

# 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> September 2020 Vol 47, No 36 DWINICA

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PARISH CALENDAR: 20<sup>th</sup>—27<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020 Sun 20<sup>th</sup> 25th Sunday in Ordinary

Mon 21st St Matthew

Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> 9:45am Exercise classes—online

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> St Pius of Pietralcina

Thu 24<sup>th</sup> 9:30am Exercise classes—online

2:00pm Safeguarding Committee mtg

Sun 27th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deadline for Bulletin: 10.00am Thursday

## THE LABORERS IN THE VINEYARD

In Jesus' parable, when those who worked the whole day see what the latecomers have received, the same pay but for only an hour's work, they go to the owner of the vineyard and make their complaint. "These last ones worked only one hour and you have treated them the same way as us." It's as if the owner broke a contract he made with them and they are indignant.

I think there was a contract - it was in the owner's mind all along. Because, as the day wore on and he kept going out to hire still more laborers,



he stopped naming the salary he would give them. He tells the first group, hired at dawn, that he would pay one denarius a day. When he told the next group to go and work in his vineyard, he doesn't mention the pay, but merely says, "I will give you fair wage." After that, for the next groups, again the pay isn't mentioned, just the instruction, "Go into my vineyard." So, there are hints early in the parable that something different is afoot.

I think the owner planned all along to pay all the workers a full day's pay because they were day laborers. All were needy and vulnerable, each of them would need a day's pay to feed their families. Each day, as day laborers, they would have gone out looking for work - day by day - standing around, hoping to get hired, needing to get hired - all along, thinking of the hungry mouths back home.

But Jesus isn't talking about our labour and pay policies. It's not a parable about how we are to treat employees. Rather, he is describing how God acts towards us; how things are in the "kingdom of heaven" where God's influence is felt, and God's power is at work. In the kingdom of heaven, judging from today's parable, the guiding principle is generosity and it is given with no little element of surprise.

In the parable Jesus pictures how it is between God and us. In the details of the story, generosity is the standard of measurement used for people. It doesn't make sense, does it? It's not logical. It's not based on how we would act. Thanks God! With God all rules and laws for handing out awards strictly according to behaviour are put aside. For some strange reason, unknown and unexplainable to us, those who are in greatest need receive more than they expect or have earned. In such a world what would hold us back from approaching the One who has nothing but grace to offer us?

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

#### ST DOMINIC'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

## PASTORAL SERVICES

PRAYERS WRITERS: 27 Sept Bryan Barwood

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Thanksgiving Dom Priests Ave Loose July \$2,156.00 \$81.60 \$ 0.00

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PARISH **PRIESTS CONTRIBUTIONS** AND Parishioners who normally contribute to the Parish Stewardship with envelopes and others who wish to contribute to the Parish may do so by either bank transfer (EFT) or by setting up a credit card direct If you wish to use EFT please contact the Parish Office by phone or by email and you will be sent the Parish's bank details. If you wish to set up a credit card direct debit, you should contact the Parish Office and you will be sent a form to be completed. Any questions please ring 9912 6870 or email secretary@stdominics.org.au

If you wish to contribute to the Priests as well you can do it by EFT (ring the Parish Office) or sending an email to bursar@op.org.au.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** are very welcome at St Dominic's. You are invited to complete the Membership Form available on our website www.stdominics.org.au/forms.html Completed form can be returned to the Parish Office by email at secretary@stdominics.org.au or dropped into the Parish green letterbox, which is situated in the front of the Church.

#### WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Bill Avallone

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Cornelius O'Connor

THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes. Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Ken Petersen, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, John Carroll, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Joy Patrick, Annette Fleming, Arden Nelson, Bill Fleming and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.

MASS INTENTIONS			
Sun	20 <sup>tn</sup> Sept	9:45am	For the People of the Parish
Mon	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	7:00am	Dominican Vocation
	23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept		Marjorie June Whelan
	24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7:00am	Martin & Agnes Chatfield
Fri	25 <sup>tn</sup> Sept	7:00am	Deceased Dominicans

If you want to have a Mass offered, please call the office at 9912 6870 ext 3.



#### **Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK**

for the month of September is available on our website

www.stdominics.org.au/remembering-our-dead.html to remind us to pray for those mentioned



## St Dominic's Centre of Studies Library

Closed till further notice Enquiries: Librarian 9836 2632, or email: stdomslibrary@op.org.au https://opau.follettdestiny.com



"Praver is the best weapon we have: it is the key to God's heart. You must speak to Jesus St. Peruto's Touth not only with your lips, but with your heart. In fact on certain occasions you should only speak to Him with your heart." -St. Pio of Pietrelcina

Stay safe everyone and remember that this will pass! Let us remember the words

from Exodus 15:2 The Lord is my strength and my song; he has given me victory. This is my God, and I will praise him-

my father's God, and I will exalt him! God bless you all and keep you all safe! --Br Oliver --



Hymn: Our Blessing Cup - Michael Joncas Facebook: St. Dominic's Youth Camberwell – SDYC

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**EXERCISE CLASSES** have resumed but in a different way. As the Parish centre is closed Amanda is conducting her classes online through Zoom. You are more than welcome to join the chair-based classes on Tuesdays at 9.45am or the active adults classes on Thursdays at 9.30am If you wish to join one of these classes or both of them please call Amanda at 0410 685 224 or acubit@bigpond.net.au and she will send you the invitation. What you need is a computer/ tablet, a towel, drink bottle, a chair preferably without arm rests, a cushion a couple of weights (two cans of soup or equivalent or milk cartons filled with liquid or half full depending on your strength). All are welcome.

WEEKLY PARISH RESOURCES We currently send the Dominican and other parish information by weekly email, as well as place them on our website. Please let I us know of anyone who would like to go on our mailing list. We deliver hard copies to those without internet access. Again, please let us know if you or anyone else would like these delivered to your mailbox. Contact the parish office at 9912 6870 or via email secretary@stdominics.org.au.

#### 25th SUNDAY YEAR A — A Reflection



The second reading at our Sunday Eucharist for the next four weeks is taken from St Paul's Letter to the Philippians. Paul and his co-workers, Luke, Timothy, Silvanus around about 50 AD had established the first Christian community

in Europe at Philippi, a city on the north-east coast of present day Greece, located on the Roman-built highway, the Via Egnatia, that ran from the Adriatic Sea in the west, to Byzantium, or modern day Constantinople, in the east. Paul's letter, written from prison in Rome, or possibly Ephesus, reveals his fondness for this community and his desire to sustain their mutual friendship.

In today's reading Paul shares with the Philippians his experience of imprisonment. He has faced the possibility of being sentenced to death, but with equanimity, for he writes: "Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death." Paul is confident that his death, too, will witness to Christ - in that sense his ministry will continue after his death - and, moreover, he believes that his death will bring him a deeper union with his risen Lord which is his great desire: "Life to me is Christ, but then death would bring me something more." His understanding of his death, he acknowledges, gives rise to an interior conflict. On the one hand he sees that the better thing for him is to die and be with Christ. However, he recognises that the more urgent need is that he lives to minister to the Philippians (and others).

But we need not think that Paul is ruling out an alternative way of looking at his situation. After all Paul was not executed at this time so he continued his ministry, and he continued to grow in union with Christ. Thus we might describe his relationship with the risen Lord as one of and collaboration, dimensions communion relationship that were distinct but inter-related. We might see our work and our prayer in the same light, as distinct but inter-related, for as one perceptive theologian has remarked, "Not all work is prayer. But when one's work in fact carries out the will of God which one has discerned and accepted with loving firmness in prayer, then indeed to work is to pray, and to fail to give one's whole heart and attention to one's work is to nullify prayer.'

For us now, as it was for Paul while he was alive, our relationship with Christ involves communion collaboration and these can be seen as mutually enriching.

Fr David Willis OP

## CONGRATULATIONS to Agnes and Martin Chatfield who celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary on Thursday 24th September

## \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\* **JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES** The Season of Creation

The month started with a Season of Creation. Then we see two, key dates: 21/9 is the International Day of Peace and 26/9 is the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. The irony speaks for itself. However as the Season of Creation leadership states:

"As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common role as caretakers of God's creation. We rejoice in [ the] opportunity to care for our common home and the sisters and brothers who share it."

Season of Creation website

#### St Dominic's East Camberwell Parish

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Invites you to a webinar on



'Mental health is not simply the absence of illnesses but having the capacity and opportunity to thrive – that is, to participate in the fullness of life to which Jesus invites us (Jn 10:10). We are a unity of body, mind and spirit.' (from 'To Live Life to the Full', the 2020 Social Justice Statement from the Catholic Bishops of Australia).

#### A webinar

to explore mental health in Australia today, and what parish communities can do in response

7.30 – 9.00pm Wednesday 30 September 2020





Bishop Terry Brady, Social Justice leader

Dr Caroline Johnson, General Practitioner



Trish Mowbray OAM, disability and mental health advocate

Mental Health is a major issue in our community, exacerbated by increased pressure on all of us in the coronavirus era. The Bishops' statement is a resource we can draw on, and challenges to us to do something

For whom: St Dominic's parishioners and anyone with an interest in local faith community responses to mental illness in our midst

Register online at <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/BLKPG">https://www.trybooking.com/BLKPG</a> Registration closes on 28 September

Enquiries: Manuela Brambilla 9912 6870 ext. 3 secretary@stdominics.org.au

## \*\*\*\*\*\* **ECUMENICAL JOURNEY AT ST DOMINIC'S**

## We pray for our fellow Christians



Christ prayed in his farewell discourse that ʻall may bé one' (John 17:21). As part of our 🔆 commitment to ecumenism at St Dominic's. \* we are a member of the Canterbury Council of Churches. We pray in particular this month of September for the community at St Dunstan's

Anglican Church in Wattle Valley Road and their Vicar \* the Revd Roberta Hamilton.

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#### PROPER OF THE MASS: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

**Entrance Antiphon** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress,

I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

**Responsorial Psalm** The Lord is near to all who call him.

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

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm

in keeping your statutes.

**Today's Readings** (25thOrd, Year A) Isaiah 55:6-9; Psalm 144; Philippians 1:20-24, 27; Matthew 20:1-16 **Next Week's Readings** (26thOrd, Year A) Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

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