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Mass Times

Tuesday 9.30am Wednesday 9.30am Thursday 9.30am Friday 9:30am Saturday 9.30am

Dies Domini/ The Lord's Day

Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Before and after Holy Mass and Wed 6:30pm

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

All day Wed 10am-7pm 6.00pm Rosary 6.35pm Vespers 7.00pm Benediction

Contact for Adoration

Danica Rusov 0411 132 223 or 8177 1408

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Meditation from Anawim Way

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 2020



Today's Gospel challenges our sense of justice. Its startling conclusion, "the last will be first, and the first will be last," does not sit well with our understanding of achievement and success.

In the parable, Jesus likens the Kingdom to a landowner in need of laborers for his vineyard. The main asset of a landowner is his property, and it is of utmost importance for him that it yields fruit; otherwise, the land is but dirt. To make his land productive, he needs laborers — to till the soil, plant the seeds, tend the vines

and harvest the fruit. God's property is the whole of creation, which he desires to bear fruit – especially man, the crown of creation. The parable, then, is about a work that is valuable to God. In fact, in the passage immediately before this parable, Peter, speaking on behalf of the disciples, almost in exasperation, said that they have given up everything to follow the Lord. Jesus assured them that their dedication to the work of the Kingdom will be abundantly rewarded (cf. Mt 19:27-30). Just as a landowner chooses workers for his vineyard, so God chooses people for the much more important work of the Kingdom. That God chooses us to work for him is already a great honour and privilege.

But what exactly is the work we are to do for God? He does not need us, but he chooses us to serve him. Today's first reading describes our task as a turning to the Lord for mercy. God who is all powerful is also "generous in forgiving." We must turn to him and rely on him for everything. The very fact that we exist is because of his graciousness and mercy.

When the physically strong who got hired first were given the same wage as that of the weak who got hired last, they complained. The landowner replies to them with: "Are you envious because I am generous?" God's generosity can be found in his mercy. It is through his mercy that we get to be part of his grand work of salvation. We have no basis for complaining. Our complaints arise not from true justice but from envy – as if God's generous mercy to someone else is an injustice to us.

A more appropriate response to God's generosity — in addition to the obvious response of overwhelming gratitude — is to be generous with others. How can we keep for ourselves what God has so lavishly given to us? This is the spirit of St. Paul in today's second reading. Out of love for Christ, he desires to be with him in Heaven. Yet out of desire for fruitful labour, he also desires to go on living and serving. The "far better" option is to die, "for to me life is Christ, and death is gain." But there is gain in living as well, for it means giving life in Christ to others. Either way, eternal life with Christ or fruitful labour for Christ, Paul desires that "Christ will be magnified" in his body. This is to be our attitude as faithful Christians. We ought to be excited to do God's work, and to "conduct ourselves in a way worthy of the Gospel of Christ."

Am I envious when others "less qualified" get a raise or a reward?

How do I show my gratitude for the great honour and privilege of working to build God's Kingdom?

Mary, Our Lady of the Abandoned, help me to always draw near to your Son's mercy.

THIS WEEK'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9 Psalm: 145: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18 Second Reading: Phillipians 1: 20C-24, 27A Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-161a

NOTICES

Your prayers are requested for:

SICK: Stan Puczkowski, Saphia Barrios, Mikela, Grace Muller, Steve Brennan, Lorma Ascano, Leah Alstin, April Coulson, Luke Nussio, Jesse Frick, Kate Hall

RECENTLY DECEASED: Lee Puczkowski, Raquel Hayes, Felicisima Jimenez, Capracia Sioson

ANNIVERSARIES: Mark Lyon, Russell Hill, Giuseppina Goglia, Mary Bradley, Martin Kikey, Fr Carolyn, Arthur Burns and relatives and friends of the Burns, Hill, Murphy and McNulty

FR PHILLIP'S WEEKLY VIDEO MESSAGE

To watch Fr Phillip's video message to St Anthony's School children each week, please click on this link: https://tinyurl.com/y6zmdpq2

PLANNED GIVING

Choose one of the following options that suits you best-

- 1) Contact the Parish Office to receive a Stewardship number unique to you for easy reference of your contribution.
- 2) Through the Adelaide archdiocese website-

Go to https://adelaide.catholic.org.au/donation.

Follow instructions on the site. You will need to select EDWARDSTOWN PARISH. Then in the drop down box, choose General; for Parish collection (2nd Collection) and for the Priests of the Archdiocese. (First Collection).

3) Use internet bank for direct deposit into Edwardstown Parish bank account using the following details-

ACCOUNT NAME: CCES Edwardstown Parish BSB: 085 005 Account: 48973 5300

If using direct deposit, please remember to add description. Envelopes—due to increasing printing costs and the decreasing number of parishioners using envelopes for their stewardship, we ask that you provide your own envelopes marked clearly with your Name and Planned Giving Number.

These can be placed in the collection plate as per usual, alternatively you can change to the options above. If you have forgotten your Planned Giving Number or you are a new planned giver please contact the Parish Office for your unique number. Thank you.

2020 APPEAL - SEPTEMBER IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES MONTH

Please support the Catholic Charities 2020 Appeal – pick up a brochure from parishes in September or make a donation online at www.adelaide.catholic.org.au or via Catholic Charities Appeal, Reply Paid 912, Adelaide SA 5001. For more information please call Annie O'Neill, Manager Catholic Charities on 08 8210 8157 or visit Catholic

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<u>charities</u> Donations of more than \$2 are tax deductible.



WANTED: Bottles for distribution of Holy Water to homes. If you have any, please leave them on the table at the sacristy. Thank you.

Would you like to have free access to FORMED* **FORMED.ORG? Thanks to the** generosity of St Anthony's Parish, here's how: 1. Visit FORMED.org 2. Click Sign Up 3. Select "I Belong to a Parish/Organisation" 4. Find St Anthony's Parish by entering "Edwardstown" or Postcode "5039" 5. Enter your email, you're in!

NOTICE OF CHANGE

ONLINE BOOKINGS FOR MASS DISCONTINUED

Contact details are still required for all Mass attendees.

REGISTER ON ARRIVAL - Upon arrival, write your details on the register sheet provided at the church entrance. Please arrive a few minutes earlier to register so you are seated before Mass starts.

JOIN THE LIST OF REGULAR WEEKEND MASS ATTENDEES

You may request to be included in the list of regular Mass attendees on Saturdays 6pm or Sundays 9.30am. You'll only need to make this request once. It will remain valid until you request to be removed. Once you've registered as a regular Mass attendee you will no longer need to manually enter your details every time you attend Mass; just tick your name on the printed list and walk right in! Please phone or email the parish office by 12.00pm Friday to be included on this list for that weekend and beyond.

Please note that If you have **previously arranged** to be listed every week through Robyn or Grace, there is no need to inform the parish office - you will automatically be included in the list.

COVID MARSHAL

We respectfully ask that you comply with any requests asked of you by the COVID Marshals. COVID MARSHALS are trained volunteers and are identified by a distinctive vest.

Please remember to use the hand sanitisers provided and follow guidelines and directions in the church. Thank you.

At the end of Mass, please leave in an orderly fashion one row at a time in order to avoid congestion in the exit doorway. COVID Marshals will provide assistance.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE SPRING CAMPAIGN 2020

Help save mothers and babies. The 40 Days for Life Spring Prayer Vigil & Public Witness runs from 8am – 5pm daily from September 23 to November 1, outside Mareeba Abortion Clinic, 21 Belmore Tce, Woodville. All welcome. Join roster or simply turn up. Enquires to Alan & Helen Tyson P: 8364 4516, M: 0412 389 875 or

E: itm54au@gmail.com, www.40daysforlife.com/Adelaide

CALLING ALL MEN 16YRS +

Join us for the rest of the 12-part series as we watch and discuss Into the Breach. Through a series of small group discussions, we'll learn how to be stronger fathers, better husbands and men fit for the breach. Please see flyers at the church porch for further details.



BECOME A PARISH STEWARD!

Our Parish is in need of:

- Readers of the Word and Prayers at weekday Masses.
- Helpers to attend to COVID-19 requirements ie., sanitising pews, door handles, push plates, etc.
- COVID Marshals quick and easy training provided for free!
- Helpers to clean the church on a rotating bi-monthly roster ie., vacuuming, mopping, dusting etc.

If you are able to assist please speak to Robyn, Grace or Danica. Working With Children Check is essential. To obtain WWCC, please contact the parish office.

THE VIRTUE OF JUSTICE

St. Thomas Aguinas says justice is balance and giving another person their due.

The Catechism says: "Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbour. Justice toward God is called the 'virtue of religion.' Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good. The just man, often mentioned in the Sacred Scriptures, is distinguished by habitual right thinking and the uprightness of his conduct toward his neighbour. 'You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbour. 'Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven'" (CCC 1807).

We understand justice from a very young age. Even children understand when a toy is rightfully theirs. Justice is very prevalent in the Old Testament, and is often contrasted with God's mercy in the New Testament. Both justice and mercy are aspects of God, and mysteries beyond our comprehension.

Justice essentially means putting God, and nothing else, first. When we do not put God first everything else falls apart and we lose our sense of justice.

Social justice is justice toward social groups such as laborers, a certain ethnic group, or any other demographic in our society. It was popularized by Pope Leo XIII in his encyclical Rerum Novarum when he was addressing the rights of laborers amid the Industrial Revolution. As Catholics, we are called to practice social justice, but—as noted above—if we do not put God first our notion of social justice will be off the mark. We are also called to practice justice between family and friends. If we are working too hard, or ignoring loved ones for any other reason, they have a right to make this injustice known to you.

How can we act justly? How am I not acting justly? How am I not putting God first? Where am I afraid to speak for justice? "He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? (Micah 6:8)

https://media.ascensionpress.com/video/the-virtue-of-justice-explained/

Pope Francis'
Prayer for
Protection
during the
Coronavirus
Pandemic

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

FORMED RECOMMENDED ON FORMED.ORG

LISTEN - THE LIFE OF PADRE PIO

Matthew Arnold recounts the life story of St Pio of Pietrelcina, a twentieth century saint and mystic who is known around the world as Padre Pio.

The presentation includes fascinating details about St Pio's ministry of hearing confessions, his ability to read souls, the multitude of miracles attributed to his intercession, and how he bore the stigmata, that is, the wounds of Christ. All are wise to learn from the advice of this holy man to "pray, hope and don't worry."

Saint Pius(Pio) of Pietrelcina — Memorial 23 September

READ - for Children 8 years up

THE BOOK OF SAINTS AND HEROES By Andrew and Lenora Lang

The first Christians to visit Europe and the British Isles met pagans who told tales of fairies, talking beasts and other wonderful things. To these marvelous stories, they soon added new ones about the Christian saints. Some were true, others improbable, and many simply fantastic. In some of the ones included in the book, you will find true tales of great saints such as , **St Vincent de Paul and other saints** – souls marked by courage, kindness and piety. These exciting true stories will provide many hours of delightful reading to believers and non-believers alike. **St Vincent De Paul—Memorial 27 September**

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6:00PM: ROSARY, 6:35PM: VESPERS, 7:00PM: BENEDICTION

WE PRAY FOR A DIFFERENT COUNTRY EACH WEEK



THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

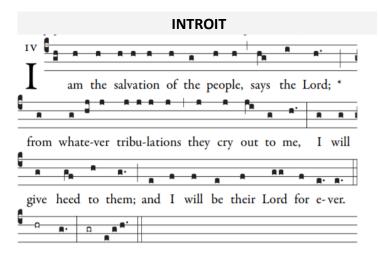
- I am the LORD your God:
 you shall not have strange gods
 before me.
- 2. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
- 3. Remember to keep holy the Lord's Day.
- 4. Honour your father and your mother.
 - 5. You shall not kill.
- 6. You shall not commit adultery.
 - 7. You shall not steal.
- 8. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.
 - 9. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife.
 - 10. You shall not covet your neighbour's goods.

SUMMARY

Jesus said there is no other commandment greater than this—"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your strength. And the second is this—Love your neighbour as yourself." Mark 12:29-31

www.vatican.va/archive/ccc_css/archive/catechism

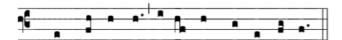
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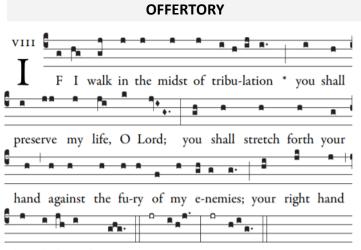
Give ear, my people, to my teaching; * incline your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable * and utter hidden lessons of the past.

Glory Be to the Father....

RESPONSORIAL PSALM



The Lord is near to all who call up-on him



has de-livered me.

- 1. I thank you, LORD, with all my heart; * you have heard the words of my mouth.
 - In the presence of the angels I praise you. * I bow down toward your holy temple.
- I give thanks to your name † for your merciful love and your faithfulness. * You have exalted your name over all.

On the day I called, you answered me; * you increased the strength of my soul.



the keeping of your statutes.

- Blessed are those whose way is blameless, * who walk in the law of the LORD!
 - Blessed are those who keep his decrees! * With all their hearts they seek him.
 - They never do anything evil, * but walk in his ways.

Glory Be to the Father....

COMMUNION HYMN

WHERE TRUE CHARITY IS DWELLING

Where true charity is dwelling, God is present there. By the love of Christ we have been brought together:

let us find in him our gladness and our pleasure; may we love him and revere him, God the living, and in love respect each other with sincere hearts.

Where true charity is dwelling, God is present there.

So when we as one are gathered all together, let us strive to keep our minds free of division; may there be an end to malice, strife and quarrels, and let Christ our God be dwelling here among us.

Where true charity is dwelling, God is present there.

May your face thus be our vision, bright in glory, Christ our God, with all the blessed Saints in heaven: such delight is pure and faultless, joy unbounded, which endures through countless ages world without end.

Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOUR

All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. You are the King of Israel, and David's royal Son, now in the Lord's name coming, the King and blessed One.

All glory, laud and honour to you, Redeemer King, to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring. The company of angels are praising you on high, as we and all creation, exultant make reply.