

Alleluia, alleluia! / My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; / I know them, and they follow me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

CHANGE OF ATTITUDE

Remaining in the agricultural world from last Sunday and the hiring practice of a landowner, we are now inside the landowner's family and its two sons. The landowner requests both sons to go to work in the vineyard. Such a request would have been unnecessary, given that there would have been hired labourers in the vineyard – information learnt from last Sunday's Gospel.

A deeper intent lies behind the owner's request: Are the sons' committed to the family's enterprise? Perhaps, too, this reflects what is occurring with the Gospel household, the inner relationship and ethical practice of its members. The main issue concerns integrity of word and openness of heart. The first son is asked to work in the vineyard but refuses the request. Later, he thinks about it, changes his mind and goes. The second promises to go the vineyard but doesn't. There is no further comment about the request or change of heart. Jesus asks the religious leaders, 'Which of the two did the father's will?' They respond, 'The first.' This son, at first resistant, changes his mind and responds to the father's request.

The parable is obviously directed to Jesus' audience and religious leaders, to recognise their need to change attitudes that exclude certain types of people. Surprisingly, those judged as social reprobates, the 'tax collectors and prostitutes', are given preferential acceptance into God's Kingdom. The parable overturns conventional expectations in Matthew's day and in ours!

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

FIRST READING

Ezek 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 6

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. R.
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / Do not remember the sins of my youth. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. R.
3. The Lord is good and upright / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path / he teaches his way to the poor. R.

SECOND READING

Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one

thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.

But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,

should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

■ The word of the Lord.





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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

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS. Start of Daylight Savings on Sunday, 4th October. Please move your clock one hour forward at 2AM

Thank you Fr Alex Gobrin, CMF.

We are truly grateful for the teachings you have shared, especially your insights to the Scripture and the four (4) gospels. You have inspired us to listen to God's Word with open hearts. It has been a blessing to have you in our Parish. May the Lord bless you abundantly as you continue your mission and ministry. God Bless you Fr Alex.

Feast. St Michael, Gabriel, Raphael Archangels, Tuesday, 29 September

Memorial. St Therese of the Child Jesus, Thursday, 1 October

Memorial. The Holy Guardian Angels Friday, 2 October

Next Week: 4 October 2026

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

DEATH REMEMBRANCE: Joseph Grima, Ann Cremona, Maria Neide Nascimento, Roco & Anica Koprivanac, Stephen Stolinik, John Abraham, Pasquellino Mulazzo, Zenaida Alon, George Kesavan Nair, Jennifer Luxford, June, Gelia Hipolito, Roselynn Abucay, Moses, Maximiano, Kista Patayon, Marce, Anastacio, Elizabeth, Clifton Ventura, Wayne Reddaway, Jimmy Co, Christopher Ralph, Melissa Maffei, Graziella Conti, Antoinette Esposito, Maria Luisa Galicia, Mauricio Bautista, Victoria Isabel Sabeluna, Leo Barillo, Violeta Abadia, Romulo, Teotimo, Norma, Luka Mikesic, Davidon, Sr Lena Mascarenhas, Mateo Denubo, Mary Camilleri, John the Baptist, Antonio Gomez, Priya, Pamela Sanz Catayong, Thresiamma Joseph, Solita Banez, Heather & Eugene Laughlin, Manyze Fernandez, Melissa Maffei, Joy Habyarimana, Patrice Lumumba, All Souls in Purgatory

RECENT DEATH: Jordan Charles Vella, Mary, Esperanza Javier, Graziella Conti, Antoinette Esposito

SPECIAL INTENTION: Aquilina family, Nielany Lynn Descallar, George Pirrotta, Mikesic family, Annabel, Attard family, Anne Marie, Numis family, Nicky, Carolina & Clare, Natalie, Michael Felsing & family, Jeremy Orchard, Gorgon family

HEALING: Pauline Gatt, Agatha Saliba, Maria & Helen Aquilina, Arlyn Lim, Lydie Etienne, Koprivanac family, Gaudi & McKenzie family, Jacinto Davin, Joan Okol Aguti, Norbert Apolet, Kizza Besigye, Elias Lukwago, Chrispus Oca, Noah Oeger, Jimmy Eftithia, Julia Summer Beruo, Rogelio Villaceran, Ann O'Brien, Janice Delgado

THANKSGIVING: Clare Galindo, Carmelita Tereng, Pin Siw, Don Maxi, us Diones, George Vun, Terry Taia, Selina Tsom Li, Juliana, Joe Galali, Annabel & Chris, Olivia Nepomuceno, Urmeneta family, George Doctolero, Mandel Colocar

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

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

NEXT WEEK: 4 October 2026 - Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time - A

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Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Perly C Grace S L Gynn D	James J Richelle C Jeslie M	Dulce T Divina N Kathleen T	Nelissa D Julie Ann M Shiela D	Diana T Gloria T Tonlette S	Frances R Celine T Danica L
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Teo C Ernesto Co Nick S L Antonietta C	Kurt C Stefan P	Ronald D Mario N Rukmal M Wynna D	Joe M Lidia L Maria Mizzi Eva O	Marvin D Emman C Rafael V Kirk D G R	Michael D Jeslie M Marcelline A Ric M
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Choirs	MMF with LHMM Sisters	Butch Eleazar	Mt Horeb	Emmaus	CFA	Samoan DVM

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

1st Friday Vigil 2 October 2026, after 7pm mass to be concluded with The mass at 12:00 Midnight.

Healing mass Sunday, 4 October 2026. Praise and Worship at 2:30pm followed by Healing mass at 3:00pm. All welcome. Contact: Hilda 0450 006 316

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.

Feast Day Mass to St Faustina Monday, 5 October, 7:00PM

Refreshments in the foyer to follow after the mass. Please bring a plate to share. Thank you.

PRAY WITH POPE LEO XIV:

One Million Children Praying the Rosary From 1-7 October, *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the *One Million Children Praying the Rosary* prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world. For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit: www.acininternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

PLEASE CHECK FLYER IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH FOR QR CODE & MORE INFORMATION

A VOCATION VIEW

We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us.