

We Respond

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON (or a hymn) 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 (Ps 144)

ANTIPHON: The Lord is near to all who call him.

RESPONSE: The Lord is near to all who call him.

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

LECTOR: 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.**

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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON (or a hymn) You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Or

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

TODAY'S READINGS Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16

NEXT WEEK (26th Sunday of Year A) Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32.

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*First is last
and last is first*



20 September 2020 25th Sunday Year A

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.

Timothy J Buckley CSsR
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CURRENT PARISH NEWS

WEEK START SUN **SEPT 20, 2020**

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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IN PARISH HALL. NO APPT NECESSARY!

Sat ~ 9am, 6pm; Sun ~ 6.30am & 8.30am

Mon & Wed ~ 6.30am;

Tues & Fri ~ 9am

MASS TIMES

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Weekend of Sept 19 & 20

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Newsletter

Regina Caeli Parish will deliver newsletters to those

who may find themselves isolated and/or unable to visit parish itself. Contact us to have a copy emailed or a hardcopy delivery to your home.

Parishioner Reflection on Social Justice Statement:

Google Social Justice Statement Aust. Bishops 2020

MENTAL HEALTH IN AUSTRALIA TODAY

Key ideas from the first section:

KEY INGREDIENTS FOR LIVING LIFE TO THE FULL

What does Mental Health mean to you?

The W.H.O. defines mental health as:

a state of well-being in which a person can cope with the normal stresses of life, can work fruitfully, and can contribute to his/her community.

Mental health is not simply the absence of illnesses, but is about our capacity & opportunity to thrive. It engages our whole self – physically, psychologically & spiritually – touching all aspects of our life together – social, economic & cultural. God created us out of love & for loving relationships.

We are social beings. We need the bonds of family, friends and community to help us face our challenges & to celebrate the joys and hopes of life.

We need the economic means to meet the costs of living, to develop our potential, to contribute our gifts through our work and to plan for the future.

Through culture, we make sense of the world, share values such as a 'fair go' and help others.

Created in the image and likeness of God, we stand before the Mystery of *The Transcendent*.

Loving relationships with one another, within creation, and with the Creator can help us discern meaning in life, with its sufferings and limitations.

These are key ingredients for good health in body, mind and spirit.

Envelopes available in the foyer. Please consider supporting initiatives of the Catholic Campaign Link video to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DE3U4WUWCxQ>

Our parish supports the Annual Catholic Campaign this year because we know how hard it has been for many in community. Through prayer & action, we can be a blessing to those in need. If you are able, please donate online at:

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The 'New Norm'

1. Sanitise your hands
 2. Sign In
 3. Sit on stickered seats only
 4. Sanitise your space with wipes
 5. Social Distancing enforced (1person or family/4m²) limit 100p
- ◆ Only Priests to distribute Communion
 - ◆ Stay home if unwell
 - ◆ Sign of Peace spoken greeting only
 - ◆ Gifting boxes available at all doors;
 - ◆ Take newsletter home with you
 - ◆ No Hymn books used.



RECENTLY DECEASED: BART GAFFNEY, *in our Thoughts & Prayers*

LUCY HOUGHTON, CECILY McMAHON,

MARY TWOMEY, DOMINIC VU, PATRICIA ZEMEK

ANNIVERSARIES:

JOHN SCOTT, JACK & MARGARET ALTHAUS,

KAZIMIERA LYP, HELEN SHAW

SPECIAL INTENTIONS: Augusto Cesar, Joshua Chester, James Clifford, Pat Cochrane, Veronica & Cathy Comiskey, Neil Cremin, Pat & Clare Dugger, George D'Allura, Robbie Dicker, Susan Donald, Loye Gardiner, Paul Heathwood, Philomena Hegarty, Allaura Hows, Kate Jennings, Kath Keogh, Nicky Logan, Paddy Logan, Katie Loveday, Cheryl Loveridge, Enid McCarthy, Trish McConnell, Peter McLaughlin, Fr Ron Mollison, John Morgan, Christopher Mothershaw, Marie-Louise O'Brien, Pam O'Reilly, Peter Owen, Peter Reid, Wal & Joyce Smith, Lester Steen, Nathaniel Williams, Zelina & family

"Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Policy" statement:



The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm. They are to be treasured, nurtured & protected from any harm."



27 September 2020

ENTRANCE HYMN

THIS DAY WAS MADE BY THE LORD

R/. *This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice, let us be glad!*

This day was made by the Lord, let us rejoice in salvation!

V1. *I thank you, your love is eternal, you have given me life.*

You have given me life. I will proclaim the wonders you do! R/.

V5. *You are my strength and my Saviour, you have given me life.*

You have given me life. I will proclaim the wonders you do! R/.

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OFFERTORY

SEEK, O SEEK THE LORD

R/. *Seek, O seek the Lord, while He is near;*

Trust Him, speak to Him in prayer, and He will hear.

V1. *God be with us in our lives, direct us in our calling;*

break the snares the world contrives, keep us from falling. R/.

V3. *Strengthen in our hearts the love we owe to one another.*

How can we love God above and not our brother? R/.

James McAuley; Norma McAuley, Richard Connolly

COMMUNION HYMN

UBI CARITAS

Ubi caritas et amor, Ubi caritas Deus ibi est

Live charity and steadfast love,

Living charity shows the heart of God.

Jacques Berthier

REFLECTION HYMN

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, MY FRIENDS

R/. *Peace I leave with you, my friends,*

Peace the world cannot give.

Peace I leave with you, my friends,

So that your joy be ever full.

V1. *The Father's love I came to give,*

To be the hope for all who live. R/.

V4. *Take my words of life to heart,*

And you will live with hope and joy. R/.

V5. *All I have I give to you;*

I share with you the Father's love. R/.

Gregory R. Norbet

RECESSIONAL HYMN

FOR THE FRUITS OF THIS CREATION

V1. *For the fruits of this creation, thanks be to God.*

For these gifts to ev'ry nation, thanks be to God.

For the ploughing, sowing, reaping, silent growth

while we are sleeping,

future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

V2. *In the just reward of labour, God's will be done.*

In the help we give our neighbour, God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing,

in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

V3. *For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.*

For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.

For the wonders that astound us,

for the truths that still confound us,

most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green

