

Reflection ...

As we celebrate the fourth week in the Season of Creation, we might ponder again the ways in which Earth cares for us. Vineyards have provided nourishment for countless families in the ancient Mediterranean world since about 10,000 BCE. It is not surprising then that the biblical record frequently references vines and vineyards and that the vineyard becomes a metaphor for God's "workplace". In today's gospel, Jesus tells the story of a father who sends his sons to work in the vineyard. One refuses and then reconsiders: he has the courage to change his mind and engage in life. The second son agrees then fails to do as his father requests: he is not prepared to make his contribution to family life and wellbeing. These siblings find their counterparts in every age. There are those who make an art form of saying yes and failing to follow through with action: such people can seriously undermine the most worthy of projects or plans. And then there are the slow starters, those who take time but eventually come on board.

Jesus' parable is a response to the Temple authorities who are angered by the "amazing things" he does and by the public recognition he receives from the children in the temple. Like the second son, the chief priests and elders profess to do the will of God, but their actions belie their words. Jesus spells out the meaning of the parable as it relates to the disjunction between what they say and what they do. They have rejected the prophet John who came to them "in the way of righteousness". The tax collectors and prostitutes, "sinners" from the perspective of the authorities, accepted John's message, albeit belatedly like the first son, and are making their way into God's empire ahead of the guardians of the religious institutions.

Changing one's mind is seen as a sign of weakness in our society. For evidence of this, one has only to listen to the taunts in parliament when a political leader changes course in the light of new information. Changing one's mind or one's course of action can be an act of great courage and humility, even heroism. This is particularly so if it involves abandoning a self-serving direction for the sake of justice or compassion or the "common good". We have the example of those who refused to politicize the pandemic and chose rather to work for the common good across political affiliations: some have paid a heavy price. Voluntary changes in behaviour come from a change of heart, from what the gospel calls "metanoia". There is always a cost in the pursuit of justice, generally less dramatic than the cost to some in public office who challenge the refusal to act on the climate crisis. Today's parable invites us to bring our actions into line with what we profess, no matter the cost. That is what it means to take up the challenge of working in the vineyard.

Sr Veronica Lawson RSM



SATURDAY 26 SEPT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 27 SEPT

9:30am Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass

MONDAY 28 SEPT

9:00am Mass

6:00pm Adoration

WEDNESDAY 30 SEPT

9:00am Mass

THURSDAY 1 OCT

6:00pm Mass

FRIDAY 2 OCT

9:00am Mass

10:30am Funeral - John Rees

SATURDAY 3 OCT

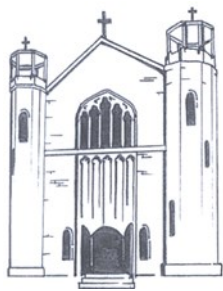
6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 4 OCT

9:30am Mass

3:30pm Indonesian Community Mass

6:00pm Mass



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(9:30am - 2:00pm Mon to Fri)

MASS TIMES

Sat 6pm (Vigil),

Sun 9:30am (Family), 6pm

Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am, Thurs 6pm

Indonesian Mass Sun 3:30pm

RECONCILIATION

Mon 9:30am or by appointment

ROSARY

First Saturday at 3.00pm Rosary Room

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY

Fr Petrus Suroto msc - 0450 625 757

BAPTISMS

First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS

By Appointment

SACRAMENTS

Contact parish office

OLR PRIMARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Marie Nilon - 9663 3346

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Jenny Fowler - 9662 4088

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

Roy Rigotti - 9313 8334

John Hill - 9663 3222

Sr Pauline Richards - 0419 482 408

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RESPONSES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18: 25-28

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

SECOND READING

Philippians 12: 1-11

ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Matthew 21: 28-32

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

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

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK

Grace Veronica, Salvatore Messina, Sr Margaret McKay rscj, Sr Mary D'Apice rscj, Amina Chahrouk, Elisabetta Nesci, Umberto Vaccarella, Xavier Stratton, Maria Zic, Rose Alessio, Joanna & family, David Lai, John Roberts, Gavin Robertson, Chris (Cindy's husband), Manuel Mouco, Eva (Nicole's mum), Paul Galea, A.L., Plutarco Cadornigara, John & Olga Nasser, Lynne Chaundhuri

PARISHIONERS IN RESIDENTIAL CARE/HOMEBOUND

Malcolm MacDonald, Nella Custorella, Rose Kelter, Jill Rees, Mario De Roit, John Borg, Gwen Smith, Laura Leonard, Sebastiano Gentile, Margaret Stocker, Maria Pockaj, Frances McLaughlin, Lucienne Radzynski, Nicole Chiaradia

BELOVED DECEASED

John Rees, Lucia Narsete, Angelo Paino, Gil San Gabriel

ANNIVERSARIES

Mary Breen, Simone Armstrong, Pierre Langy, Anthea & Roy Nicholas, Ana Niel, Phyl Dewar, Tony McDonald, Margaret Quinnell, Harry Dewar, May Campbell, Elena Rando, Guissipina Rando, Bartolo Rando, Stephen Slunsky, Jack Papallo, Lupo Macolino

ROSTER

26/27 Sept	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
Acolyte	Handojo Widjaja	Roel Castillo	John Allen
Readers	Shilla Azalea Br Paul Rogers	Nani Widarto Roy Rigotti	Patricia Reyes Isabel Reyes
Comm to Sick	Trish Veness	Cathy Castillo	
3/4 Oct	Sat 6:00pm	Sun 9:30pm	Sun 6:00pm
Acolyte	Brian Koh	Gus Alimhamzah	Danny Tjahjadi
Readers	Thelma Slunsky Sr Diana Hayes	Jeff Kildea Michelle Alimhamzah	Marianne Duncan Marissa Meyn
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia		



WHATSAPP MESSENGER

To connect to the OLR Parish Community WhatsApp Group, scan the QR code with your mobile phone. Alternatively, please contact the parish office by email, phone, or you can txt Jock Marmotta on 0412 116 133 with your name.

COLLECTIONS - 26/27 SEPT

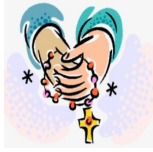
1st Coll	\$483
2nd Coll	\$308
Envelope Coll	\$620
Parish House Reno	\$100

HOLY HOUR

Join us for Adoration Monday 28 Sept, 6pm-7pm
(call in for a few minutes or stay the whole hour)

FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY

The Parish Rosary will continue on Zoom on Saturday 3 Oct at 3pm. If you would like to join in, please private message Sarina through the Parish WhatsApp Group or contact the Parish Office. All welcomed.



HOLY FATHER'S APPEAL NEXT WEEKEND

Our parish will hold the Holy Father's Appeal next weekend for which we ask your support. Through your gift you can help Pope Francis bring hope, opportunity and the spirit of Jesus Christ to our less fortunate

RESEARCH STUDY ON WORSHIP PRACTICES DURING COVID19 PANDEMIC

Monash University is inviting practicing Catholics aged over 18 across Australia to participate in a research study on religious practice before and after COVID-19 lockdowns. The anonymous study is exploring possible relationships between religious orientation, worship choices and post-pandemic spiritual wellbeing. If you'd like to participate in the study, you'll find more information here: https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_43f3xmKU1xa0S1.

Social Justice Gathering

Join us for an online gathering where we will delve into the Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement 2020-21
"To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today"



Dr Robbie Lloyd, Research and Project Officer, Justice and Peace Office

Wednesday 30th September 2020 @ 6:30-7:30pm

Please register here to receive the zoom link:
<https://form.jotform.com/202521057173850>



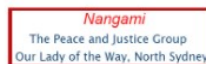
SEEKING WORK

Martin, a local parishioner and former refugee but now an Australian citizen is seeking house cleaning/gardening work. Martin is honest, punctual and reliable. If you are in need of Martin's services please contact John Hill on: 0411 315 533.

OCTOBER FAMILY ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

Following on from Archbishop Fisher's consecration of the Archdiocese to Our Lady, Help of Christians in May, we are using October – the month of the Most Holy Rosary – to encourage families to pray the Rosary together with renewed fervour.

To this end, the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady, Help of Christians will visit 31 parishes throughout the month. See the attached poster to find where the statue will travel. Each parish will include a program of at least one hour including a reflection on the Rosary, Adoration and Benediction, and silent family prayer. **Be sure to call and register your attendance, to comply with all Covid guidelines in place.** Enquiries: chris.dasilva@sydneycatholic.org.



A Time for Grace

World Day of Migrants and Refugees Webinar

Join us on World Migrant and Refugee Sunday to explore how the pandemic can be a time as a nation and individuals to extend grace to the most vulnerable. The expert panel will explore what this looks like within our public policy, our theology and our own actions.

Speakers:

Introduction by the Bishop of Parramatta, Most Reverend Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv

Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO

Australian Jesuit Priest, Human Rights Lawyer, and Academic
Nishadh Rego

Policy, Advocacy and Communications Manager, JRS Australia
Julie Macken

Research and Project Officer, Justice and Peace Office, Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney
Leader with lived experience
TBC



Sunday 27 September, 5:00-6:30pm

Register: <https://bit.ly/3IR8RDr>

For more information email Zoe at zoe.grant@jrs.org.au



A MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SYDNEY

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org or 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.



catholic mission



World Mission Month is just around the corner. We focus on **Catholic Mission** and the life-changing work of the **Church in Cambodia's Battambang Province**. The Arrupe Centre, established by **Bishop Enrique 'Kike' Figaredo Alvargonzalez SJ** in 2001, is home for children with a disability, providing them with the support and opportunities to live a flourishing life. Bishop Kike created a unique place for children, where the love of God is demonstrated through caring and empowering those in need, reminding us that *"...we are here for the common good; to be a more inclusive society and to bring the joy of life everywhere....we look with a positive vision, hope, joy and happiness"*. To hear more about this **Catholic Mission** project, the community in Cambodia and be inspired by stories from the residents of The Arrupe Centre, please register for the webinars via these links:

Thurs 8th Oct at 6pm - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Q15BetkkTtmmaeDIHw3_Tg

Fri 9th Oct at 1pm - https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vhUkeOmpSjakDdBNnY26nw

Care for our Common Home

A conversation about how we can participate in shaping the future of the planet

Thursday 22nd October 2020
5.30pm-7pm AEST



The Chevalier Institute invites you to a webinar conversation – "How does the Pope's letter, *Laudato Si'*, deepen and add to our understanding of ecological issues and our capacity to live our spirituality more faithfully?". The webinar will include input from six key speakers as well as students from our MSC colleges and parishes.

Presenters:



Jacqui Remond
Laudato Si'
Consultant



Sr Mary Drum
Provincial,
MSC Sisters



Fr Claude Mostowik
MSC Justice
Peace and
Integrity of
Creation



Fr Krish Mathavan
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Animator



Mark McGinnity
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