

First Reading: 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.

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:

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.

Gospel Acclamation:

See Acts of the Apostles 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: 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.’

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.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.



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"May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance" - Jude 1:2

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 19/20 SEPTEMBER 2026

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Tuesday – 22 Sep 2026

6.00pm – 6.30pm:

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6.30pm – 6.45pm:

Silent Adoration

6.45pm – 7.00pm:

Devotion to St. Jude and Reposition of the
Blessed Sacrament

Mass: 7.00pm

Wednesday to Saturday

23 – 26 Sep 26

Mass: 9.30am

Weekend Mass

26 Sep 2026

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

27 Sep 2026

Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am

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“The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard.”

Matthew 20:1

Next Sunday's Readings – Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A (27th September 2026)

1st Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

2nd Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

PARISH MINISTRIES & NOTICES

NEXT WEEK’S ROSTER			
26/27 September 2026 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	Saturday Vigil	Sunday	
	6.30pm	8.30 am	10.00 am
Leader	A Muller	S. Carter	N. Crowe
Reader	R. Kallakkavumkel	P. Hughes	J. Sheridan
Special Ministers	R. O’Sullivan	C. Keecherer	M. Holloway
Meet and greet	Volunteer Required	S. Peckham	M. Staffa

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

We also pray for all those who are sick, Joan Burrowes, Janice Garac, Liz & Robert Yole, Jeff Balcke, Martin and Kris Corcoran, Bill Warner, Christine Suriano, Jim Drinan, Isaac de Figueredo and all our family, friends and parishioners that they may feel God’s healing love.

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ANNIVERSARY:

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LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION
1ST COLLECTION - PRESBYTERY
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2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING
\$587.00 <i>This collection goes towards the running costs of the Parish (staff wages, utilities, insurance, cleaning, etc).</i>
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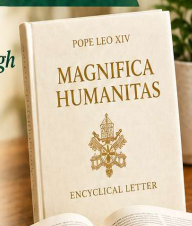
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- HYBRID FORMAT**
Join in person at the Parish Hall or via Zoom.
- WHAT WE WILL BE READING**
POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS
We will work through the encyclical gradually, reading a few pages between meetings and coming together to reflect, discuss and share our thoughts and questions.

Starting on **Wednesday 30th September 2026** **7.00 pm**

Anyone is still interested can email the parish office to also be included. Parishioners can join in person or via Zoom.

Come and read, reflect and learn together!



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—Magnifica Humanitas

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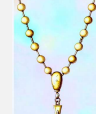


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THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

The Seven Sorrows of Mary (also known as the Dolors or Dolours of Our Lady) is a popular Catholic devotion centered on seven key moments of profound grief in the life of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Traditional Catholic iconography often depicts her with seven swords piercing her heart, which represents the spiritual pain she endured as the mother of Jesus. All seven of these moments are rooted in biblical events and reflect Mary's deep love and willing participation in her son's suffering:

- 1. The Prophecy of Simeon**
While presenting the infant Jesus in the Temple, the holy man Simeon tells Mary that her child is destined for the fall and rise of many, and warns her that "a sword will pierce your own soul too" (Luke 2:34–35). This is the first indication of the pain she will bear.
- 2. The Flight into Egypt**
Following an warning from an angel that King Herod plans to murder the newborn child, Mary and Joseph must flee their homeland in the middle of the night and live as refugees in Egypt (Matthew 2:13–21).
- 3. The Loss of the Child Jesus in the Temple**
When Jesus is twelve years old, he goes missing for three agonizing days during a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. His parents search frantically before eventually finding him teaching among the elders in the Temple (Luke 2:41–50).
- 4. Mary Meets Jesus on the Way to Calvary**
Mary watches her beaten, bloodied, and condemned son carrying his heavy wooden cross through the streets of Jerusalem on his way to his execution.
- 5. The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus**
Mary stands at the foot of the cross, helplessly watching her son suffer a brutal, hours-long death. Before he dies, Jesus looks down at Mary and his disciple John, entrusting them to each other's care (John 19:25–30).
- 6. The Pieta (Mary Receives the Body of Jesus)**
Jesus' lifeless body is taken down from the cross and placed directly into his mother's arms. This devastating image of maternal grief has inspired iconic artwork for centuries, most notably Michelangelo's Pietà.
- 7. The Burial of Jesus**
Mary accompanies the body of her son to the tomb, watching as he is wrapped in a shroud and sealed away behind a heavy stone, leaving her to endure a period of profound loneliness and sorrow.

SAINT MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Matthew was originally a tax collector for the Roman Government at Capernaum, before Jesus called him to become an apostle. Jesus' contemporaries were surprised to see him associating with someone like Matthew, but Jesus explained that he had come 'not to call the just, but the sinners'. In the Gospels of Mark and Luke, Matthew is called Levi and it is thought that he may have had both names. The first Gospel was believed to have been written by Matthew. His account of Christ's life was written for his fellow Jews to convince them that their anticipated Messiah had indeed come in the person of Jesus.

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DID YOU KNOW?

- Points of interest and Catholic lore
- In the Greco-Roman world, casual labourers used to gather in the *agora* or town-square waiting for employers to hire them.
 - In the early church, those who had believed in the risen Christ from the earliest days—and had thus suffered persecution for their faith—were sometimes jealous of those, especially Gentiles, who came to belief later on.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

YEAR A | 21 SEPTEMBER 2026

A Moment to Reflect
The Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard
"Are you envious because I am generous?" (Matthew 20:1-16)
In today's Gospel, the landowner gives all the workers the same wage, no matter when they started. It is a challenging parable. It reminds us that God's generosity is not based on what we have done, but on His love and grace.
The question for us is not whether we have worked hard enough, but whether we are open to God's generous invitation and willing to share His love with others, without envy.

Did You Know?
The Generosity of God
The parable of the workers in the vineyard shows us that God's love and generosity are not based on our achievements, but on His goodness. Everyone, no matter when they come and what they have done, is invited into the Kingdom.
A little word about the vineyard
In Jesus' time, a vineyard was a place of work, life and hope. The landowner's actions show that God's grace is always available for everyone.

This Week, Try This
Be Grateful
Take a moment to thank God for His generosity in your life — not just for what you have, but for His constant love and invitation.
Choose Mercy
Look for an opportunity to show kindness or forgiveness to someone this week, even when it's not easy.
Share God's Love
Think of a simple way you can help, encourage or include someone, especially those who may feel left out or forgotten.

A Thought for the Week
"God's generosity is not a reward for the few, but an invitation for all."
Let us live with open hearts, trusting that God's love is bigger than our fears, our doubts and our sense of entitlement.