

First Reading: Ezekiel 18:25-28

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.’

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9. R. v.6

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. 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. (R.)
2. 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. (R.)
3. 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.)

Second Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

f 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.

Gospel Acclamation: John 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel: Matthew 21:28-32

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.’

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 118:49-50

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God’s desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one’s rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus’ humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.



ST. JUDE’S PARISH – LANGWARRIN

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

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 26/27 SEPTEMBER 2026

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Tuesdays

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday – 29 Sep 2026

6.00pm – 6.30pm:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayer
(Priest available for confession)

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

30 Sep – 03 Oct 26

Mass: 9.30am

Weekend Mass

03 Oct 2026

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

04 Oct 2026

Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am

RECONCILIATION

Priest available for Confession on Saturdays
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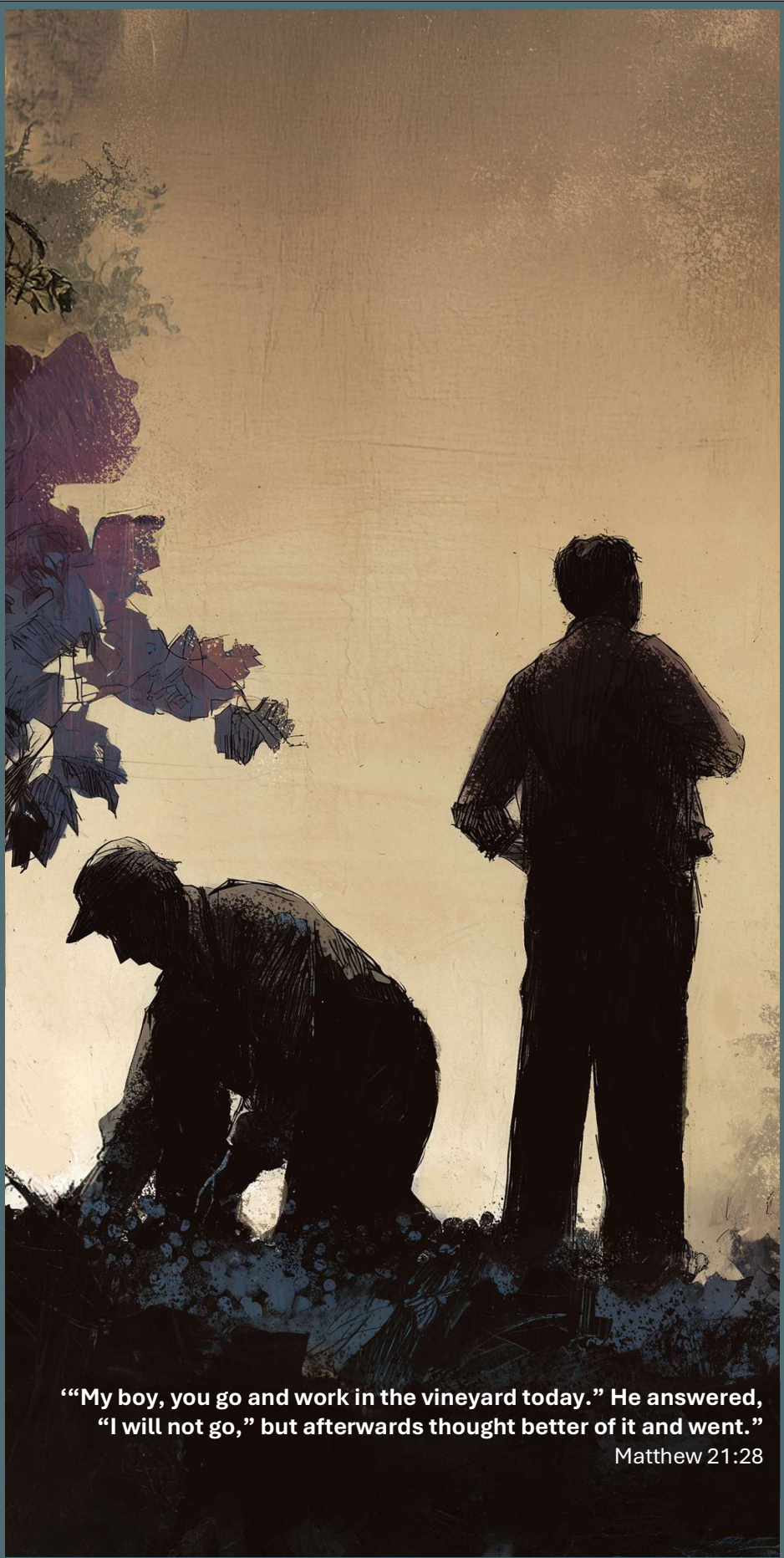
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“My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today.” He answered,
“I will not go,” but afterwards thought better of it and went.”
Matthew 21:28

Next Sunday’s Readings – Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A (04th October 2026)

1st Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

2nd Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

PARISH MINISTRIES & NOTICES

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER			
03/04 October 2026 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	Saturday Vigil	Sunday	
	6.30pm	8.30 am	10.00 am
Leader	B. O'Donnell	D. Cachia	F. McCrae
Reader	A. Kallakkavumkel	D. Balcke	T. Thomas
Special Ministers	M. Burke	B. Fernandez	P. Barclay
Meet and greet	Volunteer Required	A.Miles T. Harris	M.Staffa D.Hall

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.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Filippa Raso Jesse Demaio

ANNIVERSARY: Rocky James Henderson, Lorenzo Modaffari

If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one, please contact the parish office

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION
1ST COLLECTION - PRESBYTERY
\$568.10 <i>This collection supports the priest in our parish.</i>
2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING
(not including the Direct debts and card payments)
\$513.85 <i>This collection goes towards the running costs of the Parish (staff wages, utilities, insurance, cleaning, etc).</i>
SPECIAL COLLECTION
None
The best way to give to St. Jude's is via direct debit <i>You can set up a recurring donation with your credit card or bank account by contacting the parish office.</i>
Please send any Newsletter related announcements before Wednesday 1.30 pm to langwarrin@cam.org.au

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISH Raffle 2026

TICKETS \$2 EACH

PRIZES:

- 1st Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of **\$12,000**
- 2nd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of **\$4,000**
- 3rd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of **\$2,000**
- 4th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of **\$1,000**
- 5th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of **\$500**

DRAWN: Saturday 5th December 2026 at 7:00pm at Holy Trinity Parish 844 Centre Rd Bentleigh East

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Dear Parishioners
You are warmly invited to tour our New School Buildings

After 10am Mass on **Sunday, 18th October**

Join Father Martin as he blesses the new facilities, followed by morning tea.



VOLUNTEERS – WWCC/POLICE CHECK

Please make sure that your WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are current, that is, have not expired, and copies made available to the Parish Office.

St. Vincent de Paul Society
Good Works

Piety Stall

New from the St. Vincent de Paul Society piety stall are some **books** and **bibles**.

We have received a few copies of the **Magnifica Humanitas, Large Print Prayer Books** and some **Children's Catholic Picture Bibles**.

EFTPOS is now available.
Please stop by and have a look.

All profits from sales go towards **helping those in need** in our community.



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SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS
SEPTEMBER 29

Church celebrates the feast of the Archangels. **Michael** is the protector who defends us against the powers of evil. **Gabriel** is the messenger of good news, announcing the coming of Christ to Mary. **Raphael** is the healer and guide, who cared for Tobias on his journey and restored his father’s sight. Their feast reminds us of God’s constant protection, guidance, and care. We are invited to call on the archangels in prayer and to place our trust in God’s providence.

ST JEROME
SEPTEMBER 30

St Jerome (347–420) was a priest, monk, and Doctor of the Church. He is best known for translating the Bible into Latin, the *Vulgate*, which served the Church for centuries. A man of great learning and strong character, Jerome urged Christians to love and study the Scriptures. His famous words still guide us today: *“Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.”*

ST THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS VIRGIN AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
October 01

Thérèse entered the Carmelite convent of Lisieux at a young age. She was recognised for her humility, simplicity and confidence in God. She died of tuberculosis aged 24. Her autobiography, ‘The Story of a Soul’, was published after her death.

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PARISH READING CLUB
Grow in Faith Together

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FORMATION

Would you like to deepen your understanding of our faith through reading and discussion?

- FORTNIGHTLY MEETINGS – ONE HOUR**
A relaxed and welcoming space to read, reflect and share.
- 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.

Let us rediscover the dignity of every human person and build a future of fraternity and peace. – *Magnifica Humanitas*

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!

ST JUDE'S PARISH LANGWARRIN

Save the Date

CELEBRATION OF THE PARISH FEAST

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER 2026 7.00pm

We will commence prayers at every weekend in October to spiritually prepare for the celebration.

The blessing of the new monstrance will take place at the feast Mass.

A Parish with a Rich History

- 50 years** since the first Mass in Langwarrin (1976)
- 44 years** since St Jude's was formally established as a parish (1982)
- 33 years** since the present church building opened (1993)

All are welcome!

HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS
October 02

The Church teaches that God gives each of us a Guardian Angel to watch over and guide us. Angels protect us from harm, encourage us in goodness, and lead us closer to Christ. Their feast reminds us that we are never alone, for God’s care surrounds us through the ministry of His angels.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
YEAR A | 27 SEPTEMBER 2026
MATTHEW 21:28-32

Choose what is right

A Moment to Reflect
The Parable of the Two Sons
Matthew 21:28-32

“What do you think? Which of the two sons did what his father wanted?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you.

For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did.”

Did You Know?
The Heart Speaks Louder Than Words
The parable reminds us that what matters is not just our words, but our actions. The first son said “yes” but did not go; the second said “no” but later obeyed. Jesus shows us that God looks at the heart – our willingness to do what is right, not just what we say.

A little word about the vineyard
The tax collectors and prostitutes represent those who, despite their past, responded to God’s call. It reminds us that no one is too far from God’s mercy.

This Week, Try This

- Be Honest**
Take a moment to ask yourself: Are my words and actions matching? Do I say “yes” to God, and then follow through?
- Choose Good**
Look for an opportunity to do what is right, even when it is difficult or not popular.
- Encourage Others**
Support family and friends to live their faith, even when it is not easy.
- Trust God's Mercy**
Remember: no one is beyond God’s love. It is never too late to turn back to Him.

A Thought for the Week
“God’s love is always calling us to a change of heart. It is not enough to say the right words; we must do what is right.”

Let us open our hearts to God’s call, and choose to live our faith in action, not just in words.

