

BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

24th September 2023



Christ our Anchor

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Why be envious because I am generous?

and nations, and also all of natural creation.

Paul weighs the religious and ministerial advantages of both living and dying. For him, living in, and with, and for Christ is uppermost in his mind. He believes that neither life nor death can separate him from Christ (see Rom 8:39). Still, there are advantages in both living and dying. Continued life will give him opportunities for strengthening this union, and death will allow him to become fully united with Christ even though it will probably be disadvantageous for others. Although today's reading does not indicate if or how his dilemma was resolved, the final verse suggests that Paul was willing to postpone the joyful union with Christ for which he yearned in favour of commitment to the service of others.

Today's gospel reading is particularly startling. It shows how the graciousness of God can be easily mistaken for injustice. On the one hand, it does not seem fair to pay all of the labourers the same wage regardless of the amount of time they worked. On the other hand, they all received exactly the amount for which they had contracted. Therefore, there was no injustice. In the owner's payment we find the shift in perspective that we have come to expect in Jesus' parables. He demonstrates the eschatological reversal: the last shall be first. The real paradox is seen in his generosity, which supersedes his justice. It is clear that justice and grace do not always fit well together. This parable shows that the reign of God is based on the latter, not the former.

The oracle of salvation read today includes calls to worship and conversion. After Isaiah exhorts his hearers to call upon the Lord, he calls them to forsake sin and to return to the Lord. 'Return' implies that the sinners were once in relationship with God. This call is an imperative. There is a pattern of sin here, not merely isolated offences. The people chose a way of life that took them away from the God with whom they were in covenant. This is nothing short of total betrayal. Though the difference between the thoughts and plans of God and those of the wicked are as vast as the expanse between the heavens and the earth, the prophet insists that God will be compassionate.

The responsorial psalm is a hymn of praise of the greatness of God. The psalmist first celebrates this greatness, which is beyond human understanding. In the second section, the covenant characteristics of divine mercy and compassion are extolled. Mercy and compassion, along with truth, are the source of God's provident care and the firm foundation upon which one can trust. In order to experience the benefits of the covenant, one must call upon God who is always there to hear. In the third section, the psalmist describes God's universal and everlasting reign, which now has been expanded to include all people

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SCHEDULES

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Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm

Or anytime by appointment

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Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass

& 11.00am Chinese Mass

Normal Weekday Masses

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	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	J Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Norma Fernandes
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Volunteer	Barbara Thompson
	Sun 7.30am	Jim Kelly	Volunteer
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Maria Fernandes
	Counters	Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan	Colleen & Pat Lowry

Parish Calendar		
Sept Mon 25	8.00am	Communion Service - Church
Tue 26	8.00am	Mass (Week 25 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Wed 27	8.00am	Mass (Week 25 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Thu 28	8.00am	Mass (Week 25 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
Fri 29	8.00am	Mass (Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Time 1) Church
Sat 30	8.00am	Mass (Week 25 in Ordinary Time 1) Church
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (26th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
Oct Sun 1	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (26th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (26th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (26th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church

2023
First Reconciliation
10.30am-12.30pm
Saturday 28 October 2023

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm
12 October 2023

REVIVE SRM events


Spiritual Renewal Ministries, supported by Catholic Charismatic Renewal, is conducting two Healing/Deliverance and Teaching events in Perth, with international guest, Stanley Joseph.

Fri, Sept 29, from 7:30pm - 10:00pm
Orana Catholic School hall
 37 Querrin Ave, Willetton

Sat, Sept 30, from 9:30am - 4:00pm
Queen of Apostles Hall
 55 Tudor Ave, Riverton.

Both events are free entry; Saturday includes a *free* light lunch.

For further info see flyer on noticeboard or contact Varghese 0425 807 434."



Line Dancing Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays
 10am - 12noon \$6 per session
 All proceeds go to the Parish
 This is a community building initiative to keep you fit and active with the help of Francis and Hellen Tay
 All are welcome; no age limits



Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays
 Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm
 All parishioners are most welcome
 For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

Columban Calendars 2024

Columban Calendars for 2024 have arrived. If you have ordered one please collect it from in the foyer.

This year we have ordered more calendars as we did not have sufficient last year and we encourage all parishioners to purchase a calendar to have in their homes.

If you wish to purchase a Calendar please see Fr Pat after Mass.
 Calendars are \$10 each.



Morning Tea

Our host for morning tea in October is Michelle Cota

Please join us next Sunday after the 9.00 am mass

ALL ARE WELCOME

This is a community building initiative.
 Please volunteer your services.



Seniors Gathering

Thursday 28 September 2023
 12.00pm to 2.00pm
 Lunch & Bingo
 Lamb (Curry & Non-curry)

Advertising spaces available

There are advertising spaces currently available in our weekly bulletin at a cost of \$200 + GST for the financial year.
 If you are interested in advertising in our bulletin, please contact the Parish Office.
 Parishioners are urged to support our sponsors of the bulletin.

Visitation of Our Lady's Statue

We would like to commence the visitation of our Lady's Statue in Parishioners' homes. The statue will be dropped off in your home on a Saturday and picked up the following Saturday.
 If you would like to have the statue in your home, please call Mignonne Goes on 0409 688 594.

Please print your Name, Contact clearly and number attending on the list provided in the foyer so that we can prepare enough food.

There will not be any lunch in October but we are planning a trip and lunch out somewhere. If we can get a driver for the bus we will put out a list.

Next luncheon will be Melbourne Cup
 Tuesday 7 November 2023 & Christmas
 Thursday 14 December

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 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.

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.

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 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.'

Reflection for Young People

By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

The parable of the vineyard owner and the workers doesn't always play out in the real world as cleanly as we might wish it to. It often bothers us.

Would it bother you if you worked at a car wash or a bakery all day, and another young person who showed up an hour before closing time received the same pay as you did? Why or why not?

Would it bother you if you worked for a week typing up a wonderful English essay, and received an A for your work, and then you found out that someone else who scribbled their essay on scrap paper during the lunch break and handed it in late also received an A? Why or why not?

If we work hard and do well, why are we jealous if someone else does well also – especially if we think that they have not worked as hard as we have?

This parable is not exactly about an effective workplace or school policy. It's really about the way God forgives. If we have a small sin, we are forgiven. If we have a really huge sin, we are forgiven just as much.

Does the 'equal forgiveness for the unequal sin' policy seem easier to take or harder to take than the 'equal pay for unequal work' or the 'equal grade for unequal work' policy? Explain.

Does this mean that we can go out and commit tremendous sins and do reckless things and hurt people we care about because, in the end, we will be forgiven just the same anyway? What is wrong with this plan? What would Jesus say about this?

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 1st October 2023

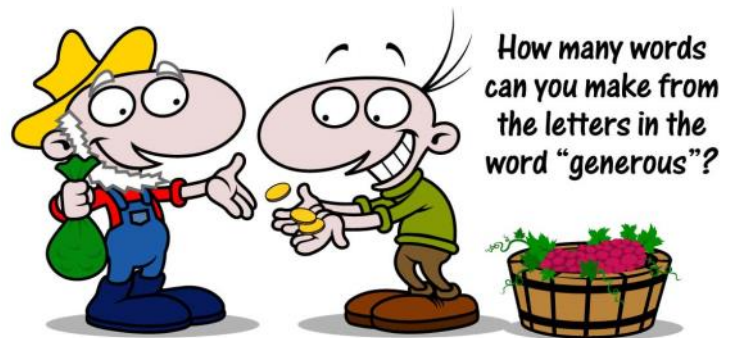
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

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