

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

FIRST READING

Isa 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

RESP PSALM

Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v. 18

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

1. I will bless you day after day / and praise
your name for ever. / The Lord is great,
highly to be praised, / his greatness cannot be
measured. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, /
slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good
is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his
creatures. **R.**

3. The Lord is just in all his ways / and loving
in all his deeds. / He is close to all who call
him, / who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 1:20-24, 27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians

For me to live is Christ.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

cf. Acts 16:14

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

GOSPEL

Mt 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew.

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

BE GENEROUS

Greed often dominates our world, interactions
between global leaders and, sometimes, our
own relationships. Today's Gospel offers
a different value system. Generosity is the
Gospel standard that should dominate
relationships.

This teaching comes in the form of another
parable from Jesus. The context would be
familiar to Matthew's audience, in a society
dominated by injustice, hierarchy and poverty.
In this world, unemployment was rife, as it is
today. Workers in Jesus' day would go to the
village or town square to seek employment.
In this setting, the landowner comes to the
square to hire labourers for his vineyard with
a promised day's wage. The owner repeats the
hiring practice at different hours of the day,
even into the late afternoon. When it comes
time to pay the wages of the labourers, the
landowner begins with the last hired and pays
them the full day's wage though they have
worked less hours. Those hired first complain
that they should have been paid more. The
landowner's response summarises the main
teaching point of the parable: 'Why be envious
because I am generous?'

Generosity rather than greed characterises this
landowner. It is also a mirror of Jesus' essential
teaching. God is generous, not restrictive or
calculating. This challenges a world governed
by exactness and tit-for-tat thinking. God
and God's kingdom are characterised by
generosity. God is generous toward us – and
invites us to be generous toward others.

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Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil – 6.00pm @ Sacred Heart

Sunday – 7.30am @ Our Lady of

Good Counsel, Chidlow

– 9.30am @ Sacred Heart

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday 8.00am

Thursday 8.30am

7.00pm Men's prayer group

1st & 3rd wk of the month

Friday 8.30am

9.00am Adoration, Confession

Saturday 8.30am

9.00am Rosary & Cenacle

Reconciliation:

Friday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)

Saturday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)

1st Wednesday of the month 12-1.00pm

(Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow)

Or any time by request

Parish Cuppa:

Mundaring: 1st Weekend of the Month

Chidlow: Following each Sunday morning Mass ALL WELCOME!

For information about Baptism or other sacraments please visit our website, email or phone the parish.

Weekday Mass Feasts:

Wednesday Memorial of St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) C. Pastor p2265

Saturday Votive Mass BVM, p2224

St Padre Pio (1968) is among a number of saints who miraculously *bore the wounds of Christ*, baffling professors and scientists who examined them. Incredible miracles and marvels in his life were witnessed by many, an inspiring reminder of the call to be saints & how God wishes to work powerfully in the world through ordinary men and women.

TENNIS CLINIC – IMPACT ON PARKING

If you're attending Holy Hour after Friday Mass, if you can generously shift your vehicle from the basketball court, that would be much appreciated.

PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS:

1st Collection: Priest upkeep

'The Roman Catholic Archbishop'

BSB: 086006

A/C #: 985196641

2nd Collection: Parish upkeep

'The Roman Catholic Archbishop'

BSB: 086006

A/C #: 673418807

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer Intentions for the sick

Kevin Bell – hospice care

Eric Nordberg

Bonnie Brown

Helen Ball

Nancy Dawes

Andrew Azzaro

Tess Howden

Trevor Clark

Bill Makely

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW UNWELL? UNABLE TO GET TO MASS?

We'd love to explore how we can help you or someone you know access the Eucharist.

Please call or email Fr Stephen



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You can head to our website and securely donate online. Simple and easy.



Card facilities at the back of the Church for your convenience.

NEWS, EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER – DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC ANSWERS TO VISIT PERTH OCT 1-3

This conference has been running yearly for 10 years, bringing quality international speakers to Perth. This year the theme is 'FIAT' and will be held 1-3 October at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Scarborough.



Tim Staples as a protestant was deeply sceptical of Mary, now, he works full time helping others discover the deep truth of the Catholic faith! Come experience the three days of teaching, worship and mission.

www.evangelisationaustralia.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR CONFIRMATION AND HOLY COMMUNION RECIPIENTS!

Well done to all who have been preparing hard for their Sacraments. Thank you to parents, sponsors and all who have been praying for the students.

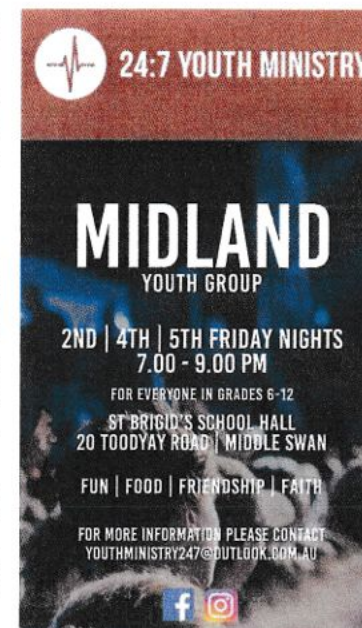
A special thank you to Jackie Mason for her hard work with the Year 6 children and the support of the school leadership to have extra opportunities to prepare, including the retreat day. I am deeply grateful to our generous parish volunteer catechists Catherine Ledger and Leree Gauci, supported by Cheryl, Sheila and Daniel.

MIDLAND TEENS GROUP:

WHERE TO AFTER CONFIRMATION?

Having a peer group the is supportive of the faith is essential for teens.

For Grade 6-12, Midland hosts a 2x monthly youth group hub on Friday nights that continues that faith journey with fun, food and friendship. Continue to live as a disciple of Jesus, 24/7 with the inspiring witness and support of leaders and friends.



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION gathering at 1045, after the 930am Sunday Mass:

We're exploring the sacraments, the ways in which we encounter the most powerful graces that enable us to experience and live our close relationship with God. All are welcome to come discuss and learn, and your participation is a concrete support and aid in the work of evangelisation.

LOOKING TO BEGIN A HABIT OF PRAYER? Grab a **prayer starter kit bag** and **A5 prayer booklet** of common prayers. Make room in your life for God by making room on a bookshelf or bedside table for the Lord. Want to get started on a decade of the **Rosary**? We have a few blessed rosaries available with a guide on how to pray it and meditate on Christ's works of salvation. There are a few **New Testament Bibles** to better hear God's Word in your life. "Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a light for my path". Ps 104

While these resources are provided to help everyone grow in prayer and faith, and enable all of us to help place resources in the lives of family and friends, a donation to the parish such as via the candle stand can help these resources continue to be steadily available. Am getting ready to order some more in. **Would you like to help patron our 'starter kits'? Or our rosary supply? Or help a new generation encounter God's Word?** Send Fr Stephen an email to be involved in the mission!

ENROLMENTS UNDERWAY FOR 2027 AT SACRED HEART PRIMARY

Our parish school has been growing a lot! Application for Enrolment forms can be downloaded from www.sacredheartps.wa.edu.au or are available from the school office.

If you have any questions in relation to our Kindergarten program or the enrolment process, please do not hesitate to contact Nikki or Cassandra in the office on 9295 1562 or admin@sacredheartps.wa.edu.au

