

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 6-9

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 144: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

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: Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Acts 16: 14

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

GOSPEL: Matthew 20: 1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekial 18: 25-28
Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24: 4-9
Second Reading: Philippians 2: 1-5
Gospel: Matthew 21: 28-32

OCTOBER - MONTH OF THE ROSARY
Fr George will lead us in a decade of the
Rosary before all Masses in October.



**ENROL NOW IN THE CONFIRMATION
SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM**

BEGINS: 3.30pm 7 October / 8.00am 8 October
Email: sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au



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All enquires regarding Funerals and
Weddings, please contact **the parish office**

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday 4.30pm or by appointment

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

We follow the words of our patron,
St John Vianney, who said "He is here".

We recognise Christ is in the Word,
the Eucharist, and in us His people,
with a special reverence for Him
in the poor and marginalised.

We are called to make Christ present
through our prayer and charity.
We seek to grow in our spiritual lives and
create a community

where everyone is welcome;
the young and the old, together to
experience the loving presence of God.

We believe He is here amongst us
and we joyfully go out
to make Him present to all.

23/24 September 2023

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

Let Us Pray:

Thank You, Lord, because nobody and nothing can take away Your love, which looks for me, heals me, delivers me, comforts me and sanctifies me. Amen.

God's not fair!

God's not fair! How many times have we felt that way? And it's true, at least by our standards. The parable in this Sunday's Gospel reading is a fine example of this.

The landowner seems to be very unfair. We can begin to understand him, however, if we think of this parable in terms of parenthood. A loving father cares about each of his children equally. Although he gives more attention to the child who needs it more, he loves the others just as much.

God the Father is like a vineyard owner who gives equally to all. Since we cannot earn our way into heaven, equal benefits are not an injustice to those who labored longer. Rather, God gives complete and perfect love even to those who only discovered, at the last minute, the value of having a relationship with him. He can do no less.


The first reading reminds us that as high as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are greater than our ways and his thoughts are higher than our thoughts. We think that justice (fairness) means equal treatment, but that harkens back to the Old Testament concept of justice: "an eye for an eye". Jesus raised justice to its highest level, which means being equally loving and kind to all, whether they deserve it or not.

We don't have to *understand* God's higher ways. We only have to be grateful that God loves us even when we are unloving. No matter how undeserving of his love we might be, he still gives us the same amount of love that he gives to the holiest of saints. He loves us as much as he loves Mary the Blessed Mother of Christ! "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own love?" he asks.

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on whose land we walk, live and worship.

FOR YOUR DIARY	
SEPTEMBER	
25 Mon	No Mass 10.00am Baptism - HATFIELD
26 Tues	6pm Mass
27 Wed	9:00am Rosary 9.30am Mass 7.30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
28 Thurs	9.30am Mass
29 Fri	9:30am Mass
30 Sat	4:30pm Reconciliation
26TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME	
5.00pm Mass (Manly) Choir sings	
OCTOBER	
01 Sun	7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly)



Let Justice and Peace Flow

Season of Creation 2023

The **Season of Creation** held in September, is an annual Christian celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

The theme for 2023 is “Let Justice and Peace Flow” and the symbol is “A Mighty River”.

Let us join the Mighty River by transforming our hearts and let us add to the flow of the Mighty River by transforming our lifestyles. Cooperate in God’s ongoing creation through positive choices that are environmentally and socially responsible.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
6PM WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS
SILVER CIRCLE DRAW 9 OF 10

The winner of Draw 9 in the current Knights Silver Circle with **ticket #11** is **Stan Skubis!**
 Congratulations Stan and thank you to those supporting the charitable works of the Knights through this fundraising Silver Circle.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
Sat 23 Sept	Jen B	Jane O	Denise D	Colleen S	Irene	F
Sun 24 Sept	Mark E	Trish E	Margaret P	Margaret H	Emma	
Sat 30 Sept	Jane O	Maureen B	Colleen S	Denise D	Anjoline	G
Sun 01 Oct	Steve P	Robert A	June M	Jasser N	Donna	

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OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Brian Eather, Selwyn Norrish, Candelario Iquin, Michael Maguire.


ANNIVERSARIES: Gertrude Anderson, John Brian, Judith Brennan, Kathleen Carter, Peter Carter, David Cootes, Edna Dillon, Val Fagan, Bernard Foster Alan Gill, Cecily Graham, Frank Grainger, Luigi Gregori Luzette Hageraats, Gilda Hankins, Victoria Hardy, Maureen and Margaret Harrison, Annie Horswill, Keith Joseph Imeson, Andrew Jones Michael Kearney, Mary Laracy, Diane Larkins, Lance Lawes, Pat Little, Margaret Murphy, Margaret McIntosh, Peter McIndoe, Lisa Orford (Argent), Jessie Platt, Clem Raine, John Ryan, Florence Schmid, Paul Skillender, Leo Smith, Joyce Starkey, Ray Tranter, Josephine van Daalen, Bob Ward, Sharon Watson, Madge Wiese and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK: Jack and Mary Beard, Jocelyn Barron, Lorraine Bourke, Stephen Burrows, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Rose-Marie Dickson, Pat Ellis, Irene Gavrilla, Maureen Handcock, Ian Lennon, Richard Pook, David Schilling, Leesa Scott, Natasha Skitmore, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, Peter Smyth-Kirk, Emma Walters and Violet Maureen Phillips.

To include a name in our ‘Of Your Charity’ list, the Privacy Act requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative. Names on the recently deceased, anniversaries and our sick parishioners lists are reviewed at the end of each month.

URGENT - HELP NEEDED!


We need your help to keep our Children’s Liturgy of the Word program running during the 9.30am Sunday Mass. All materials are provided and no previous experience is required. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Nola at sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au



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Ideal for use in Bible Study, this wonderful book is available at the Piety Stall for a discounted price for a short time only.

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VOICE TO PARLIAMENT

At the heart of the upcoming **Voice to Parliament Referendum** is the *recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples*, the worlds oldest continuing culture, in the *Australian Constitution*. This is an omission which needs to be rectified and the constitutionally enshrined Indigenous Voice to Parliament is proposed as a way to achieve this.

As Catholics, we have a responsibility to listen to the voices of First Australians and to work towards a more just and equitable society.

Australia’s Catholic Bishops have called upon us all to listen to the voices of First Nations peoples, and to make an informed decision at this referendum. We are encouraged to read and discuss the document from which the Voice proposal emerged [Uluru Statement from the Heart](#). Another useful source to help us on our process of discernment is the [One Journey, Together](#) website by NATSICC, Caritas and Catholic Social Services Victoria.

The **Voice to Parliament Referendum** provides all Catholics with a unique opportunity to come together as a community and draw upon our faith and moral grounding to make an informed decision.

For more information you are invited to attend an:

Information Forum
6.30pm on Wed 3 October at Wynnum Bowls Club
Preceded at 5pm by a Q&A Youth Forum

THE GRACE OF BAPTISM RETREAT

*Discover how precious you are in Christ
 Experience the Healing Touch of God
 Encounter the Holy Spirit...*

9.30am-4pm on Sat 7 Oct at Guardian Angels Church
Morning Tea provided, BYO Lunch

For more information contact Trish: 0477158856

For the Children


25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Workers in the vineyard

Not everyone comes to know Jesus early in their lives, for some it might happen only at the end of a lifetime. But Jesus is loving and generous, and today we learn that those who follow him will receive the same reward at the end of time - everlasting life.

LET US PRAY

Lord, you are always generous and kind. Fill us with the generosity of your love and help us be more understanding.



International Morning Tea


Sunday 29 October



Help us celebrate the multiculturalism of our parish by joining us for our International Morning Tea.

- ♦ **Dress in your national costume**
- ♦ **Bring a dish to share that represents your culture**

We would like to display as many national flags as possible. Please contact Zoe in the Parish Office if you can help us source these flags.



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EMERGENCY APPEAL

In recent months there has been over 35% increase in demand for assistance from The Romero Centre. A real crisis is unfolding amongst those who have fled war and famine. Without any government support and not being allowed to work and earn income, asylum seekers are desperately seeking help from Romero’s food pantry and emergency relief funds to survive. Please help by providing:

- **\$25 Food Gift Cards or Cash Donations.**

Place cards or cash in the weekend collection, in a **sealed envelope marked The Romero Centre**. If you donate via their website a tax invoice will be issued.

<https://romero.mercycommunity.org.au>

Many thanks for your support for this very worthy cause

Small act = BIG IMPACT

 **CHILDREN’S LITURGY TODAY**