

First Reading Is 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

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading Phil 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 16:14

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



"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last."

Gospel Mt 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.'

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC PARISH



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St. Monica

The Parish has been entrusted to the Salesians of Don Bosco since 2000

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -YEAR A - 19 & 20 September

Dear Friends,

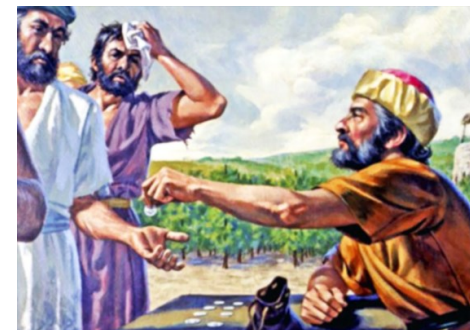
God's ways are not our ways. God is always fair and right. God's justice is His infinite and unconditional love for each person.

In the story about the landowner Jesus points out that for God all people are His friends. The landowner does not treat his workers like slaves. He treats them like friends.

Also, the reason why Jesus tells this story is because the Jews and especially the religious leaders at that time considered themselves the privileged people of God and they believed that all others: the poor, the pagans and the public sinners etc... as excluded from God's love and mercy. Jesus does not dispute their privileged position before God but He extends this privilege to all. What is important is to understand that God's salvation is for all and that we are all called to be friends, and friends of God.

When the one who worked the longest complained to him about his wages the landowner said to him: "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?"

Jesus treats each person as a friend. It is this friendship based on love and generosity that Jesus is



asking us to accept. We must not judge others by what they do or fail to do. We must treat others with generosity and respect because that is the way God treats all.

Jesus wants to point out that no one is "better" than anyone else before God. We all stand empty handed, sinful and in need of God's mercy and forgiveness. God accepts everyone in His kingdom. The poor, the needy, those rejected by society also have a place and are welcomed. God does not exclude anyone, rich or poor. Why should we be jealous because God is so generous towards all?

In this story, Jesus urges us to have a generous heart and to treat others as God has treated us – with boundless generosity. As a Christian community, Jesus calls us to be welcoming and generous towards all because that is the way God loves us. May the Virgin Mary Mother of God help us to be true Christians. (Fr Guy)

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Coming up:

27 Sept.-3 Oct. Fr Guy away on annual retreat
 17-18 October Catholic Mission Appeal
 20 October Talk on Mary - Dr Drasko Dizdar
 17 November Talk on Lazarus - Fr Richard Ross
 3 December Anointing Mass
 15 December Advent Reconciliation

Church Repairs: We have had several very generous donations to cover the cost of church repairs. Many thanks to those who have contributed in any way to cover the costs. We have received \$1,320.

Two Dates for Your Diaries!

Way back in March before the Covid-19 restrictions caused them to be cancelled Dr. Drasko Dizdar and Fr. Richard Ross had each agreed to give a Lenten talk. As the restrictions are beginning to lift we have contacted them again and are pleased to announce that both have accepted an invitation to give a presentation. As October is the month of Mary Dr. Drasko Dizdar will talk on "Mary: Mirror of our Humanity" at 7.00pm on Tuesday 20 October and Fr. Richard Ross will talk on "Lazarus" in the light of his own experience with cancer at 7.00pm on Tuesday 17 November. Both talks will be held in St John's church.

COVID-19: Our Archbishop Julian Porteous reminds us that we are still required to maintain the various practices and procedures required by health authorities, in particular with regard to social distancing and hygiene. It is also important that we do not exceed the numbers allowed for our churches and parish gatherings. For St John's Church - 90 people in church, and 20 in church foyer; for St Monica's - 40 people. We have introduced various changes to our liturgical practices, like non-contact sign of peace, no reception of Holy Communion from the chalice except for the celebrant, and so on. These practices are to be retained for the immediate future.

Last Orders for High Tea Boxes!!!

This is your last chance to order a high tea box! Cost \$15. All proceeds to Don Bosco Technical School, Biratnagar, Nepal. Collect Saturday 26 September between 1.30 and 2.30pm from the parish office. Felecia 0447 887 512

Ministers of the Word

New rosters will be drawn up shortly. Please let Sheila or myself know before 20 September if you will be unavailable between now and 22 November. Thank you, Jo. 0419 510 014

Columban Art Calendars 2021

These traditional and beautiful calendars will soon be available. If you would like one please write your name on the list on the table in the foyer. Cost will be \$9 if we get less than 20 orders or \$8 if there are more than 20. Please pay when the calendars are delivered.

Footy Points Margin

No winners yet this week so keep checking those tickets. Still to be claimed - Round 1 (52 points), Round 2 (61 points), Round 3 (24 points), Round 6 (32 points), Round 8 (12 points), Round 16 (45 points) and Round 17 (26 points). Jo 0419 510 014

Our Sick - Please remember in your prayers

Maila Beekmeijer, Lani Baron, Alida Beric, Eileen Sherrin, Don Ambler, Doreen Street, Fr Bob Curmi, Frances Direen, Tom Carty, Ian Irvine, Robert Campbell, Mary Dowd, Monique Matzner, Amy Matzner, Patricia Leamey and Gerard Carty.

Prayers for the Deceased

Please remember in your prayers our deceased parishioners, family and friends especially: Raelene Di Martino, Judy Pigden, Vic Derrick, Margaret Derrick, Peter Drake, Ken Young, Frank Hesman, Richard Challis, Sheila Darby, Gina Passarelli, Nell Smith, Sr. Maura McAvooy O.P, Khiet (Van) Tran, Graziano Ceron, Robert Bridges, Minka Busch Stan Brach, Anne Hansch, Bret Cowan and Gertrude Margaret Joseph. Eternal rest grant unto their souls O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.

Covid-19 Safety Action Plan

St John the Baptist Catholic Parish Glenorchy/Chigwell
 This Diocesan plan is in place to meet government regulations. A copy of this safety action plan is available on the churches' noticeboards.

WEEKEND MASSES St John's, Glenorchy

- 6.00pm Saturday
- 10.00am Sunday

WEEKDAY MASSES St. John's, Glenorchy

- 9.00am Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
- 12.00pm Thursday

ROSARY

- At St. John's, Glenorchy**
- 8.30am every Wednesday
 - 8.40am every Saturday

RECONCILIATION

- At St. John's, Glenorchy**
- 9.30am & 5.15pm Saturday

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT At St. John's, Glenorchy

- 8.00am - 8.50am Wednesday
- 9:00am - 11.50pm Thursday

LEGION OF MARY at St. John's, Glenorchy

- 6.45 pm Every Tuesday

ST. JOSEPH'S PRAYER GROUP at St. John's, Glenorchy

- 1st Wednesday of the month at 9.30am

COUNTERS' ROSTERS

This Week: 21 Sept

Roberta Puckett's Team

Next Week : 28 Sept

Bob Mochrie's Team

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Envelopes: \$480.00

Loose Plate: \$712.00

Direct Deposit: \$645.00

TOTAL: \$1,837.80

Weekly Budget: \$ 2,500.00

Difference: -\$662.20