



St Kieran - Osborne Park Parish

Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

20th September 2026

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 R. v.18

Response: 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. R.

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.

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.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Acts 16:14

Alléluia, alléluia ! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alléluia !

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 marketplace 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.'

The Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PARISH SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

8:00am	Mass
6:30pm	Mass
7:30pm	Mass (longer liturgy)

SUNDAY

8:00am	Mass
9:00am	Mass
10:15am	Mass (Italian)
11:15am	Mass (Brazilian-every 2 nd Sunday)

TUESDAY

8:00am	Mass
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WEDNESDAY

8:00am	Mass
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THURSDAY

7:30am	Adoration
8:00am	Mass

FRIDAY

8:00am	Mass
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BAPTISM

1 ST & 3 RD Sunday	11:15am/During any mass Or by appointment
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CONFESSION

Saturday 8:20am & 6:00pm/	by appointment
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WEDDINGS & FUNERALS

By appointment

PARISH CONTACTS

Parish Priest	Fr. Wilson Donizzetti Fr. Oscar Aguilera
Parish Co-ordinator	Judith Tresham
Parish Secretary	Margaret Leonard Pat Richards
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday & Wednesday	Closed
Tuesday	8.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday	12.30pm – 4:00pm
Friday	10.00am – 2:30pm

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Mass intentions

Sat	6:30pm	Cesare Passereto (2 years)
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	Joseph I Sai (39yr anniversary)
	9:00am	Domenico Gerasollo (1 year) Michelle Di Mattia (20 years) Roberto Paolino (10 years)
	10:15am	Anna Nocciolino (10 year)
	11:15am	

Readers

Sat	6:30pm	Kathy Stewart & Adriano Sanzone
	7:30pm	
Sun	8:00am	John & Anne-Marie Murray
	9:00am	Josefa Hazebroek & Zoran Vukojevic
	10:15am	Italian Mass
	11:15am	Brazilian Mass (2 nd Sunday of the month)

Servers/Acolyte

Sat	6:30pm	Athena, Elyssa, Bella, Lucia, Carlos & Nicholas <i>Brad</i>
	7:30pm	<i>Seminarians</i>
Sun	8:00am	Gabriel, Jacob & Jonathon <i>Eugene & Alex</i>
	9:00am	Grace, Abigail, Ahinsa & Phoebe <i>Brendon & Pedro</i>
	10:15am	<i>Giovanni</i>

Children's Liturgy

Sun	9.00am	Josie & Natasha
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Hospital

By appointment

YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO OUR PARISH

Planned Giving is an essential way of supporting the financial needs of our parish. To learn more, please speak with Eugene or Judith Tresham, and consider becoming part of our Planned Giving program. Contributions can be made weekly or monthly through the parish's online accounts. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Thank you!

The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard

When God Is Not Fair

There is something deeply uncomfortable about the Gospel of the workers in the vineyard. We like to imagine that, if only God would let us arrange the universe, we could make a better system. The man who worked twelve hours would receive twelve portions; the man who worked one hour would receive one. It would be measurable, orderly—and, above all, fair. Then God ruins the arrangement. The labourers who bore the heat of the day receive the same wage as those who arrived at the last hour. Our instinct is immediate: *That is not fair.* But perhaps this reaction reveals more about us than about God. We approach God as a divine accountant, keeping a ledger in which every sacrifice earns its corresponding payment. *I prayed. I served. I obeyed. Therefore, I am owed.* Yet Christianity begins not with what we are owed, but with what we have received. We did not earn existence, sunlight, love, forgiveness, or even the ability to do good. Before we performed a single virtuous act, we were already surrounded by gifts. We entered the world with empty hands, only to discover that those hands were already full. Isaiah therefore says something more unsettling than that God knows more than we do: “My thoughts are not your thoughts.” We think in terms of exchange; God thinks in terms of gift. We think of wages; God speaks of inheritance. We ask, *what do I deserve?* God asks, *Will you receive?* And here the parable becomes painfully personal. Even goodness can become material for pride. We can turn virtue into property and quietly congratulate ourselves that we are not like the sinner. Then, when God shows that sinner mercy, something within us protests: *But what about me?* Perhaps that is one meaning of hell: the final refusal to receive a gift because we insist upon being paid. Heaven is not a salary. It is grace. This does not make evil meaningless or repentance unnecessary. It means only that salvation cannot finally be a transaction. God does not save us because we have accumulated enough goodness to purchase Him. He saves because He is merciful. The vineyard therefore asks us to surrender our little economy of self-justification. We can stand outside, calculating hours, sacrifices, sins and rewards—or we can enter. The great scandal is not that God gives too much to the undeserving. It is that none of us ever stood before Him deserving anything except mercy—and mercy was there before we asked for it. And so, instead of asking, “Why should he receive what I received?” we may finally say: “How wonderful that the Master is so generous—and how astonishing that I, too, have been invited into the vineyard.”

COMMUNION AT HOME

If you are unable to attend mass due to ill health and would like to receive communion at home, please contact Eugene Tresham on 0420 936 988 to arrange.

MORLEY SEMINARY FUNDRAISING

“The Three Young Men in the Blazing Furnace,”

Parishioners are warmly invited to support: a live stage production based on the inspiring story from the Book of Daniel. This powerful presentation highlights courage, friendship, and unwavering faith in God even in the midst of life's greatest trials.

When: 8-9 October, Thursday and Friday, 7:30 pm (doors open at 6:30 pm)

Where: Servite College Theatre, 134 Cape Street, Tuart Hill WA 6060

Tickets: Adults \$20, Children \$10, Under 5 Free

For bookings, visit trybooking.com/DPIYY. We encourage parish families and friends to support our Perth Archdiocesan Missionary Seminary.

October - Month of Rosary

Rosary at the Prayer Shrine of St Kieran Church will be at 3:30pm daily. Every day of the month from Thursday 1st to Saturday 31st of October. Everyone is welcome to join in for praying the rosary at the Prayer Shrine.

Faith Formation Meetings for young and adults

Come and grow with us in faith! All parishioners are warmly invited to join our **Faith Formation Meetings**, beginning **Monday, 5th October**.

 **Mondays and Thursdays**

 **7:00 pm – 8:00 pm**

 **At the Church**

These gatherings are a wonderful opportunity to **deepen our faith, learn together, reflect on God's Word, and grow in our relationship with Christ and one another.** Whether you are beginning your faith journey or looking to deepen it, **you are most welcome to join us.**

Come, learn, share, and grow in faith together!

LITURGIA DELLA PAROLA

Prima Lettura

Is 55, 6-9

Cercate il Signore, mentre si fa trovare, invocatelo, mentre è vicino. L'empio abbandoni la sua via e l'uomo iniquo i suoi pensieri; ritorni al Signore che avrà misericordia di lui e al nostro Dio che largamente perdona. Perché i miei pensieri non sono i vostri pensieri, le vostre vie non sono le mie vie. Oracolo del Signore. Quanto il cielo sovrasta la terra, tanto le mie vie sovrastano le vostre vie, i miei pensieri sovrastano i vostri pensieri.

Parola di Dio

A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Sal 144

Il Signore è vicino a chi lo invoca.

Ti voglio benedire ogni giorno, lodare il Tuo nome in eterno e per sempre. Grande è il Signore e degno di ogni lode; senza fine è la Sua grandezza. **R.**

Misericordioso e pietoso è il Signore, lento all'ira e grande nell'amore. Buono è il Signore verso tutti, la Sua tenerezza si espande su tutte le creature. **R.**

Giusto è il Signore in tutte le sue vie e buono in tutte le Sue opere. Il Signore è vicino a chiunque lo invoca, a quanti lo invocano con sincerità. **R.**

SECONDA LETTURA

Fil 1,20-24.27

Fratelli, Cristo sarà glorificato nel mio corpo, sia che io viva sia che io muoia. Per me infatti il vivere è Cristo e il morire un guadagno. Ma se il vivere nel corpo significa lavorare con frutto, non so davvero che cosa scegliere. Sono stretto infatti fra queste due cose: ho il desiderio di lasciare questa vita per essere con Cristo, il che sarebbe assai meglio; ma per voi è più necessario che io rimanga nel corpo. Comportatevi dunque in modo degno del vangelo di Cristo.

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A: Rendiamo grazie a Dio

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Apri, Signore, il nostro cuore e accoglieremo le parole del Figlio Tuo.

Alleluia!

VANGELO

Mt 20,1-16

In quel tempo, Gesù disse ai suoi discepoli questa parabola: «Il regno dei cieli è simile a un padrone di casa che uscì all'alba per prendere a giornata lavoratori per la sua vigna. Si accordò con loro per un denaro al giorno e li mandò nella sua vigna. Uscito poi verso le nove del mattino, ne vide altri che stavano in piazza, disoccupati, e disse loro: "Andate anche voi nella vigna; quello che è giusto ve lo darò". Ed essi andarono. Uscì di nuovo verso mezzogiorno e verso le tre, e fece altrettanto. Uscito ancora verso le cinque, ne vide altri che se ne stavano lì e disse loro: "Perché ve ne state qui tutto il giorno senza far niente?". Gli risposero: "Perché nessuno ci ha presi a giornata". Ed egli disse loro: "Andate anche voi nella vigna". Quando fu sera, il padrone della vigna disse al suo fattore: "Chiama i lavoratori e dai loro la paga, incominciando dagli ultimi fino ai primi". Venuti quelli delle cinque del pomeriggio, ricevettero ciascuno un denaro. Quando arrivarono i primi, pensarono che avrebbero ricevuto di più. Ma anch'essi ricevettero ciascuno un denaro. Nel ritirarlo, però, mormoravano contro il padrone dicendo: "Questi ultimi hanno lavorato un'ora soltanto e li hai trattati come noi, che abbiamo sopportato il peso della giornata e il caldo". Ma il padrone, rispondendo a uno di loro, disse: "Amico, io non ti faccio torto. Non hai forse concordato con me per un denaro? Prendi il tuo e vattene. Ma io voglio dare anche a quest'ultimo quanto a te: non posso fare delle mie cose quello che voglio? Oppure tu sei invidioso perché io sono buono?". Così gli ultimi saranno primi e i primi, ultimi».

Parola del Signore

A: Lode a Te, O Cristo.