



# St Brigid's Parish Catholic Church

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Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am  
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

## 20th September 2020 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

#### Recently Deceased:

**Anniversary:** Doris Press: Allan Auslin; Kathleen Gallagher; Jack Perry; Ron Barwick; Dorothy & Harold Mann; Jack Tinson; Louise Barnett; Robert Barr; Stephen Ryan; John Purell; Paul O'Donnell; Rae Campbell; Bill Lawson; Rene McVicar; Rene McVicar; Maurice Tinson; Ida Baker; Les Howard; Margaret Health; Ellen Byrne; Tessie Campbell;

**May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.**

#### And for those who are ill:

Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Les Ward; David Seiler; Rita Looney; Bobbie Paton; Fr John Willis; Fr John McHugh; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Gooden; Ross Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Giff; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dalton; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Ivy Taylor; Joan Greenlee; Rosslyn Chan; and all the members of the Parish who are ill.

#### Other Intentions:

#### Roster

26/09/2020R: H Passfield

EM:

27/09/2020R: D Davidson & M Corbould

EM:

G: M & P Perkins

### Coming Events

- Migrant & Refugee Sunday 27 September 2020.
- National Days of Prayer for COVID 19 Pandemic 26/27 September.
- Peter's Pence Collection - 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi!
- Carer's Week Sunday 11-17 October 2020
- World Mission Sunday 18 October 2020
- First Confession Lessons commence on Wednesday 14 October 2020 at 3.50pm in the Father Stan Campbell Hall.
- Clergy Retreat 8 November to 13 November 2020. No Mass in the Parish this week.

### The Sacred Liturgy

#### Quirindi:

Vigil Mass 5.00pm  
Sunday 9.30am

#### Werris Creek:

Vigil Mass Saturday 6.30pm

#### Willow Tree:

Mass at Willow Tree 8.00am

#### Confessions:

Saturday 4.15pm to 4.45pm and  
after each Mass except Saturday  
night

#### Weekday Mass Times:

St Brigid's: Mass Monday, Tuesday, Friday &  
Saturday at 9.30am.

Werris Creek: Mass Wednesday, Thursday at  
9.30am.

## Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction:

Baptisms by arrangement with Parish Priest - any Sunday at 11.30am

Rosary is said prior to Mass only when there is no Benediction

No Anointing on the 3rd Sunday of the Month during Mass

### Coronavirus The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. Please sign-in on the log-sheets every time you enter the church.
2. Sanitise your hands, observe physical distancing and sit on allocated seats
3. **No congregational singing, only Father to sing; no Sign of Peace.**
4. Printed bulletins are for single use only and must not be reused by other people
5. One single line during Holy Communion.

### Saints to Remember

**St Matthew** - Feast - 21st  
**St Pius of Pietrelcina** - Memorial - 23rd  
**Ss Cosmas & Damian** - Memorial - 26th

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**Liturgy Roster** Our next Roster is due out soon, can you please advise what dates you will be away. There is a sheet at the back of the Church. Thanking you in anticipation.

The Kingdom of God is  
already in our midst like a  
hidden seed. Anyone with  
pure eyes can see it  
blossom.

Pope Francis



### Memorare

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember also the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your Son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life, that I may one day see you in heaven. Amen.

Our Lady of La Salette reconciler of Sinners  
Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to thee

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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. ■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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# Reflections on the Gospel

## THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

20 SEPTEMBER 2020



**REFLECTING THE GENEROSITY OF GOD**

Today's Gospel is introduced as a parable 'about the kingdom of heaven'. That is, it illustrates the way in which God's rule is reclaiming the world for values that allow people to live lives that are human in the fullest sense of the word.

In the Palestine of Jesus' time, employment was for many a day to day business. Whether labourers got work—and the wage they needed to support themselves and their families—depended on whether they were hired for that day in the marketplace.

The story presupposes a long working day with successive hirings during the day. The 'just wage' agreed upon at the start of the day would have been a denarius, the standard wage for a day's labour. This is in fact what everyone receives, but when those who have laboured since early morning see even the latecomers paid this wage, they expect that in their case 'a just wage' will mean considerably more. Hence their grievance.

Jesus' message is that we cannot simply take the conventional idea of justice and apply it without qualification to God. God is just, but, beyond justice, reserves the right to be overwhelmingly generous as well. If the landowner, out of wider social concern, chooses to be generous and to pay everyone, deserving or not, what social justice today would call a 'living wage', this truly reflects the will and action of God. Aligning ourselves with this view of God has much to do with allowing the values of the kingdom to transform our lives and our world.

**Brendan Byrne, SJ**

**FIRST READING** Isa 55:6-9  
A reading from the prophet Isaiah  
*My thoughts are not your thoughts*  
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.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v. 18  
**R. The Lord is near to all who call him.**

1. 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.**
2. 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.**
3. 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** Phil 1:20-24, 27  
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians  
*For me to live is Christ*

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.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf. Acts 16:14  
Alleluia, alleluia! / Open our hearts,  
O Lord, / to listen to the words of your Son. / Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** Mt 20:1-16  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
*Why are you jealous because I am generous?*

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