

The Living Word

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

20 September 2026

First Reading Is 55:6-9

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.

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 Phil 1:20-24. 27

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.

Gospel Acclamation See Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 20:1-16

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



Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

This is a story of the day labourers of Jesus' time. The 'early birds' contracted for the just wage of one denarius and did the hard work over the course of a long day. They were outraged when latecomers also received a denarius.

This little parable circulated in the Christian community of the first century because there was great antagonism between the Jews who became followers of Jesus and the non-Jews, the 'Gentiles'. Jewish Christians looked at their long history of hardship preparing for the coming of the Messiah. And, now, here were these Gentiles who had done nothing by comparison, and God appeared to be granting them whatever it took to enjoy the 'daily bread' of the Kingdom of God.

Jewish Christians had to be shocked out of *their* idea that God's grace could *not* be lavished on those outside the boundaries of the Chosen People.

We could pause to pray to be taken by happy surprise by those billions of people outside the Church who, by the grace of God, will share with us 'the Bread of Life', given for the salvation of *all* the world.

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.'

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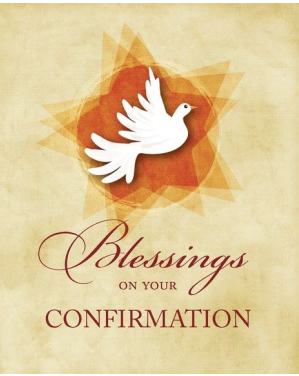
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To last weekend's Confirmation Candidates

Congratulations on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation last week. May the Holy Spirit continue to strengthen, guide, and inspire you as you grow in faith and live out the gifts you have received. Our parish community is proud of you and prays that you carry Christ's light into every part of your life.

PARISH FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAM 2026

Information day: Friday October 9th, 2026 at 4 pm. Open to all students who have already received their Baptism and Reconciliation Sacraments.

Classes are held in the Presbytery from 4 pm to 5 pm on Friday afternoons on the 16th, 23rd, 30th of October, 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th of November and 4th of December.

Celebration at St. Patrick's church: Sunday December 6th, 2025 at 10:45 am Mass.

Please contact the parish office if you wish to enrol into our First Holy Communion program for 2026, by calling 5782 1084 or emailing kilmore@cam.org.au

Social Services Sunday: 20 September 2026

This Sunday, 20 September 2026, we give thanks for the thousands of staff and volunteers across Catholic social services who accompany people experiencing poverty, disadvantage and marginalisation throughout Victoria.

As we celebrate Social Services Sunday, we recognise the need for encounter. Passion for connection and meeting others creates the kinship that is imperative in times of hardship and for building strong communities. Through these encounters, we recognise the dignity of every person and stand alongside those who may otherwise go unheard. Catholic social services put this call into practice every day through accompaniment, advocacy, and practical support.



This Social Services Sunday, we are invited not only to give thanks for this work, but to consider our own contribution: ***Who is experiencing hardship around us? Who is already walking beside them? How might we strengthen and support that work?***

QR Code to Social Services Sunday Video:



CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore
Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford
Our Lady of the Way, Wallan
St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil) 5 pm, Broadford
6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun 8.45 am, Wallan
10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore
Wed 9 am, Wallan
(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

9.30 am, Thursday morning during Adoration

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction
Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore
Divine Mercy Chaplet
15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore
Rosary
after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

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PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 19 Sep: WEEKDAY, 24TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 20 Sep: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
3 pm Wedding of Madeline & Mark,
St. Patrick's Church

Mon, 21 Sep: ST MATTHEW

No Mass

Tue, 22 Sep: WEEKDAY, 25TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 23 Sep: ST PIUS OF PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO)

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
*(Not at Our Lady of the Way Church during
school holidays)*

7.15 pm RCIA Session, St Patrick's Presbytery

Thu, 24 Sep: WEEKDAY, 25TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 25 Sep: WEEKDAY, 25TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sat, 26 Sep: WEEKDAY, 25TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, Our Lady of the Way Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 27 Sep: 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

CHOOSING PEACE

The International Day of Peace on September 21 gives us reason to consider what peace really means in today's world.

We live among people with different backgrounds, beliefs, opinions and experiences. We will not always agree, and perhaps we are not meant to. Peace does not require everyone to think the same way. It asks us to recognise our differences without allowing them to pull us apart.

At a time when disagreement can quickly become anger and division, there is value in finding common ground. Families, neighbourhoods and communities are stronger when people can live alongside one another with respect, even when they see things differently.

The hope for a more peaceful world belongs to every generation. We may not have control over events happening far beyond our own lives, but we can influence the kind of community we help create.

On this International Day of Peace, may we look beyond what divides us and remember how much we have in common. A better tomorrow begins when peace becomes something we value not only in the world, but in the way we choose to live.

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VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>19/20 SEP</u>	<u>26/27 SEP</u>
BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	19 Sep	26 Sep
Reader	C. Stokes	D. Mercovich
EMHC	J. Dixon	B. O'Dwyer
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	19 Sep	26 Sep
Reader	J. O'Callaghan	M. Fleischmann
EMHC	C. Clancy	V. Barro
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	20 Sep	27 Sep
Reader	M. Carocci	N. Ryan
EMHC	M. Hoban	P. Hutchinson
EMHC	M. McGowan	S. Buckley
PowerPoint	R. Quinn	F. Thompson
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	20 Sep	27 Sep
Reader	T. Wilson	A. Mathew
EMHC	K. Archer	B. Collier
PowerPoint	K. Curry	W. Reece
FLOWERS:	E. Ferraresi	H. Clancy
HOME EUCHARIST:	H. Clancy	J. Dixon
	P. Duff	M. Donovan
CLEANERS KILMORE:	L. Beaumont &	G. Kim
	C. Eid	

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Anniversaries

Tony Valentini, Margery Aitcheson, Pat Tierney, Cass Tuohey, Thomas Keran Schwab, Joseph Perez, Mary Gabrielle Boran, Helena Schembri, Brenda Maher, Fanny Cernes, Margaret Hyndes, Jill Reeves, Teresa Donovan, Frank Scollo, Philip Sant, Suzanne Hutchins, Marie Therese Broome, Denny & Lisa Sibillin and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'agostino, Theo Aitchison, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michael Bourne, Faye Vandenberg, Annette Jacovou, Kylie Alexander and all people who are in need of our prayers.

ARTICLES FOR THE SHAMROCK MAGAZINE:

The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the Christmas edition. They are also very keen to find some family photos of Christmas celebrations that they could add to the cover of the Christmas edition which is currently being worked on. Please (with permissions of those in the photos!) send us any photos of family celebrations.

Please email articles to: stpatparishmagazine@gmail.com

Synod Corner: Synodality and Scripture

From Abraham's journey to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Scripture is full of stories of God walking with His people. Synodality places us within that biblical story.



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