

FIRST IS LAST AND LAST IS FIRST

In the quotation, "My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways ...", the prophet Isaiah sets the scene for the parable of Jesus that Matthew shares with us in today's gospel. Trade Union leaders would not readily choose the story to promote the cause of equal rights and justice for their workers, yet the owner of the vineyard has honoured the contracts he made and the story reinforces all that Jesus does and teaches.

Jesus is forever seeking out those who have lost out in life or made a mess of their lives and adjusting their perspective and their prospects. Just think of the story of the Prodigal Son or the number of times that Jesus eats and drinks with those whom society has already cast aside. And every time he does this, Jesus calls forth the wrath of the self-righteous.

Many years ago I was introduced to the notion of 'lateral thinking' by a very entertaining speaker, who could tie his audience up in knots by presenting a series of conundrums, to which the answers were obvious but only when he gave them to you! He explained the theory of Dr Edward de Bono, who had realised that we all have a tendency to pigeon-hole our knowledge; filing it in such a way that particular problems lead us instinctively to pull out what we think is the appropriate file for the answer. His theory was that the more creative we are, the more likely we are to be able to look along the files – laterally – and find the correct solution. My point is that, if we are to understand the teaching of Jesus, we need to reorder our files and take Isaiah at his word, realising that God's ways are not our ways.

I would suggest that we can only begin to unlock the mystery when we recall Jesus' warning that we should not judge others, and that we would do well not to try to take the splinter from another's eye until we have removed the plank from our own.

In the parable Jesus leaves us to fill in the gaps. The owner of the vineyard asks those who are still hanging around at the end of the day why they have been idle. We can only surmise why they had not been hired. All that matters in God's topsy-turvy world is that it is never too late for a God of loving compassion and generosity. Long before Jesus came, Isaiah had got the message and was urging the wicked to let the Lord "take pity" on them.

Which of us dare suggest we do not need God's compassion? And once we accept that, we might be able to understand the paradox of the last being first and the first last.



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20th September, 2020

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Today's Readings

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20:1-16

27th September, 2020

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

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Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies	
Weekend Mass	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
Weekday Mass	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - 1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00 - 5.45pm or by appointment
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month
Rosary	After weekday Masses
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00-6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00 - 7.00pm
Divine Will Prayer	Thursday 2pm
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm.
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc

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	Death Anniversary Nikola Ozich
	Deceased Anna, Bartolo, Jackie, Frank, Algernon Boog, Pauline Boog, Maureen Pereira, Merlyn Perera
	Our Sick Dolly, Barbara Ingram, Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess, Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price, Fran Wiffen, Ding Madrigal, Zee Pereira, John Warui, Metilde Warui, Con Farano, Hirute Selassie, Peter Cox, Mary Hazel Calupig, Bill Tucker, Margaret Evans, Rene Priest, Erika Magness, Ian Ballantyne, Mavis Hall, Rose Thomas
	Baptised Recently Isabelle Blake Etherington Daughter of Dean and Casey

Feast Days this Week		
Sep 21	Mon	St Matthew, Apostle
22	Tue	St Maurice and the Theban Legion
23	Wed	St Pio of Pietrelcina, St Adomnan of Iona
24	Thur	St Stephanie, Our Lady of Walsingham
25	Fri	St Finbarr
26	Sat	St Cosmas & St Damian, Martyrs

Rosters for 19/20 September, 2020						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Theresa Spicer Sandra Wren	Pam Davies	Angel Donina	Richard Serrano	Pam Davies, Lloyd Davies	Bella Bresland, Athena Calupig Matthew Costantino, Cailin Keane Patrick Costantino, Angel Donina
Sunday 7.30am	Sandra Reid Dion Robson	Jenny Mills	Geoff Mills	Gerard Peters	Peter Mack, Rod McAtee	Ayden Ratnasekera, Joel Thomas Josés Thomas, Josey Thomas
Sunday 9.30am	Robert Szlezak Elsie T-Boundy	Leanne Crestani	Lance Dcruz	Phillip Magness	Helen Magness, Lorna Mitchell	Larissa Farr, Linleigh Frasco Angel Garavillas, Paige Jacob Sanjay Jojo, Noel Justin
Tellers this week: Bette Lyra, Cheryl Andrade, Clint & Thu Barnes					Tellers next week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl le Guay	
Rosters for 26/27 September, 2020						
Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Mercy Burton Rosa Ford	Lynette Lieveaux	Carina Limengco	Stewart Bazzica	Vivian Loh, Faye Mitchell	Gabby Keane, Jacob Malou Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews Jemima Pinto, Matthew Ravanez
Sunday 7.30am	Eric Almen Wendie Almen	Jeanette Pedulla	Ann Ralston	Clint Barnes	Chloe Pereira-Smith, Pay Tru	Michael Almen, Tom Antu Justin Kyaw-Tun, Naomi Kyaw-Tun
Sunday 9.30am	Theresa Walker Hanna Allen	Jane Fernandez	Ben Gradisen	Dan Hewitt	Geraldine Pereira, Peta Phillips	Alexandria Newman, Elain Labrador, Alexander Lim, Enrico Labrador Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Sophia Kay

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Happy Feast Day

The parish would like to wish the Servite Sisters, Sr Stella, Sr Christina, Sr Fatima and Sr Saverie a Happy Feast Day. Thank you for your loving ministry in the parish.

Mass Time Changes

Monday Mass - There will be Mass on Monday, 21st September at 9.00am

Tuesday Mass Cancelled - There will be no Mass on Tuesday, 22nd September. There will be a Liturgy of the Word Service with Communion instead.

Donations Thank You

Thank you for your generous donations towards payment of a cleaner. We collected \$800 in 4 months.

Migrant & Refugee Sunday

Next week is Migrant and Refugee Sunday. We invite you to come dress in some of your traditional clothes.

Altar Servers Outing

There will be an altar Servers Outing on Thursday, 8th October from 9.30am to 2.00pm. Please register in the foyer if you wish to join us and parents, please fill out the permission slip.

Good Friday Collection

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to September. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living. This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land next Sunday and please also keep them in your prayers. There will be a door collection after all Masses.

Columbarium Coin Collection

Thank you to all parishioners who drop their small change into the container in the foyer. This helps support the upkeep of the Columbarium gardens. A generous \$119.05 was last collected which brings us to a total of \$5,873.42 collected to date.

St Munchin's Whole School Mass



The whole school will be celebrating Mass for the end of term on Friday, 25th September at 9am. All are welcome.

Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders

We are looking for leaders for the Children's Liturgy of the Word. Leaders help the children learn about the Word of God at a level appropriate to their understanding. Children's Liturgy is held at the 9.30am Mass for school age children up to Year 3. The leaders are provided with lesson plans and activity sheets for each Sunday. The leaders read and explain the Sunday Gospel to the children at their level and do some activities relating to the Gospel. Please register in the foyer if you can help.

New Altar Servers

Are you interested in being an Altar Server and helping in the celebrating of the Mass? Please register in the foyer. Altar Server training will take place on Thursday, 24th September at 4.00pm in the church.



Parish Safeguarding Officers

The Perth Catholic Archdiocese is committed to the safety and security of all children and young people. If you have any safety concerns about a person in the parish or about a child protection or child safety issue, you can discuss it with the Parish Safeguarding Officers. Phone 0432 398 973 or email safeguarding@gosnellsparish.org.au



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Marycare Volunteers Thank You

Fr Philip, together with the co-ordinators of Marycare, greatly appreciate the many volunteers currently on our list. We have received only minimal calls for support in recent months, but it is important that we do have people to call on, if and when a need does arise. In appreciation of your being available to help others in time of need, all volunteers are invited to a gathering in the Parish Centre on either Thursday, 1st October 7.00-8.30pm or a Morning Tea on Friday, 2nd October from 9.30-11.00am. A chance to meet up with other members!

Golden Age Club

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 22nd September with indoor activities from 9.00am. Enjoy card games, carpet bowls, fellowship. BYO lunch. Bingo is at 12.15pm. For all parishioners 50 years and over. New members always welcome.



Trust & Love In Troubled Times

Catholic Mission presents this half day retreat on the Feast of St Therese of Lisieux, Thursday 1st October at Infant Jesus Parish, Morley. Mass at 9am, Retreat from 10am to 1pm, with morning tea provided. Keynote speakers: Dr Pina Ford, Catholic Education WA, Mr Derek Boylen, Centre for Life, Marriage & Family. Proceeds to help Catholic Mission's Carmelite partner projects in India. Adults \$10, Concession \$5. Tickets can be purchased at trybooking.com/BLMCY. For more information contact Francis on 9422 7933 or email: director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au

Gosnells Youth

Thank you all for joining us last week for our movie night, please join us again for a talk on self-esteem led by one of our parishioners on the 2nd October at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Make sure to bring your friends along! Please register your interest in the foyer for catering and capacity purposes. Feel free to speak to Fr Philip or Michael Ayeni for more information.

First & Second Collections

There are boxes for the First and Second Collections at the back of the church. These collections will not be taken at the normal times during Mass because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Catholic Faith Renewal

You are invited to bring your family and friends to enjoy this evening of Songs of Praise & Prayer at 7.30pm, Thanksgiving Holy Mass at 8.00pm followed with a talk by Fr Anand Reddy on Evangelii Gaudium - "The Joy of the Gospel", fellowship and light supper. Friday, 2nd October at St John & Paul's Church, Willetton.

BJ Hickey Scholarship

The Centre for Faith Enrichment is once again opening up calls for applications to the BJ Hickey Scholarship! The scholarships are for Biblical studies of any length and at any level. You don't need to be an academic – just someone with a desire to further their knowledge of Scripture and to help others with that knowledge. For application details and application form, please visit the Biblical Foundation page on the Centre for Faith Enrichment website. Applications close at 5:00pm on Friday, 23rd October, 2020. Please email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au or call 9241 5221 for more information.

St Munchin's School News

There are still places for Kindy next year for children born from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017. Please call 9234 7555 or email admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au and an enrolment package will be sent to you. Enrolment forms may also be printed from our website www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au.

WA Volunteers Urgently Needed - 3months, 6months, 12 months

Due to COVID-19 our normal access to volunteers has ceased. We urgently need people to volunteer at Kalumburu Mission, and the communities of Warmun, Balgo, Bidyadanga, and the Dampier Peninsula. If you are prepared to offer your skills to these communities the Diocese of Broome would love to hear from you (either couples or singles). The Kimberley region is home to some of Australia's oldest indigenous communities and picturesque landscapes. Volunteers play an important role in the parishes. For further information please contact: Diocese of Broome Chancery on (08) 9192 1060 or email: info@broomedioocese.org



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