

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Rebecca Arden, Luke Jackowski, Dianne Hutchinson and those of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Repose of the Souls: Carmen Grech and those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church
Cleaning

Saturday 26th September — Filipino Community

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people.

St Dominic's Community holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of the church. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. A cultural of safety within the Church ensures that children can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realise their potential in a faith community. **We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.**

For those families with children, they are very welcome, and if your children become unrest during the celebration of the Holy Eucharistic, please use the Children Room on the side of the church, you can still listen to the homily from there.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

—The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting

Tuesday, 22 September 2026 beginning 19:00 – 20:00

Location: via ZOOM Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

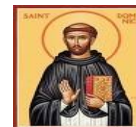
In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING ONLINE TO: ST DOMINIC'S CHURCH BSB: 083 347 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 67441 1404

PLEASE TYPE YOUR THANKSGIVING
ENVELOPE NUMBER WHEN YOU DO
THE TRANSACTION.

The Parish has the facility of
**EFTPOS DEBIT, VISA CARD
and MASTER CARD.** This is a
good option for those who do
not carry cash and would like
to contribute to the church.
**The set up is of: \$5.00;
\$10.00; \$20.00 and \$50.00**

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sundays: 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)
9.00am 1st & 3rd Sundays: Vietnamese Mass
9.00am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays: English Mass
11.00am: English Mass
1.00pm: Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am Mass
Morning Prayer of the Church: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.25am

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday before Mass.

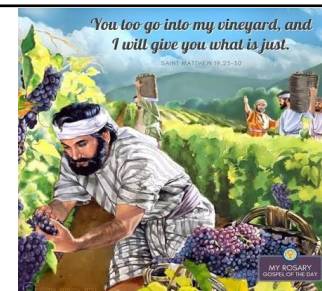
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Benediction: Every Friday following the 9.00am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday to Saturday before or after Mass.

Baptism Information/Preparation: Every First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Every Third Wednesday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



25th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A **20th September 2026**

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 6 – 9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18.

R/ The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 20 -24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1 -16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Ezekiel 18: 25-28; Philippians 2: 1- 11; Matthew 21: 28 – 32

***Gospel Reflection* by Greg Sunter**

On a first reading of this gospel story, the reader is probably struck by the unfairness of the situation. The landowner has employed day labourers at different times throughout the day to work in his vineyard. However, come the end of the day, the landowner pays all the day labourers the same amount. Not surprisingly, the labourers employed at daybreak to work the whole day are upset that those who have only worked the last hour of the day are paid the same amount. The landowner reminds them that he is paying them what they agreed at the start of the day, and yet the reader is left uncomfortable about the whole arrangement. Of course, this is the purpose of Jesus' story! The key to the story is in the introduction. Most of the kingdom parables told by Jesus begin with a formulaic statement, 'The kingdom is like ...' and this one is no different. What follows is almost always a description of an everyday event that is turned on its head. In all of the kingdom parables recorded in the gospels, Jesus describes a world order in which people respond in unexpected and sometimes confusing ways. His message is that the kingdom, or reign, of God turns expectations upside down. In the kingdom, people who are treated badly in this world are held in great esteem; the balance of power is turned upside down; and the usual order of things is challenged. The landowner's final comment in the parable, 'the last will be first, and the first, last', is a perfect example of the challenging nature of Jesus' kingdom parables. In the kingdom, those who hold themselves to be first in this world will be brought down, and those who are treated as least in this world will be exalted.

Historical Context – Labourers for hire

Jesus' parable describes a situation that would have been very familiar to his audience. At the time, there were many quite wealthy landowners who controlled large vineyards, orchards and crop fields. They would have employed a certain number of permanent workers but come harvest time there was a need for more workers and, much like today, they sought to employ part time workers for a short period of time until the rush was over. Men looking for work would gather in the marketplace of a village and landowners would select workers and send them to their property to work.

Scriptural context – Kingdom parables

A feature of the kingdom parables that Jesus used is a challenging 'shift' to the unexpected. Jesus only ever uses parables to describe what the kingdom is like, and never says exactly what it is or isn't. In each parable he compares the kingdom of God to something that would be familiar to a 1st century audience but then he twists the familiar and makes the challenging shift by making the familiar, unfamiliar. (This 'shift' is sometimes called a 'discombobulating shift'.) Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God disrupts our normal way of thinking, it turns our expectations upside down and it completely challenges our 'normal' relationships.

Have you thought? Equality or Equity?

How would you feel if you had done a full day's work and were paid the same as someone who had only worked for one hour? Is the landowner in the parable being unjust? He pays the workers exactly what he promised them – but he promised everyone the same amount, regardless of when they started work. The workers who started at 6.00 am complain. How do you think the workers who started later in the day felt? The landowner claims the right to be generous – is generosity unfair? There is a difference between treating people equally and equitably. What has the landowner done here?

TEN THE COMMANDMENTS

- I. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD:
YOU SHALL NOT HAVE
STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME.
- II. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE
THE NAME OF THE LORD
YOUR GOD IN VAIN.
- III. REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY
THE LORD'S DAY.
- IV. HONOR YOUR FATHER
AND YOUR MOTHER.
- V. YOU SHALL NOT KILL
- VI. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY.
- VII. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL.
- VIII. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR
FALSE WITNESS
AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR.
- IX. YOU SHALL NOT COVET
YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE.
- X. YOU SHALL NOT COVET
YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS.

How to Use the Commandments

For Catholics, reflecting on the Decalogue serves two major practical purposes:

The Examination of Conscience:

Before receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession), Catholics traditionally read through the Ten Commandments. It acts as a spiritual mirror, revealing exactly where we have drifted away from God's love so we can ask for his grace and heal. [[1](#), [2](#), [3](#)]

A Signpost to the Beatitudes:

The Commandments are the baseline foundation of the moral life. Pope Francis notes that while the Commandments tell us how to avoid the slavery of sin, they ultimately point forward to the [Beatitudes](#)—the positive fulfillment of love that Christ models for us.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2026 FABULOUS GIFT CARDS TO BE WON.

- 1st Prize:** Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of \$12,000.00
- 2nd Prize:** Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of \$4,000.00
- 3rd Prize:** Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of \$2,000.00
- 4th Prize:** Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of \$1,000.00
- 5th Prize:** Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of \$500.00

Please support our Fundraising by buying tickets and taking books to sell to your family and friends. All funds toward the Church.



Today—Sale of Sausages and other Foods

Led by Parish Council

Please support this fundraising by buying the delicious food that is available.



Helpers are needed to Clean the Church Garden.

Would you spare a couple of hours to clean up the church garden at your convenience time? If so, please ask Fr Octavian for any tools needed.

If you already helping, many thanks.