, He Himself has taken the initiative and in Jesus has "come out" to us, to show us His love. And He seeks us at all hours of the day, which, as Saint Gregory the Great states, represent the different stages and seasons of our life up to old age (cf. Homilies on the Gospel, 19). For His heart, it is never too late; He is always looking for us and waiting for us. Let us not forget this: the Lord always seeks us and awaits us, always!

Precisely because He is so big-hearted, God – this is the second action – repays everyone with the same "coin", which is his love. Here is the ultimate meaning of the parable: the labourers of the final hour are paid like the first because, in reality, God's is a superior justice. It goes further. Human justice says to "give to each his own according to what he deserves", while God's justice does not measure love on the scales of our returns, our performance or our failures: God just loves us, He loves us because we are his children, and He does so with an unconditional love, a freely-given love.

Brothers and sisters, sometimes we risk having a "mercantile" relationship with God, focusing more on our prowess than on the generosity of his grace. Sometimes even as the Church, instead of going out at all hours of the day and extending our arms to all, we can feel like the first in our class, judging others far away, without thinking that God loves them too with the same love He has for us. And even in our relationships, which are the fabric of society, the justice we practise sometimes fails to break out of the cage of calculation, and we limit ourselves to giving according to what we receive, without daring to go the extra mile, without counting on the effectiveness of good done freely and love offered with a broad heart. Brothers, sisters, let us ask ourselves: do I, a Christian, know how to go out towards others? Am I generous towards everyone, do I know how to give that extra understanding and forgiveness, as Jesus has done and does every day with me?

May Our Lady help us to convert to God's measure: that of a love without measure.

Pope Francis, 24.09.23
Angelus, St Peter's Square

PARISH FINANCE

WESTPAC ACCOUNT CLOSURE

The parish banking has been transferred to NAB. Please update your details below.

PARISH BANKING DETAILS

1st Collection Account

Bank: NAB

BSB: 086-006 Account Number: 331 331 103

2nd Collection Account

Bank: NAB

BSB: 086-006 Account Number: 839 893 940

For further information refer to the noticeboard in the church foyer.

ARCHDIOCESAN NEWS

CYM PERFORMING ART'S MINISTRY

Got a talent for music, singing, drama or just happy to get involved? Put your faith into action and use your gifts and talents for a greater cause. Whether you sing, play an instrument, run sound or do media, this space is for you. Open to young adults 18+ years.

Every Monday, 7.00pm to 9.00pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40a Mary Street, Highgate (entry via Harold St).

6-DAY SILENT RETREAT – 2ND to 9TH OCTOBER GOD COMES DISGUISED AS...

During this six-day guided, silent retreat, you will have the opportunity to reflect on the various phases of your life, noting the blessings that have come your way as you journeyed through the hills and valleys as well as the twists and turns of life, drawing you into a deeper 'heart knowing' and relationship with God who companioned you throughout your life.

Facilitator: Maureen McDermott rsj

Venue: Kilmoree at Safety Bay, 182 Arcadia Drive, Safety Bay

Enquiries Dianne Colborne rsj

Ph: 9527 3240 **E:** safetybay@mmsm.org.au

Cost: \$1650 incl GST

Retreat begins with an evening meal at 6pm on Friday 2 October and concludes after breakfast on Friday 9 October. Applications close: 4 September 2026

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING - COMMON GROUND FAITH EDUCATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Every Wednesday, 6pm to 8.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate.

Through faith formation, prayer, mission, ministry and social activities, Common Ground provides opportunities to grow in faith, deepen your relationship with God and explore what it means to live a life of purpose and meaning. Ask questions, share your struggles, and receive encouragement and guidance. Come along! For more information contact <https://www.cym.com.au/>

CCR - PERSONAL HEALING COURSE (UNBOUND)

Catholic Charismatic Renewal will be conducting the "Freedom in Christ - Unbound" course, on 8 successive Tuesdays, 6 Oct - 24 Nov 2026, at the L J Goody Bioethics Centre, 39 Jugan St, Glendalough. Each session will be run from 6:00pm - 8:00pm. This course provides insights into how a more mature relationship with God and a greater awareness of His promises in our life, can facilitate both our own healing, and the healing of others. See notice board flyer for details or contact Dan 0409 849 049

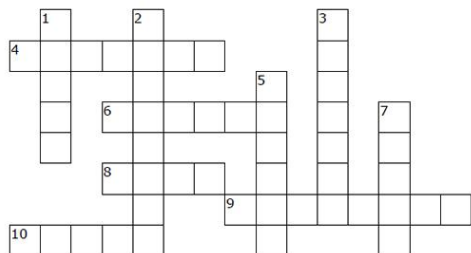
EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES - CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF PERTH

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details on how to apply online, please see the noticeboard in the foyer or visit the Archdiocese website www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm

The Workers in the Vineyard

'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.' Matthew 20:12 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 20:1-16



ACROSS

4. People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
6. The place where God lives
8. A period of time equal to sixty minutes
9. A place where grapes are grown
10. Pay received for working

DOWN

1. Coins or bills used to pay for something
2. To give or share freely with others
3. To gripe or complain
5. Not playing by the rules
7. Two things that are of the same value

HEAVEN GENEROUS	GRUMBLE HOUR	MONEY WAGES	WORKERS UNFAIR	VINEYARD EQUAL
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Not everyone comes to know Jesus early in their lives, for some it might happen only at the end of a lifetime. But Jesus is loving and generous, and today we learn that those who follow him will receive the same reward at the end of time; everlasting life.

LET US PRAY

Lord, you are always generous and kind. Fill us with the generosity of your love and make us more understanding.. Amen

		SATURDAY 6.00PM	SUNDAY 8.30AM	SUNDAY 10.00AM
COMMENTATOR / READER				
19 th / 20 th September	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	C. Amanda Johnson R. Amanda Johnson EMHC Graeme Johnson	C. Alex Wu R. Annette Newman EMHC Rose Hart	C. Fiona Wee R. Tony Pires EMHC Cecilia Bray
26 th / 27 th September	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	C. Imelda Loviyanti R. Dimitrio Sidi EMHC. Christina Sidi	C. Ralph Newton R. Lynne Newton EMHC. Marie Tiley	C. Breda Pires R. Fiona Wee EMHC. Marek Toczykowski
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19 th / 20 th September	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dimitrio Sidi	John Newman	Leo Burke
26 th / 27 th September	26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Dimitrio Sidi	Shajy Vadukoot	James Chong

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