

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Open our heart, O Lord,  
to accept 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.’

**The Gospel of the Lord**

**BACKGROUND ON THE GOSPEL READING**

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

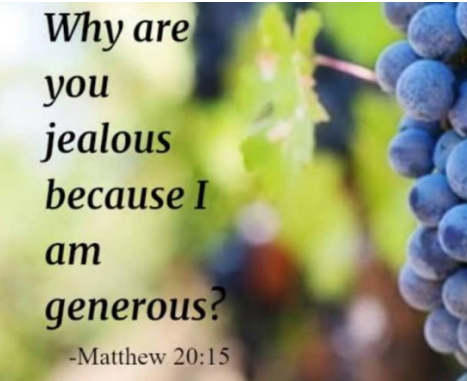
The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.



# Parish Bulletin

**25th Sunday Ordinary Time, Yr A**

**23-24 September 2023**



Those who had laboured in the vineyard all day were angry when the owner paid the latecomers the same wage. Like the story of the prodigal son, this parable reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is not characterized by our limited concepts of justice but by a compassion that knows no limits. May we not be envious at the good fortune of others but rejoice that we too are loved deeply by God.

**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.

**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**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18**

**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.**

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**Mass Times**  
Sunday 9:30 am  
Saturday Vigil Mass 6:30 pm  
Tuesday to Friday 9:15 am

**Confessions**  
Saturday 6:00 pm

**Rosary**  
Tues to Fri 8:45am

**Adoration of the Eucharist**  
Friday before Mass 8:30am

**Novena to St. Joseph**  
Wednesday after Mass

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Rosters—30Sep/1Oct 2023 26th Sunday Ordinary Time	
Time	Commentator/Readers
6.30pm Vigil	Fil Ciancio Michelle Page
9:30am	Antonetta Bartley Grace Yeow Maureen Fernando
Children's Liturgy	Tania Loro Montin Anne Dudzinski
Count team	Frank Mazzarolo Sandy Mazzarola Terry Pickering Christine Holmes
Altar and Flowers	Dolores Arboit Christina Wong Sarita Ingham and volunteers

*All those who have volunteered please arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time and report to the commentator for that Mass*

SUNDAY COLLECTION SUMMARY	16-17Sept 2023
Planned Giving (Envelopes & Electronic)	\$1019.00
Open Plate	\$414.00
<b>PARISH TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1433.00</b>

This week's contribution to the Diocesan Presbytery Fund : \$652.00

**Pope Francis @pontifex**  
Just as a river is a source of life for the environment surrounding it, so our synodal Church must be a source of life for our common home and all its inhabitants.



**SAUSAGE SIZZLE**  
The Knights of the Southern Cross will be having Sausage Sizzle after 9:30am Mass on Sunday 24 Sep 2023.  
Cost: \$2.50




**Please remember in your prayers**

Monsignor Rob Egar, aged 90 years, passed away on 19th September 2023 at the Royal Adelaide Hospital. May his soul rest in peace.

We pray for those listed and all the deceased relatives and friends of our Parishioners.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them; present them to God the Most High.*

**Sick:**  
We pray for the sick and housebound of our Parish and our relatives and friends who are unwell.

**If you know of sick or elderly parishioners who are housebound or in care and would appreciate a visit, please phone and leave a message with the parish office.**

**The Voice Referendum**  
On October 14 2023, Australian citizens will vote in the referendum on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice to Parliament. Archbishop Patrick O'Regan is encouraging Catholics to prayerfully reflect on the upcoming referendum and inform themselves from reliable sources such as [www.indigenousvoice.church](http://www.indigenousvoice.church), [www.catholic.au](http://www.catholic.au) or [www.voice.gov.au](http://www.voice.gov.au).

**Music Ministry Workshops**  
As liturgical musicians or leaders who are planning liturgies and Masses, it is important to gather and network together. A time to learn from each other, discover new liturgical music and plan for the season ahead. These workshops may be hosted by any school or parish cluster, by appointment. For information on hosting and/or attending a Music Ministry Workshop, please contact Lauren Bierer from the Archdiocesan Community Life & Worship team on [worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:worship@adelaide.catholic.org.au) or phone 8210 8130.

**Parish Announcements**

**SEASONS OF CREATION AT MERCY GROVE BELAIR NATIONAL PARK**  
The Christian family unites in the Season of Creation - a worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. You are invited to join us at Mercy Grove, Belair National Park, on Sunday October 1 from 1pm to 3pm for a time of prayer and reflection amongst nature.  
Contact: Deacon Tee Ping Koh 0409 538 328

**WALK WITH GOD FOR YOUNG ADULTS**  
Saturday October 7, 4pm-6pm  
You are invited to 'Walk with God'. Sabrina Stevens, National Youth Coordinator of Caritas Australia, connects young adults with the wonder and awe of God's creation through prayer and reflection, seeking God in all things. This walk will incorporate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander spirituality as we explore the different perspectives of connecting with creation. We look forward to seeing you for a prayerful walk and fellowship

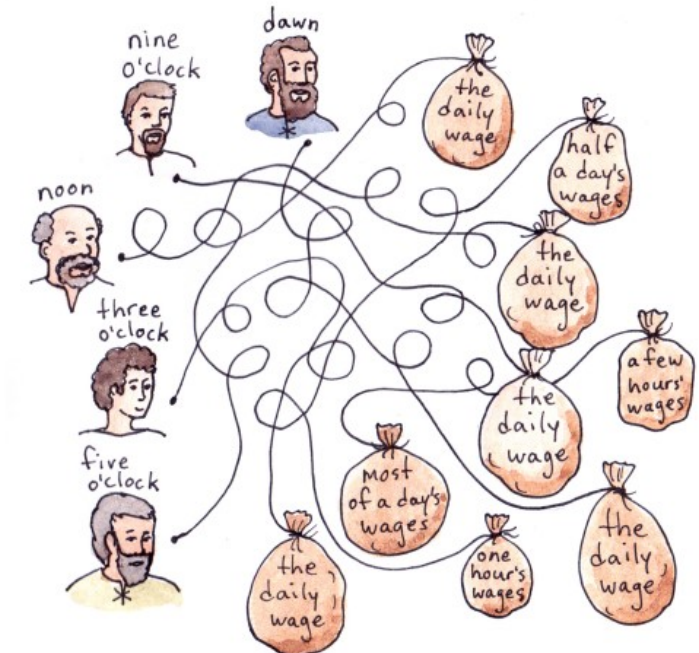
**HEART ON FIRE, FEET ON THE MOVE**  
October is Mission Month and Catholic Mission Appeal for 2023 will be held on October 22. Over the coming weeks Diocesan Director, Tony Johnston, will be calling out to meet with every parish administrator or parish priest to discuss parish needs and appeal details. During his visit he will provide all items required for the appeal from speakers notes to summary forms, posters and flash drives. If you have any concerns, please contact Tony Johnston, Diocesan Director Adelaide on (08) 8210 8199 or E: [tjohnston@catholicmission.org.au](mailto:tjohnston@catholicmission.org.au)

**SILENT RETREAT AT THE MONASTERY**  
Join us for some quiet, personal reflection on our silent retreat led by Fr Tony Edgar CP and Fr Pastor Mumburi CP. The retreat will commence with dinner on Friday October 6 and conclude with breakfast on Thursday October 12. Contact The Monastery office on 8338 8700 or [conference@themonastery.net.au](mailto:conference@themonastery.net.au)



**The Kids' Bulletin**

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
September 24th, 2023



*In the parable in today's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the story of a man with a vineyard who went out to hire men at different times of the day. At the end of the day, how much did each man get paid? Follow the wiggly lines to see!*

**A Full Day's Wages**

Today in the Gospel, Jesus tells a story of several men who were hired to work at a vineyard. The owner of the vineyard went out at different times to find men to work. At the end of the day, he gave each man a whole day's wages, even though some had only worked for a little while!

**THAT'S NOT FAIR - THEY GOT A WHOLE DAY'S PAY!**  
Jesus tells us that the Kingdom of Heaven is like this too: some people spend their whole lives working for God, and some people only turn to Him at the last minute. God opens Heaven to all the people who choose to love Him.

At first this doesn't seem fair. After all, some people give their whole lives to God and some give hardly any! But here is why it is fair: the only reason that any of us turns to God is because He gave us that grace. Some people have to live their whole lives without God's grace until the very end, but some of us have been given grace all our lives.