

Breaking Open the Word

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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BE GENEROUS

Greed often dominates our world, interactions between global leaders and, sometimes, our own relationships. Today's Gospel offers a different value system. Generosity is the Gospel standard that should dominate relationships.

This teaching comes in the form of another parable from Jesus. The context would be familiar to Matthew's audience, in a society dominated by injustice, hierarchy and poverty. In this world, unemployment was rife, as it is today. Workers in Jesus' day would go to the village or town square to seek employment. In this setting, the landowner comes to the square to hire labourers for his vineyard with a promised day's wage. The owner repeats the hiring practice at different hours of the day, even into the late afternoon. When it comes time to pay the wages of the labourers, the landowner begins with the last hired and pays them the full day's wage though they have worked less hours. Those hired first complain that they should have been paid more. The landowner's response summarises the main teaching point of the parable: 'Why be envious because I am generous?'

Generosity rather than greed characterises this landowner. It is also a mirror of Jesus' essential teaching. God is generous, not restrictive or calculating. This challenges a world governed by exactness and tit-for-tat thinking. God and God's kingdom are characterised by generosity. God is generous toward us – and invites us to be generous toward others.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

FIRST READING

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.

I. 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 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





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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these hours:

Sunday: 1pm; 2pm; 9pm

Monday: 2am; 11am; 11pm

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: 6am; 1pm; 2pm

Thursday: 12 am

Friday: 11am

Saturday: 11am

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

Continuation of our Formation Teachings with Fr Alex, CMF

We warmly invite you to join us for the continuation of our Scripture Formation Teachings following last week's inspiring Session on the introduction to Old and New Testaments. This week and next week our journey will continue to learn about "Understanding the 4 (four) Gospels". Helping us to understand The Bible, it's meaning, and how God speaks to us through His Word.

Sunday, 20 September, 3PM-5PM

Understanding the Gospel of Matthew and Mark

Sunday, 27 September, 2:15 PM-5PM

Understanding The Gospel of Luke and John.

Feast. St Matthew, apostle, evangelist
Monday, 21 September

Next Week: 27 September 2026
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary
Time - A

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Roco & Anica Koprivanac, Stephen Stojnik, Peterimarta Angela Sison, Heather & Eugene Laughlin, Stanley Culas, Felicity Hassan, Susan Dee De Castro, Mateo & Elizalde Denubo, Tony & Yong, Rosani Bugela, Donato St, Manuela, Feccristina Uy, Juanito, Legnina Ocampo, Joe Farrugia, Dominic Calafati, Charlie Parais, Loro, Emanuel, Ana Maria, Nicae, Maria, Efrén Tinalo, Michael Grima, Angela & Joseph Debrincat, Lay Chi Hau, Aloa Casimiro da Araujo Lay, Hermenigildo Carpio, Emanuel Attard, Pedro Barreto Lay, Agapito Lon Lay, Imaculada Lay, Paulina & Chona Alcalde, Teresa Aceder, Joseph Mary Cachia, Genoveva, Virginia, Dorica, Cirillo, Joselito, Ernesto, Tito, Helen, Arthur, Edgar & Jose, Zenaida Alon, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Teofila Fernando, Manuel, Trinidad, Gervasio, Erwin Lacuesta, Ana Belen Madrid Zaraspe, Rafael Becina Gauna, Cristy Abuel, Georgina Flynn, Sheryl Salvador, Oyo Nyimba Kabamba, Loro Stanovic

SPECIAL INTENTION: Aquilina family, Angelo Franco & family, Maricor Gatus, Daniel Rushi, Nobin Joe **HEALING:** Pauline Gatt, Agatha Saliba, Maria & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Koprivanac family, Gauci & McKenzie family, Jacinto Davin, T Jing Fa Leong, Mu T Juing Sing, Victor Lai, Faima Sin, Ian Ing Sin, Damian, Katrina Sasova & family, Stefan Radic & family, Peling Zamora, Richard Lay, Kathleen, Charles Egori

THANKSGIVING: Vinia Baculo, Ligaya Binuya, Perty Corloncito, Lorraine Uy, Gunta Haber, Anto Dominovic, Sheryl Pante, Jacky Vella, Zelco Vulic, Lenu Monteiro, Julian Raelini, Salvador, Maximo, Leticia, Iann Concei, Lardizabal family, Janet Estrada & family

THIS WEEK: 20 September 2026 - Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Grace S L	Frances R	Perly C	Nelissa D	Gloria T	Annika D
1st Reader	Antonietta C	Jeslie M	Rukmal M	Anna C	Milo P	Arabella J
2nd Reader	Manoj L	Aaron A	Wynna D	Grezech P	Tami M	Zaylee D
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Ernesto Co Nick S L George E Delia J	Jeslie M Roland D	Teo C Hilda D S Ronald D Virgie G	Julie Ann M Maria Mizzi Joe M Froilan M	Vernon A Kirk D G R Oliver T Jacqueline R	Marvin D Joe C Ric M Michael D
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Anielle Mary Ann	Jherzielle
Choirs	LIHM Sisters	AHFI	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Emmaus	Lea Lapid	Exxemoz

NEXT WEEK: 27 September 2026 - Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator	Delia J	Richelle C	Hilda D S	Eva O	Gloria T	Sofia P
1st Reader	Colleen D B	Aaron A	Kumudu M	Maria Mizzi	Shereen Q	R Sazon
2nd Reader	Gregg S	Susan C	Mario N	Theresa Tan	Maria Sulfaro	Angel T
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Grace S L Nick S L Antonietta C George E	Kurt C Stefan P	Rukmal M Cedric B Roland D Thi Pham	Rosa M Gilbert M Cathryn D Don C	Oliver T Vernon A Candida D S Patrick B	Ernesto C Teo C Jeslie M Joe C
Altar Servers	George E	Tony Cilia	Adrian D A	Henry, Oliver Fawaz	Raphael P Rey S Anielle Mary Ann	Jherzielle
Choirs	Harmonico Filipino	AHFI	Mt Horeb	CFCA	Exxemoz	MWF with LIHM Sisters

Parish Car Park Closure

Please be advised that the car park will be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 29, 30 September & 1st October to allow car park line marking works. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Come and Join. SPC Bible Study

SPC Evangelisation Team would like to invite you to an online Bible study. Every Wednesday, 7:30pm
Contact Hilda 0450 006 316

SPC Bible study group.

We warmly invite you to join the SPC Youth and Young Adults Bible Study group.
Contact: Parish office 03 93633132 or Email: deerpark@cam.org.au

NO SPC Sunday School & "Animo"

Youth Meeting during school holidays.

Timorese Mass Saturday, 26 September at 3:00 PM

Novena to St Faustina

will start on Saturday, 26 September at 4:00 PM
Please check flyer in the foyer of the Church for Novena times.

ST BERNADETTE'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY MASS CELEBRATION.

Sunday, 27 September, 10:30 AM.

St Bernadette's Church, North Sunshine
Presider: Bishop Martin Ashe, DD
RSVP through Trybooking by 20th Sept.
Please check flyer in the foyer of the Church.

A VOCATION VIEW

We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.