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Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 23 - 24 September 2023

WHY BE ENVIOUS AT ALL?

At the end of the parable in today's Gospel text (Matt 20:1-16), Jesus, through the lips of the landowner, poses a question: "why be envious because I am generous?" (v 15). This question reprimands human envy and celebrates God's generosity. From a narrative point of view, it could be a defense of Jesus' association with those conventionally branded as "tax collectors and sinners" (cf. Matt 9:10-13). The question for us all today, however, would rather be: why be envious at all? Envy is said to be "a feeling of discontent or resentful longing aroused by someone else's possessions, qualities, or luck." When the parable is read and unpacked, we notice the resentful feelings of some group because of the luck of others.

In the story, a landowner goes out to hire workers for his vineyard. He enters into an agreement with the first group of workers for the standard daily wage at the time. Going out again, he meets more people standing "idle", who would have liked to be hired but no one hired them. The landowner hires them again and promises to pay them a "fair wage." Again, going out at the last hour the landowner meets more people standing idle. These people all have responsibilities to their families and to themselves—wages and bills to be paid. To go home un-hired will have serious consequences. Hence they waited to be hired even to the last hour. Eventually, everyone is hired even if the work done differs.

Now it's payment time. The landowner chooses to pay everyone the "usual daily wage". Jesus indicates that there is justice (paying what was agreed upon) and generosity to those who had not the opportunity to be hired earlier (by paying them the daily wage). The first workers though receive their just wage grumble because the others also receive the daily wage as them. They are not grateful that they were able to work and so have earned their daily wage, instead they choose unhappiness by focusing their gaze on the luck of the others. I guess if everyone had been paid in brown envelopes with no one knowing what the other received, there would be no case of envy. The grumbling is the result of discontentment for their earning in comparison to the earnings of the others which produced anger toward the landowner and most likely these "others". This is envy at work.

Envy however is a very negative and dangerous emotion to harbor. It can trigger concerns about inadequacy. The danger here is that it aids the development of poor self-esteem and inferiority complex because instead of identifying and celebrating one's God-given qualities, personality and abilities, one is busy focusing on the other. It can also lead to a feeling of ill-will towards others. The saying goes that jealousy/envy is the root of hatred. Because one is resentful about the other's "blessings", and desire the table to have been turned around, one detests the other's presence. The result is the nursing of negative energy and experiences within, which in effect, leads to stress and depression. Studies have shown that envy can be emotionally draining, and is linked to self-deception and is destructive.

So why be envious at all? Why be the source of one's own sickness? Why invite destructive energy into one's system? Envy is like a canker worm... it eats one from the inside. So, the Lord's question today calls us to rediscover our true self in God, be thankful for who we are and what we have, appreciate others for who they are and what they possess, and bless God every day for your gift to the world. You and your gifts are unique. There's none like you. You are the only one of your creation in the whole wide world. Celebrate you... in God, who gives generously.

God bless you. *Fr Francis Otobo*

PARISH CALENDAR.

Wed 4 Oct 6pm: Parent only workshop
Reconciliation

Sun 8 Oct 9.30am: 1st Sunday Cuppa & 100th
birthday celebration for Helena Klimas

WELCOME Fr Aneesh to St Mary's Cathedral Parish. It is such a pleasure to have you join us. We hope you enjoy your stay.

SACRAMENTS

FIRST RECONCILIATION will take place in term four. If you have an eligible child please enrol them before the end of term three by contacting the Parish office on 5144 4100 for an enrolment form and program dates. Parent only workshop will take place on **Wednesday 4 October at 6pm** in the Assembly area of the Cathedral

DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL Criteria for Membership: Members of the Council will have demonstrated their commitment to their faith and leadership in ministry and mission. Members will have an active and living faith, participate in parish life, respect other points of view, exercise deep listening, have a sense of the mission of the Catholic Church, demonstrate inclusiveness, and be committed to working collaboratively and with synodal processes. The minimum age for membership is 18 years of age.

HELENA KLIMAS - 100 YEARS LOVED: On **Sunday 8 Oct**, Bishop Greg will celebrate Mass at **9.30am**. Following the Mass there will be morning tea, a birthday cake with a presentation to celebrate Helena's 100th Birthday with her church family. A light luncheon will be served in the Chapter House afterwards. Helena has had a full life, simple, selfless and brilliantly lived. Please join her family in celebrating this milestone with her.

FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA: Due to Helena Klimas 100th birthday celebrations our First Sunday Cuppa will be held on, **Sunday 8 October**, Parish Family Groups (Libby Byrnes & Jenny Claxton) will be our hosts in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is **invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share.**

31 CLUB REMINDER 25 Sep to 1 October. Please pray for vocations.

COME AND SEE Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Michael's Parish Support Centre - 121-123 High Street. Berwick on Sunday, 15th October at 2:00pm particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

ECUMENICAL PRAYER VIGIL: Catholic communities around the world have been invited to host an ecumenical prayer vigil on the weekend of **September 30-October 1** in solidarity with a major international gathering in Rome ahead of the first session of the Synod on Synodality. A prayer vigil would be a great way to respond to their request, and to gather with Christian sisters and brothers in our shared faith. Find out more and register your vigil at: <https://together2023.net/>

RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM: This weekend at St Patrick's Briagolong we welcome for baptism **Leo Landy** son of Michael & Claire. Congratulations to the family from us all.

109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees: Sunday 24 September 2023 The theme of Pope Francis' Message for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees is "Freedom to choose whether to migrate or stay." The Australian Catholic Migrant and Refugee Office (ACMRO) has created online resources, including the Migrant and Refugee Kit 2023, a liturgy for primary and secondary schools, homily notes, and prayers of intercession, to help celebrate this special day. Resources available at: <https://bit.ly/ACMROKit2023>.

CLERGY INSERVICE the annual Clergy in service of the Sale Diocese will be held from Monday 25 to Thursday 28 September. During this time there will be no weekday Masses. Please join us again on Friday 29 September for adoration, reconciliation and week day Mass.

PARISH ASSEMBLY PRAYER.

Heavenly Father,
you have called us to journey with each other as one people in this process of coming together as one family through sharing, listening and discerning the movements of the Holy Spirit.

As we gather in unison for our Parish Assembly to discern the growth of our Parish, open our hearts and help us to listen to each other with humility and empathy.

United as one family and one Body in Christ, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as to what we ought to do and where we ought to go.

As we make our way in these days by faith, guide and shape us so that our minds and hearts reflect yours.

Help us build a Parish that is vibrant, evangelising and missionary.

May the blessed Virgin Mary continue to intercede for us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen



CONGRATULATIONS to St Mary's Cathedral (our Cathedral) which was dedicated on **23 September 1915**—108 years ago this Saturday.

LEGION OF MARY meet in the Chapter House from **10.30am each Wednesday**. New members are very welcome.

DAILY PRAYER Short daily Gospel reflections with access to readings and prayers of the faithful can be found at <https://www.pray.com.au>

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 10.30-11am before Mass.

At Other times: Available on request

Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening: Available on request.

MARRIAGES: Not less than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

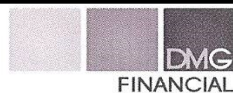
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**Mass Timetable this week
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
23 - 24 September 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 23 September	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 24 September	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Briagolong
	5.30pm	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 25 September	NO	MASS
Tuesday 26 September	NO	MASS
Wednesday 27 September	NO	MASS
Thursday 28 September	NO	MASS
Friday 29 September		
<i>Exposition & Reconciliation Mass</i>	10.00am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 30 September	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 1 October	9.30am	Cathedral
	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 23 Sept 5.30pm	Sun 24 Sept 9.30am	Sun 24 Sept 5.30pm
Welcomer	John Dykun	Margaret Shirreffs	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Mildred Semodio	Adam Collins
Reader	Faye Flint	Kate Meehan-Oxford	Brenda Bowden
Eucharist	Brenda Burditt	Anna Allen	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Counters	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

Date & Time	Sat 30 Sept 5.30pm	Sun 1 Oct 9.30am	Sun 1 Oct 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Vince Beer	Gweneth & Angel
Commentator	Emma Morrison	Susan Mattson	Andreena Jolly
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Nick Hall	Faye Flint
Eucharist	Jan Slattery	Margaret Shirreffs	Doug Waite
Counters	Sue Harvey & Mary Cooper		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **James Maher**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Carmel Lee, Roshanee Fernando, Fr John Black, Fr John Dunlea**. We pray for those who are sick Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Andrew Lyon, Jim Clottin, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Andrew Geary, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Our next Youth Mass will be at **5:30pm on Saturday 15 October**.

Activity tubs and books are available in the youth corner for any children attending Mass.

As the ministry to our young ones continue to develop in our parish, the youth ministry team is soliciting the assistance of parishioners who are willing to help with conducting children's liturgy. This will be during the 9.30am Sunday Mass only. Interested volunteers should please contact the Parish Office. A WWCC and Parish Code of Conduct is required.

Children's Liturgy will commence on 8 October. Thanks to all who have volunteered. A training date for volunteers will be advised.

If you have any questions about youth ministry or would like to be involved, please call the Parish Office on 5144 4100 or Shari, Youth volunteer on 0430 932 220.



'Remember your creator in the days of your youth'
Ecclesiastes 12:1

Prayer for the Synod

As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever.

Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:6-9

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

The Lord is near to all who call him.

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.)**

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.)**

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 :

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24, 27

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. **All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!



GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 20:1-16

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 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. All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;
may my ways be firm in your statutes.**



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral
Every Friday 10 - 11am
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral
Friday 10.30 - 11am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
1st Reading: **Ezekiel 18:25-28**
2nd Reading: **Philippians 2:1-11**
Gospel: **Matthew 21:28-32**

WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm
Saturday: Rosedale - 5.30pm
Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm
Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)
Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.