



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.'

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.

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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

COVID-19 STAGE 4 RESTRICTIONS

With Stage 4 restrictions still in place, our Parish Office is closed. Parish Secretary, Helena Meredith is working remotely from home. These are challenging times. Please email if you need anything or call 9337 4141 and leave a message. We will respond to calls as soon as possible. Thank you for your understanding.

If you have envelopes for the weekend collections, please contact me if they need to be collected, or keep them with you until we are able to open again. Please consider changing to credit card, direct debit or direct online banking. We can assist you with setting this up. May God bless you all.

Fr Arockia Sebastian

IN YOUR PRAYERS

SICK

Visal Prum, Kathleen Gillies.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Betty Preston, Antonio Bonadio, Fay Meeham

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Lola & Pascal Attard, George Attard, Vincenzo D'Agostino, Stella Cutayar, William Cutayar, Roberta Pavlic, Felice Mangion, Angelo Usai, Angelo Taranto, Michaelangelo Gusman, Carmelo Gusman, Ross Drago, Valerian Pinto

PARISH SUPPORT

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FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Monday 21 Sep St Matthews
Wednesday 23 Sep St Pius of Pietrelcina

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER

– A TIME TO REFLECT AND GIVE THANKS

The Church, which "goes forth", is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. -

Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* #24

On 20th September 2020, we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we are invited to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with deep gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 45 member organisations, the 7,000 staff and 17,000 volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also give thanks for all in our parishes, who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond.

FACE MASKS – VOLUNTEERS 'THANK YOU'

Thank you very much to the 5 people who so kindly volunteered to make the reusable face masks for the disadvantaged in our community.

PARISH REMEMBRANCE BOOK

The Parish Remembrance Book will soon be updated. If you would like to add the name of a departed loved one, please email or telephone the Parish Office. Details required for inclusion in the book are: full name, month, date and year of death. Thank you.

HEART OF LIFE CENTRE FOR SPIRITUAL & PASTORAL FORMATION: 'Walking with Wisdom' Contemplative Sessions (via Zoom) – Thursdays, 10am-12.30pm (AEST) on 8, 15, 22 & 29 October 2020. We invite you to join us for a series of contemplative sessions with Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath, providing opportunities for Deep Listening: to oneself at this unique time in our lives; to Divine Wisdom in the Heart, and in the Hearts of Others; and to engage in a gentle, creative response. Join for one or all sessions. \$85 for the Series or \$25 per session. Bookings at www.trybooking.com/BLILH. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, tel 03 9890 1101, www.heartoflife.melbourne

Prayer for Courage and Compassion

Compassionate God,
Your unconditional love for all
inspires our hearts and empowers our
actions for those who are most
vulnerable.

May we boldly and humbly serve one
another
and be steadfast in our work for
justice for all people.

Keep our hearts open to the joys and
the hopes of our world,
and our ears ready to hear your call
to truth, justice and reconciliation.

Let us continue to draw inspiration
and strength
from those, like St Mary MacKillop,
on whose shoulders we stand.

We gather in Jesus' name
to be nourished and to move forward
together in hope and joy.

Amen

This prayer was the 2020 National Catholic Social Services Conference prayer held in February 2020 in Melbourne. The Conference was convened by Catholic Social Services Victoria and Catholic Social Services Australia.

CONGRATULATIONS & BLESSINGS

Kaz & Teresa Paradowski

who celebrate their
50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY
on 19th September 2020

and to

Clive & Colleen Ducker

who celebrate their
59TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

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The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.

All staff and volunteers in our parish must have a current Working with Children Check.

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Applications for Year 7 in 2022 will close Friday 9th October 2020. Our next Virtual Tour will be held on Wednesday 2nd September. Book your place at columba.vic.edu.au

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