

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time A

First Reading Ez 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: ‘You object, “What the Lord does is unjust.” Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.’

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

Responsorial Psalm

*Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6*

**R.** Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor

**R.** Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love,

with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people’s interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!  
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, “My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered, “I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, “Certainly, sir,” but did not go. Which of the two did the father’s will?” ‘The first’ they said. Jesus said to them, ‘I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their

way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate ‘No, no, no, no ... Y-yes!’

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said ‘Yes’, but never did anything. The other said ‘No’, but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said ‘Yes’ but did not ‘walk the talk’.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said ‘No’ to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear ‘No’ many times in the hope of hearing ‘Yes’. God’s patience never runs out. But our time to say ‘Yes’ does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say ‘Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.’ As St Francis of Assisi put it, ‘Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.’ Walk the talk.

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*You must take personal responsibility. You cannot change the circumstances, the seasons or the wind, but you can change yourself.*  
  
*- Jim Rohn*



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WEEKLY MASS TIMES

**Tues 29:** 5.30 Mass  
**Wed 30:** 9am Mass  
**Thurs 01:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 02:** 9.15am Mass  
**Sat 03:** 9am Rosary /Mass  
9.30am Recon  
6pm Mass  
**Sun 04:** 9am Mass  
5pm Mass

ROSTERS 26/27 SEPTEMBER Church Cleaning

M deSmet/J Maher (28/9-2/10)

Welcomers

6pm K Conway  
9am J McClelland  
5pm D Ebejer

Commentator

6pm A Jackson  
9am N Beatty  
5pm S Ebejer

Readers

6pm P O'Kelly  
9am L Page  
5pm M Devine

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm A Rogers  
9am M Lowe  
5pm L Favetta

Computer Screen

6pm T Jackson  
9am T Priest  
5pm M O'Neill

REGISTRARS

6pm J Wain & J McCarthy  
9am B Basevi, G Norris  
5pm N Beatty

ROSTERS 3/4 OCTOBER

Church Cleaning

B Coffey/M Paine (5-9)

Welcomers

6pm Sr Marie McAlister  
9am C Connell  
5pm M deSmet

Commentator

6pm J Quigley  
9am L Page  
5pm M Devine

Readers:

6pm J Mackay  
9am B Basevi  
5pm K O'Sullivan

Eucharistic Ministers

6pm, M Bridges  
9am K Corbin,  
5pm J O'Sullivan

Computer Screen

6pm K Conway  
9am T Priest  
5pm M O'Neill

REGISTRARS

6pm P Billington  
9am B Basevi, G Norris  
5pm N Beatty

26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—A

WORLD MIGRANT AND REFUGEE SUNDAY



PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY

This week’s readings are all about personal responsibility!

It was thought in the Old Testament that the sins of the Parents were put on to the children! We know that is not correct, but if

we give a poor example to our children what do we expect from them?

The terms of the Covenant were given to the **Individual** ..our community is made up of individuals. God wants us to love freely – not simply as responders to rules and laws. It is easy to blame others, but God is telling us that we are all responsible for our own actions. Ezekiel is calling us to change our ways and welcome the Good News into our lives.

We know that we face many challenges; pain, death and sufferings of many kinds, but we must remember that these **are not** punishments from God ..no one is spared and our response can sometimes cause us to think that God has forgotten us. That is **never** the case. We are loved individually.

The beautiful cry of the Psalm ‘Remember your mercies O Lord’ is worth meditating on during our prayer this week. Our God is a **forgiving** God and does not have a list of our wrongdoings tucked away somewhere!

St Paul is asking us to ‘put on the mind of Christ’! He is speaking from prison so is appealing to the Philippians (us) to be united in love, purpose and mind. That is the only way we will move together as a Parish Community. ‘There must be no competition among you ... think of others before yourself’. Strong words but having the ‘mind of Christ’ we are energised to carry this message of **love** to all. Difficult, yes, but in the following of Christ ‘who humbled Himself’ we can personally witness to what He has modelled for us, wherever we find ourselves in our daily life. We are following the ‘One who humbled Himself, even to death on a Cross’. Christ is with us in our troubles!

It is a great blessing to be known as people who keep our word! The two sons in today’s Gospel have a problem with that. One says yes and the other says no and both do the opposite! God is always ready to forgive but let us try and be people who can say **Yes** to God in all things.

God bless,

Sr Marie



## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

### OCTOBER

#### The Laity's Mission in the Church

We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.



### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community, beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious. We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis. Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!



### UPCOMING EVENTS



**Wrap With Love**  
Wed 30th—11 am  
**Bible Study/Faith Formation**—Wed 9.30am  
**Craft Group**—Thursday 10am--12pm

**Adoration**—Friday 5.30 pm  
**Reconciliation**—Saturday 9.30am  
**E-Activity Singalong** Mon 1pm

## FEAST OF STS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL —ARCHANGELS

September 29th



The liturgy celebrates the feast of these three archangels who are venerated in the tradition of the Church.

**Michael** (Who is like God?) was the Archangel who fought against Satan and all his evil angels, defending all the friends of God. He is the protector of all humanity from the snares of the devil.



**Gabriel** (Strength of God) announced to Zachariah the forthcoming birth of John the Baptist, and to Mary, the birth of Jesus. His greeting to the Virgin, "Hail, full of grace," is one of the most familiar and frequent prayers of the Christian people.



**Raphael** (Medicine of God) is the Archangel who took care of Tobias on his journey.

The Catechism of the Catholic church teaches us that, "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls "angels" is a truth of faith.

The witness of Scripture is as clear as the unanimity of Tradition."

Angels are pure, created spirits. The name angel means servant or messenger of God. Angels are celestial or heavenly beings, on a higher order than human beings. Angels have no bodies and do not depend on matter for their existence or activity.

They are distinct from saints, which men can become. Angels have intellect and will, and are immortal. They are a vast multitude, but each is an individual person. Archangels are one of the nine choirs of angels listed in the Bible. In ascending order, the choirs or classes are 1) Angels, 2) Archangels, 3) Principalities, 4) Powers, 5) Virtues, 6) Dominations, 7) Thrones, 8) Cherubim, and 9) Seraphim.

**We are reminded on this Feast Day of the wonderful gift of the Archangels, including our guardian angles, whose unfailing assistance is directed toward one end: serving God's loving plan of salvation.**

### 2020 WORLD DAY OF MIGRANT AND REFUGEES SUNDAY 27th September

For 2020, Pope Francis has chosen the theme "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee", with a focus on the need for the pastoral care of internally displaced persons.

The World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) is always an occasion to express concern for many different vulnerable people on the move; to pray for the challenges and increase awareness about the opportunities that migration offers.

**Catholics worldwide are called upon to remember those displaced by conflict and persecution**  
<https://migrants-refugees.va/resource-center/world-day-of-migrants-refugees-2020/>



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE WHO CELEBRATED A BIRTHDAY IN THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER.

**Eurobodalla Tea & Talk Sessions** Tuesday 29th September 11am—2 pm  
All residents are invited to come down for a chat and say hello to your neighbours over a cup of tea or coffee.

Access to bushfire support services will be available with representatives from the Red Cross, Service NSW and the DPI Rural Recovery Team.

Location—Hanging Rock Sports Centre

### ARCHBISHOP'S COVID-19 PASTORAL VISIT

**Archbishop Christopher Prowse will be visiting the Parish on Friday 2nd October. There will be Mass at 9.15 am with coffee and morning tea afterwards. Please bring along a plate to share**

### PPC RENEWAL PROCESS

We are in the process of renewing the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Pastoral Plan. The following parishioners have been invited to participate in the discernment process leading to the renewal of the Parish Pastoral Council. These will collaborate with the incumbent Pastoral Councillors in developing a new Parish Pastoral Plan for 2021-2023. Please keep this process in your payers.

*Mick Lowe, Nola Beatty, Miranda Vidovic, Tony DCosta, Judith Baroman, Pat Jobes, Peter O'Kelly, Maria Devine, Saskia Ebejer, Jenny Rzepa*

### Feasts of the Week

**Sunday 27th—St Vincent de Paul**  
**Monday 28th—St Wenceslaus, St Lawrence Ruiz et al**  
**Tuesday 29th—Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael archangels**  
**Wed 30th—St Jerome**



### PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

**1st Collection** Acc. Name: Central  
Presbytery Fund Bank Acc: 000029248 BSB: 062-786  
Ref: TOWN & SURNAME. Eg: Batemans bay Jones

**2nd Collection** Supports the running costs of the Parish  
Acc. Name: St Bernard's Operating Account BSB: 062-786  
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Please note: For banking at any bank but not the Commonwealth Bank

You may also contribute using this link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA>.

### Remembering the Sick:

John Dillon, Trish Hamilton, Daniel Coffey, Vince Burns, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odum, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Maureen Kinross and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

### Death Anniversaries:

Stanley Crowther, Lorna Vella, June Bowditch, Trevor Latta, Egidius Post, Kata Katic, Emilia Marszalek,

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish

**Community:**  
Pio Liberale, Amelia Davis, Glenda Gallagher, Ivy Rootsey, Tilly Conway, Jan Schor, Dennis Mayer, Regina Mass, Kathleen Brown, Evert Ordeman, Mato Katic, Mary Carter, Joe Johnson, Noni Boyce, Rose Lambert, Tony Craddy, Terry Parsons, Anne Bevern, Sylvia Mayer, Veronica Holmes, Barbara Simpson, Anacrita Villanueva Sencio, Janette Gosman

## Parish Coffee Club

**On a break for two weeks over the school holidays**

### MORNING REFLECTION & PRAYER

**Celebrating with Mary MacKillop "Take Fresh Courage" 10th Year of Canonisation**

**DATE: Saturday Oct 17th**  
**VENUE: St Joseph's Convent Chapel**

**TIME: 9.45 registration 10 am—12.30 pm**

**Facilitators: Sr Marie McAlister rsj & Marie Weatherall**

**Morning Tea provided**  
**Please bring a plate to share for Pot Luck lunch**  
**RSVP by October 10th to Sr Marie on 0429 383 333**

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