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XXVI Domenica del tempo Ordinario (ANNO A) C'è una frase conclusiva, comune alle due parabole della XXVI e XXVII domenica, che svela il segreto intendimento del discorso complessivo di Gesù: “Perciò vi dico: vi sarà tolto il regno di Dio e sarà dato a un popolo che lo farà fruttificare” (Mt 21,41). La domanda posta da Gesù è la seguente: “Chi è allora il vero destinatario della promessa, il vero credente?”. Anche la parabola dei due figli deve essere letta in questa prospettiva. Molte volte, infatti, può verificarsi una forma di sintonia solo apparente, perché ultimamente interessata, tra la nostra volontà e quella del Padre. Siamo capaci di dirgli dei “sì” speciosi e superficiali, non maturati al sole di quella vera obbedienza interiore, che può solamente essere il frutto di una profonda conversione a Dio. Una forma di obbedienza disobbediente perché non tocca le radici del nostro cuore e non cambia la nostra esistenza. In questa ipotesi è vero che, pur immersi in una vita ancora disordinata, coloro che hanno deciso di seguire Cristo, senza reticenze e senza cercare in ultima analisi il loro interesse, si riscatteranno e avranno la precedenza nel regno dei cieli. La parabola ci fa capire quanto sia anche per noi reale il pericolo di partecipare, con apparente docilità, durante tutta la nostra vita, alle celebrazioni liturgiche e alle attività della Chiesa, senza mai diventare veri cristiani. <i>(LaChiesa)</i>
A great deal has happened since last week’s gospel reading in the lectionary. Jesus is now in Jerusalem. He has entered the city (Matthew 21:1–11) and has taken possession of the temple, driving out those who corrupt his Father’s house (Matthew 21:12–17). The crisis point of Jesus’ ministry has arrived, and he will enter into conflict with the established religious authorities. The point of this text is that it is not the ‘conventionally religious’—those who mouth all the right words and go through the rituals—who will enter the kingdom. Instead it is the ones who, by their actions, carry out God’s will and become the sons and daughters of God. John the Baptist, like Jesus himself, not only preached righteousness; he lived it. Jesus describes him as ‘a pattern of true righteousness’ (Matthew 21:32), and it was the broken people, the tax collectors and prostitutes, who accepted what he had to bring. They believed in him, repented and experienced a change of heart and life. <i>(the summit)</i>
St. Matthew’s Dinner and Parish Raffle Thank you to everyone who supported the St. Matthew’s Dinner and/or Parish Raffle this year. The dinner was very successful with nearly 200 people attending on the night. The Parish Raffle was drawn on the night—prize winners that were not present to collect their prizes will be contacted. A special note of thanks to those who assisted in the preparation, the serving, and, cleaning up after the dinner. Thanks also to those who organized and sold raffle tickets.
Air conditioners in the church Work on the removal of the existing split systems and the installation of the new systems has commenced. S&J Mechanical Electrical P/L have been assigned the responsibility of the project. The systems are expected to be installed and running by the end of September. There should be minimal disruption to weekday or weekend mass services. Voluntary donations are welcome.
Joke One night an Admiral on a US Navy Battleship ordered a certain course. The navigation officer, seeing a light in the distance, reported that the battleship now seemed to be on a collision course with another ship. So, the Admiral ordered his radio officer to send a message to the on-coming ship that it should change its course 10 degrees to the south. The reply came simply, “<i>Change your course 10 degrees to the north.</i>” After two more unsuccessful exchanges, the Admiral, now quite furious, came thundering into the radio control room, grabbed the microphone, and bellowed into it, “<i>Do you know that you are talking to an ADMIRAL in the UNITED STATES NAVY?!</i>” After a brief moment of silence, the even-tempered reply came back, “<i>This is a lighthouse; alter your course 10 degrees to the North.</i>” <i>(frtonyshomilies)</i>

<i>The sick in our parish:</i> Teresa Lamonaca, John Markis, Miriam Markis, Angela Barto, Sonia Taranto, Evelyn McDonough, Laurence, Monica Zahra, Cathy Taviane, Maria Mallozzi, Aiden Agius, Meldon Richardson, John Bussutil, Elda Taranto, Alfredo Pannunzio, Claudette McAllister, John Pannunzio, Maria Lester, Robert, Richard, Alice Abella, Estrelita Flores, Anna Boscaglia, Cleo Mallia, Remi Infanti, Christine, Vic Usher, Nidal, Peter, Sam Brady, Rosario Galati, Venia Tanjay
<i>Upcoming funerals:</i> David Galea: Friday, October 2. 11.30 am.
<i>Recently deceased:</i> David Galea, Elizabeth Comito, Neta Mayer, Jacques Bodourian, Pietro Leone, Nicola Pardea, Filippo Rizzo, Bernice Di Biase, Zina Caruso, Amelia Lazzaro, Elvira Cutri
<i>Anniversaries:</i> Shanie Liyanage, Kingsley De Zilva, Mable De Zilva, Angelo Guida, Salvatore Calvi, Vincenzo Calvi, Pasqualina Torchia, Angelo Torchia.

Mass times Weekday: Tuesday-Thursday: 9.30 am masses will not be held. Friday: 9.30 am mass. Wednesday: Novena mass 6.00 pm. Weekend Saturday Vigil mass 5.30 pm Sunday 9.00 am ; Sunday 10.30 (Italian mass) Reconciliation: Saturday: 5.00 pm. Bookings are essential. Contact the Parish Office	Rosters for weekend masses (October 3/4) Lectors: Saturday: 5.30 pm. C. Schiavello Sunday 9.00 am: S. Peake 10.30 am: R. Odoardi Bus driver: F. Inchincoli 
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Melbourne Synod 2026 On the third Sunday of Lent, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will formally convoke a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The synod calls the Melbourne Church to journey together in communion, participation and mission, echoing Pope Francis’ vision of a ‘listening Church’ (<i>Evangelii Gaudium</i>, §31). Informed by Vatican II’s teaching, the Church is ‘a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit’ (<i>Lumen Gentium</i>, §4). The synod assembly will be held across the weekend of 4–6 December 2026. Further information is available at : https://melbournecatholic.org/synod2026

Preghiera di San Matteo Dio nostro Padre, ti ringraziamo per tutti i doni che hai conferito sulla nostra famiglia parrocchiale. Concedici la Sapienza per cercare la tua volontà’ in ogni cosa. Circonda le nostre famiglie con la tua protezione amorosa. Dona salute e gioia ai nostri genitori, sapienza e coraggio ai nostri giovani e fede ed allegria ai nostri figli. Per intercessione di San Matteo, benedici perche’ diventiamo una famiglia piu’ fedele ed amorosa e di cuore e mente unici. Amen	St. Matthew’s Prayer God Our Father, we thank you for all the blessings you have bestowed upon our Parish Family. Give us the wisdom to seek Your Will in everything. Encircle our families with Your loving care. Give good health and happiness to our parents; wisdom and courage to our youth; faith and cheerfulness to our children. Bless us, through the intercession of St. Matthew, to grow stronger in faith and love, as a family of one heart and one mind. Amen
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St. Matthew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.
