



OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY PARISH

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

24 September 2023



God's Ways

Today's liturgy puts to us a question that, at first sight, is quite surprising: Are we happy that God is good and compassionate to all?

Certainly, we are pleased that God is merciful towards ourselves. But how do we feel when we observe the mercy of God towards others, especially those we feel are less deserving of God's love? Are we like the workers in the vineyard mentioned in today's Gospel parable who have worked all day and feel resentful that the owner is so generous to the latecomers? Perhaps we feel that God is more generous to others than to us.

The prophet Isaiah tells us that such thoughts are evil and should be abandoned. Though God's ways are often beyond our comprehension, we can be sure that the kindness of God flows also to us without measure or limit. Rather than be resentful, let us rejoice with all creation in God whose mercy and compassion far surpass any of our limited notions of fairness and justice.

God's Word Fr Dominic Vellaiparambil SSP

World Migrant & Refugee Sunday

This Sunday we celebrate the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. The Holy Father has chosen as the title for his traditional Message, "Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay", with the intention of fostering renewed reflection on a right that has not yet been codified at the international level: the right not to have to migrate or, in other words, the right to be able to remain in one's own land.

The fact that many persons are forced to migrate demands a careful consideration of the causes of contemporary migration. The right to remain is older, more deeply rooted and broader than the right to migrate. It includes the possibility of sharing in the common good, the right to live in dignity and to have access to sustainable development. All of these rights should be effectively guaranteed in the nations of origin through a real exercise of shared responsibility on the part of the international community.

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Feast Days

This Week:

**St Vincent
de Paul**

27 September

**Sts Michael,
Gabriel &
Raphael,
Archangels**

29 September

St Jerome

30 September

In Fairness

Maryna had travelled across Europe from Ukraine with her husband Vanko, escaping the shelling of their hometown and doing all that they could to ensure their children's safety. Before they left the country, they had their own home, were working and had earned enough money for Maryna to study psychology at the nearby university where she was a PhD student. In addition to their own three young children, when Maryna and Vanko left Ukraine, they took responsibility for two orphans, one of them profoundly disabled. On arrival in Britain, they were desperate for work. Vanko found work on a building site. Maryna worked as a cleaner but it was difficult to make ends meet. Eventually, she had three daily cleaning jobs in addition to looking after her family and continuing her studies.

Today's Gospel is particularly relevant to the lives of many people who, in a desperate effort to survive, search for even the lowest paid jobs. Jesus doesn't describe the workers in the vineyard. Were they young, perhaps starting off their adult lives? Perhaps they were migrant workers, looking for new homes and livelihoods in a new country, possibly far away from the homes they had abandoned. That they were looking for work for each day suggests that they were not wealthy and that life was hard. There's something else that we don't know about the workers – but we can guess. The first-called probably looked the strongest and best able to withstand the hot sun and heavy labour: they could accomplish the task ahead. The eleventh-hour stragglers probably included those who were weakest, less able and perhaps unfit for work. Were some of them elderly, sick or disabled? How many repeatedly suffered disempowerment, rejection and inadequacy in their search for work and dignity? How often did they have the normality of a day's work?

The generous landowner recognised their difficulties and knew their dependence on whatever money he could pay them, and so he ensured that everyone could pay for food and shelter that day. Those who had worked the longest complained because they anticipated a bonus and didn't receive it. For sure, we all like our hard work to be recognised and appreciated, but perhaps those who had worked for only one hour expected their entire family to go to bed hungry. Instead, they were guaranteed a full stomach.

Today's Gospel shows us a unique form of justice. Workers should be paid for their work. They need and deserve a decent standard of living for themselves and for their dependants. There are also people whose urgent needs require special sensitivity and generosity. Maryna and Vanko were doing everything that they could for the five children in their care. It was difficult to make a new life in a new land, but they gained employment and help.

The owner of the vineyard showed compassion at a moment when it was needed but not expected. What about the workers who complained? They did not care if the latecomers would eat that day. The "haves" wanted more: the "have nots" were merely grateful for their good fortune.

It's difficult to tell others when we're desperate. We all have our pride. Frequently, those in most need are also silent in their suffering. Can we be as open to others as was the landowner? Could we let Jesus use our lives and our actions to demonstrate kindness and justice? Can we be sensitive to people's unspoken desperation and respond with compassion, even at a cost to ourselves?

Sunday Living Word Majellan Family Media



Our Lady of Sorrows

September is dedicated to our Sorrowful Mother. See pamphlets on the tables for more information.



September Birthdays

Happy Birthday to Fr Bill and to Fr Kelly. Best wishes to you both!



Quote for the Week

If God is your co-pilot - swap seats!

Another Journey to a Foreign Land

What must Joseph and Mary have wondered on their escape to Egypt? Will they be accepted, strangers, Jews, in Egypt? Will Joseph find work? Will there be a synagogue where they can worship the Child's Father? Will they make friends? How long will they stay, and how will they know when to return?

I realise that they had the same problems that I have had many times: doubts and fears about the future, the hesitancy and the distrust of the present. The 'whys' in my life are a mystery that I can only look at with trust - I must trust the Father, trust his love, and trust his will. I must believe that this is happening to me out of love: God's love, that somewhere in it there is good, my good.

So I must learn a beautiful and very necessary lesson: during the times in my life when everything seems so dark and uncertain, I must trust God. And so it was with the Holy Family, never losing faith in the providence and love of the Father. They begin a new life with deep trust and hope and love.

Mother Angelica's Private and Pithy Lessons from the Scriptures

Madonna Bequest

It is with great appreciation we acknowledge Terrence Howard for the gift of a beautiful marble bust of the Madonna. The alabaster and marble sculpture was created in 1890 and was donated to the parish as a bequest from Terry who passed on 11 August. It is now on display in the parish centre. Be sure to come in to see it (pictured right, and far right with Terry's son and daughter).



Annual Public Square Rosary

Join us in this nation-wide crusade. Religion is being banished from public life. Let people see that prayer is happening in public! This year our Public Square Rosary will be held on Saturday 14 October at 4pm at the Bayview Avenue Fountain (next to the old cinema site). Note that we finish well in time for 5pm Mass. Enquiries: Pauline Fowler 4332 9888.

Please Note

Wonder Ignite Conference -Don't miss out on tickets!

Young people, teachers, ministry leaders, families, and adults of all ages are preparing to attend the upcoming IGNITE conference, 28 September to 1 October, hosted by the Broken Bay Diocese. There will be many amazing presenters, including Bishop Anthony Randazzo and our Director of Vocations, Fr Sam French. Visit: <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>



Bible Reflection

Deepen your knowledge of the Scriptures with our Seminarian Tân. Wednesdays in the Reynolds Room 9:30am



Low Gluten Hosts

Please see one of the Priests before Mass if you are a coeliac.



Nursing Home Mass

and Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated Tuesday at Bupa Nursing Home at 10am.



Classes for Seniors

Join us for *Brain Games* and/or *Let's Get Moving* wellbeing classes Mondays 11am and/or 12:15pm. Bookings: 9481 2659.

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)

Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am

Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am **Christian Meditation** Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

25th Sunday

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24, 27

Matthew 20:1-16

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.

Responsorial Psalm: The Lord is near to all who call him.

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

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

Keep Us In Your Prayers *There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel*

Recently Deceased: Audrey Gumbleton.

Anniversaries: Frank O'Sullivan.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, Terry Howard, John Giutronich, Charles Magri, Charlie and Mary Vella, Dorothy Manning, Marea Mann and all the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Families: Clarke.

Sick: Lyall Dunn, Anne O'Rourke, Dallas McDonald, Susan Simmons, June Molloy, Paul Smith, Collette O'Grady, Oskar Alessandro, Trish Knoke, Emma Horton, Marc Sabat, Patrick Cologon, Linda Read, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will, and all with serious illness.

Confirmation Candidates: Please pray for the children and their families who are preparing for Confirmation.

Welcome newly Baptised: Georgie Wallis, Isla Smith.

Pearly Gates Revisited



Our Lady of the Rosary

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Gift Centre

New stock coming in all the time - come and see! We are open before and after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and before and after the 9:30am Sunday Mass in the Church foyer. EFTPOS is available. For any enquiries call

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