

Gospel Matthew 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 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.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.



ST MARTIN DE PORRES

Catholic Parish

Avondale Heights

Today's Celebration is on pages:

Old Missal: 337 New Missal: 459



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

20 September 2026

First Reading Isaiah 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.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial 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

Philippians 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.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

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The Parish of St Martin de Porres and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community. Child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of everyone.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Sick:

Angela; Mary; George Pinpin; Nancy Green; Kimberly Damanik; Vlad; Jan, Miecia, Zygyuch; Janice Murray; Rossini Burns; Mark; Franca; Monica Marland; Zac; Emily & Grace; Mellisa; Kay; Susie.

Recently Deceased:

Raymond Barber; Concetta Cutri; Teresa Talia; Tito Mandozzi; Vincent Vu Huu Chien; Pietro Torcasio; Leonardo Martelli.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Peter Falzon; Antonia & Lorenzo Di Stefano; Sam Lentini; Gesualda Casagrande; Andrea Cannistra; Giuseppe Grosso; Tony & Frank Patti; Dominic Cumbo; Bernarda & Francis Grima; Teresa, Emmanuel, Tonina, Phillip Sammut; Emmanuel & Nazarena Farrugia; Adam Hood; Rita & Carmelo De Bono; Joseph Consiglia.

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BAPTISMS THIS WEEKEND

We congratulate and pray for:
Mia Estelle Druzhinina;
Kayla Le; Maria Cecilia Nguyen



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WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027

Take courage! I have overcome the world.
John 16:33

The Archdiocese of Melbourne is inviting young people in Year 10 (minimum age 15) up to 30 years old to journey to Seoul, South Korea, for World Youth Day 2027, from 3-8 August 2027. WYD is an opportunity for young people to encounter Christ, experience the joy of the universal Church and return home to continue to grow in their faith. The Archdiocese is offering three pilgrimage options, Direct to Seoul, Via Incheon, Via Japan with formation & preparation leading into the journey.

Find out more at QR Code OR
melbournecatholic.org/wyd27



THE VICTORIA POLICE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING FORUM

Welcomes local services and community members to talk with police about what issues are important in your community.

The forum will explore topics including:

- Current crime trends & crime prevention
- Young people
- Family violence
- Road policing
- Drugs and drug related crime.

The Neighbourhood Policing Forum will be run by a Victoria Police panel. Questions will be taken from the audience throughout the event. **Registration is a must at:**

MOONEEPONDS-UNI-OIC@police.vic.gov.au

or scan the QR code.

Event details

Date: Wednesday 7 October 2026

Time: 6pm - 8pm (Doors open 5:45pm)

Location: Moonee Valley City Council,
9 Kellaway Ave, Moonee Ponds



Catholic Theological College

Invites you to our

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Presentations in October 2026

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ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Prayer Service

Living God

you are generous and kind
and call us to work in the fields of your
kingdom.

May we always be thankful
for the many gifts you have given us.
Help us to use these gifts wisely
so that we may build your kingdom on
earth.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Source: Liturgy Help



Devotion to Divine Mercy

Mondays: 2.30pm Rosary
3pm Divine Mercy Chaplet

followed by Stations of the Cross, 4pm finish.



Christian Meditation 2026

Maranatha ... Come Lord Jesus

All welcome: Monday 10 - 11am
Parent's Room in the Church

Term 4: Oct 26; Nov 9 & 23; Dec 7.



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