

Parish News

Rosary in the Park: Join us for a Nation-Wide Rosary celebrating the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima. All over Australia people are getting involved! Why not join them!

It is the opportunity for our Parish to join together in public prayer

- 1) For conversion: Witnessing our faith to others. How are they to know about God if we don't tell them?
- 2) For Reparation: Today, many blasphemies take place in public. We must make reparation in public.

Where: Paradise Point Park

When: 11 am. Saturday 14th October 2017

The Rosary we have today dedicated to the reality that if we have God in our hearts, if we let God delve deep in our lives, then surely he will carry us through everything... "I will try to free myself from everything that prevents me from obtaining this treasure that God is." (St Vincent Pallotti)

As Pope Francis says in his Dec 7 Angelus address, "The Virgin Mary is the 'path' that God Himself has prepared to come into the world. Let us entrust to Her the expectation of salvation and peace for all men and women of our time."



Holy Family Catholic Parish Runaway Bay

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NOT DUTY BUT DELIGHT IN SERVING THE LORD

The parable is about a landowner who paid all the workers a full day's wage, even though some had worked only one hour. The workers employed at the eleventh hour represented the sinners and outcasts of his own day. The parable is about unexpected generosity to workers hired late in the day. The owner of the vineyard had not been unjust. He had been extraordinarily generous.

We all say, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ" when we hear the Gospel read, but like the Pharisees who assumed that God worked on a merit system, we too don't really like it. It is not the way you and I have organized the life. We often think that we must earn God's favour by hard work. God has to give us a reward in direct proportion to our efforts.

This is not Christianity but a worldly mindset of buying and selling, of attempting to earn worthiness by some extrinsic measure. Jesus was quite angry at such an attempt to buy God's love or to make religion into an exclusive club. He made a whip of cords and went to the temple to destroy it saying: "My house is to be a house of prayer for all the people." (Is 56:7)

Telling this parable, Jesus proclaims that God doesn't work on a commission system. Jesus is presenting a very different world-view which undoes our reliance on what we think is logic. God in today's first reading says: "My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways are not your ways."

The point of the parable is this: God's indiscriminate and abundant generosity is extended to everyone, even to those rejected, to the outcasts that nobody wants. This is the reason why Jesus has received tax collectors and sinners to his fellowship. He ate and drank with them and invited them into the kingdom, because God who has sent him is generous with his forgiveness and mercy.

God doesn't make contracts with us as if we could bargain or negotiate for a better deal. He promises us everything and asks of us everything in return. When he keeps his promises, he is not rewarding us for effort, but doing what comes naturally to his over-flowingly generous nature. What Jesus is trying to make is that salvation is a gift freely given and not an earned reward.

It was said that an angel was walking down the street carrying a torch in one hand and a pail of water in the other. Someone asked, "What are you going to do with the torch and the pail?" He said, "With the torch, I'm going to burn down the mansions of heaven, and with the pail I'm going to put out the fires of hell. Then we shall see who really loves God."

We need such an angel to move religion beyond the mentality of reward and punishment, beyond a list of requirements to a religion of real transformation of consciousness (Eph 4:23-24) and to recapture the essence of Christianity which is not duty but delight in serving the Lord. Such a delight creates within us "a new mind," (Rm 12:2) a new self," (Eph 4:23-24) capable to know that God does not hire us to work in his vineyard because we are good workers. God loves us because God is good. The better servants we become the more we are sure that God does all the giving and we do all the receiving.

Fr. John Khoái

Weekly Diary : 25th - 30th September 2017

Monday 25 th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed by Novena
Tuesday 26 th	: 08.00 am. Mass, followed Eucharistic Adoration. : 10.30 am. Anointing Mass at Regency Aged Center, Sanctuary Cove
Wednesday 27 th	: 09.30 am. Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, priest, followed by Rosary
Thursday 28 th	: 09.30 am. Mass, followed by Catholic Community of Christ prayer.
Friday 29 th	: 09.30 am. Feast of Sts Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, archangels, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 30 th	: 09.30 am. Memorial of St Jerome, priest, doctor, priest, followed by Rosary.
Saturday 30 th	: 5.30 pm. : 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time A
Sunday 01 st	: 07.00 am. + 09.00 am. + 5.30 pm. : 26 th Sunday in Ordinary Time A

The 1st Evening Sunday Mass of November will be on the 05th at 5.30 pm. : 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time A.

Mass Duty Roster : 30th/1st October 2017

Mass Co-ordinator	Lectors	Extraordinary Ministers of Communion	Servers
5.30pm Lorraine Knight	Monique Labutte Jean Di Benedetto	Helen Topham, Julie Dakin, Clive Broughton Rachelle Broughton, Jean Di Benedetto	Ryan Hurley
7.00am Trudy Andrews	Gloria Butt Bernadette Swindley	Rose Hessen, Danielle Carter, Colleen McCormack, Celine Lobb	Brianna & Ashley
9.00am Lynne Adamson	Jane Howard Rose Lopez	John Lynch, Jane Howard Pam Nelson, Kathy Fuller	Matthew Cook

Last Weekend's Thanksgiving Program

Next Week's Counting Team: No. 4 (25/9/17)

1 st Collection	2 nd Collection	Pietv Shop	St Anthony's
\$1141.30	\$1742.55	\$51.75	\$55.05

"Each of you must give as you have made up your mind not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver... And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance... You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity." (2 Cor 9:7-8,11)



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LITURGY OF THE LIVING WORD

FIRST READING Isaiah 55:6-9 *The Lord says: My thoughts are not your thoughts.*

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 *R.* The Lord is near to all who call on him.

Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. *R.*

The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made. *R.*

The Lord is just in all his ways, and kind in all his doings. The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. *R.*

SECOND READING Philippians 1:20-24, 27 *To me, living is Christ.*

My brothers and sisters, It is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be put to shame in any way, but that by my speaking with all boldness, Christ will be exalted now as always in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you.

Live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION See Acts 16:14 Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 20:1-16 *Are you envious because I am generous?*

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples. "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.'



So they went. "When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.'

"When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' "So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Psalm 118:4-5 You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK AND DECEASED

RECENTLY DECEASED: Beverley May Hawks, Ersilia (Elsie) & Joseph (Joe) Bugeja, Daniel Thomas Egan
ANNIVERSARIES: Nigel Mark Short, Enid Marriott, Bernadette Rutkin, Angela McAloon, Audrey Dwyer, Robert John Nichols, Barbara Bou-Samra, Philomena Selba, Fred & Selina Betros, May & Tony Stephens

SICK LIST: Anthony Donellan, Dolores Kilian, Nora M Cadawas, Robert Duff, Mary Ann Boeheme, John Nekvapal, Rita Ryan, Maureen Currie, Marg Watson, Brian Walker, Harry Hunter, Matthew Taylor, Margaret Wiersma, Madeline Hodgetts, Erin Mehmet, Babara Paton, Nancy Kelly, Tamara Toms, Cathy Hewitt, Baby Charlie Shirran, Bernie Pack, Kevin O'Donnell, Elizabeth Norris, Pat Otago, Stephen Deshaies, Cathy Hewitt, Patricia Ryder, Kathy Pearman, Ken Hannam, Kelly Blount, Gail Callaghan, Pistang Retute, Philip Egan, Vanessa Pritchard, Carol Johnston, Anne & Albert Chandler

PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, rest your weary ones, bless your dying ones, soothe your suffering ones, pity your afflicted ones, shield your joyous ones, and all for your love's sake. Amen. (St Augustine)

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