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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

19th/20th September, 2020

A Just and Fair God

If I did a full day's work and the person next to me only did half a day's work, but we were both paid the exact same, I would have every right to be angry. Why should the other person be paid the same as me, if I did far more work than them? This seems to be what the gospel this Sunday tells us. Or is it?

A landowner goes out very early in the morning and hires workers. He hires them for the work he thinks they can do. They even agree on what pay they are to receive. We are also told that he went out four more times to hire more workers; clearly he had more work than he realised. At the end of the day's work, the landowner pays all the workers the same wages. This is when the argument starts. The first group of workers are angry with the landowner and envious of the other workers. The landowner's generosity is questioned by the early workers, even though they had agreed the pay between themselves before the work started. However, the landowner replies quickly saying to them, 'have I no right to what I like with my own? Why are you jealous because I am generous?'

What is Jesus trying to teach us through this parable? Historically, the Pharisees were the ones who saw themselves as most deserving of God's friendship and they guarded it with all their strength and power. The 'latecomers' who are treated the same as the first hired workers are those who are sick and poor; the deaf, the blind and the crippled. These are the people about whom Jesus spoke when he said I have come to bring good news to the poor. The people the Pharisees look down upon and despise are the very ones that Jesus welcomes and eats with.

Jesus turned everything on its head. He spoke to those no one else would have listened to. He sat and ate with those who were considered to be sinners and outsiders. Unlike the Pharisees, these 'latecomers' are welcomed with open arms and a generous heart. This reminds us how the prodigal son was welcomed when he returned home. The message of love, mercy and forgiveness are meant for them too. They need it the most!

The way God works in and through people's lives are not our ways. We read this in the first reading; my ways are not your ways... my thoughts are not your thoughts.' God does not deal with or treat people as we do.

Jesus asks me not to be like the first group of workers or the Pharisees. I am challenged not to be jealous or envious when God treats others in the same way as me. We are all invited by God to build the Kingdom. Some people are called by God before we are. Some will be called after us. It doesn't matter when we are called; all we have to do is wait and to be ready when God calls us.

(Michael Moore OMI)

Readings: Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekial 18:25-28

Philippians 2:1-11

Matthew 21:28-32

READINGS FOR 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

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 person abandon their way, the evil person their thoughts.
Let them turn back to the Lord who will take pity on them, 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

Resp: 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.

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.

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.

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.'

Parish Diary

Saturday, September 26th

Reconciliation 5:30pm

St Joachim's

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 26th

Mass 6:00pm St Joachim's

Sunday, Sunday September 27th

Mass 7:30am St Joachim's

Mass 9:00am St Agnes'

Mass 6:00pm St Agnes'

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN

Celebrating Season of Creation

Webinar 3: Protecting the Platypus

Wednesday 23 September – 10:30am. Find out more and register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_RGrU48QISmSxVcBgbDvvDA

Brisbane Catholic Justice and Peace Commission and the Archdiocese invite you to join them for Mass to celebrate the end of Season of Creation, on the Feast Day of St Francis of Assisi. Mass of Creation will be celebrated by Archbishop Mark Coleridge, in the Cathedral of St Stephen on Sunday, 4 October at 10am.



Consider the Common Good on October 31st

Catholic Social Teachings prompt us to consider the Common Good and to pay particular attention to those who are vulnerable, marginalised, or who often 'fall through the cracks'.

As we grapple with the challenges of a COVID world, the Catholic Bishops of Queensland have called Catholics to consider Catholic Social Teaching as they prepare to participate in the Queensland State Election on October 31. For more information, about Catholic Social Teaching and to find out more about the issues you might reflect on when you cast your vote visit: <https://bit.ly/3mhPzY3>

Continuing on our faith journey during this time of isolation; when our faith will sustain us through challenging times. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open



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- Helping to continue the vital work Centacare does in our local communities through homelessness and housing support, hospital chaplaincy, domestic and family violence support, Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care and Murri ministry.
- Your support of Holy Spirit Seminary provides a home for the formation and education of future priests for our faith.

Our parish is supporting the Annual Catholic Campaign this year because we know how hard it has been for many in our community. Though prayer and action, we can be a blessing to those in real need. If you are able, and would like to make a donation, you can do so online at: <https://bit.ly/3grCxu>

WE REJOICE

With the Frederiks family as they celebrate the baptism of Mason in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Cheryl's team

ST VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING

Wednesday, September 23rd commencing 3:30pm

SUPPORT OF OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Parish during these difficult times. Planned Giving can be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, Parish Giving App, Direct Deposit to the parish account and by Envelopes. If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 – 786; A/c No: 3314 91100; A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish. The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

COVID restrictions are preventing the celebration of the Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, held each year at the Cathedral of St Stephen, in the usual way. However, on **Saturday 26th September at the 11.30am Mass**, Archbishop Mark will celebrate Mass for the special intentions of all couples celebrating 50 years or more of marriage. Attendance of Mass at the Cathedral is restricted to 132, if however, any couple celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary are in good health and wish to attend the Mass in person, please contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or register on-line via the Cathedral website: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass-reconciliation-times.html> The Mass will be live-streamed via the Cathedral website for those who are unable to attend in person.

LOURDES HILL COLLEGE VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

To register for day being held on October 9th go to [http://www.lhc.qld.edu.au/Enrolments/Tours \[and\] Open Day .html](http://www.lhc.qld.edu.au/Enrolments/Tours [and] Open Day .html)

Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until otherwise notified. If you turn up for mass and the allowed number has been reached you will not be permitted to enter the church.

WEEKEND MASSES - Bookings close at 4:00pm on Fridays
All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCF>
St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

1. Select **Book Now**
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4. Add tickets required, press **Next**
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7. If your booking is successful you will receive an email within a few minutes.



ABUNDANCE
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I hope everyone is doing well. If you haven't seen yet, it's my encouragement for youth to attend Ignite High for the remainder of term, awaiting the launch of our Youth Group in Term 4. Ignite High is held each Friday night at the Jindalee Jungle (32/160 Sinnamon Rd, Jindalee QLD 4074) from 7-9:30pm. Please email me (youth.hpmg@bne.catholic.edu.au) to confirm that you'll be coming along and get updates.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Abundance Youth Website. It's still being worked on, but I wanted to share a featured blog on their focusing how crazy life is at the moment. Read the blog here:

www.abundanceyouth.com/mayhem

Have a great week! God Bless.

Nick Kelly



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