



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

FIRST READING

Ezek 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 6

R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. **R.**

2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / Do not remember the sins of my youth. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**

3. The Lord is good and upright / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path / he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

SECOND READING

Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one



thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.

But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

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

GOSPEL

Mt 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Breaking Open the Word

CHANGE OF ATTITUDE

Remaining in the agricultural world from last Sunday and the hiring practice of a landowner, we are now inside the landowner's family and its two sons. The landowner requests both sons to go to work in the vineyard. Such a request would have been unnecessary, given that there would have been hired labourers in the vineyard – information learnt from last Sunday's Gospel.

A deeper intent lies behind the owner's request: Are the sons' committed to the family's enterprise? Perhaps, too, this reflects what is occurring with the Gospel household, the inner relationship and ethical practice of its members. The main issue concerns integrity of word and openness of heart. The first son is asked to work in the vineyard but refuses the request. Later, he thinks about it, changes his mind and goes. The second promises to go the vineyard but doesn't. There is no further comment about the request or change of heart. Jesus asks the religious leaders, 'Which of the two did the father's will?' They respond, 'The first.' This son, at first resistant, changes his mind and responds to the father's request.

The parable is obviously directed to Jesus' audience and religious leaders, to recognise their need to change attitudes that exclude certain types of people. Surprisingly, those judged as social reprobates, the 'tax collectors and prostitutes', are given preferential acceptance into God's Kin-dom. The parable overturns conventional expectations in Matthew's day and in ours!

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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:

Tuesday St's Michael, Gabriel and Raphael,
Archangels p2038

Wednesday St Jerome, Priest and Doctor, p.2043

Thursday St Therese of Liseux, Vrg/Dr, p.2046

Friday The Holy Guardian Angels p.2049

Saturday Votive Mass of the BVM, p2224

*For he will command his angels concerning you to guard you in all
your ways. On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your
foot against a stone (Psalm 91:11-12).*

*See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that
in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in
heaven (Matthew 18:10).*

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

Trevor Clark

Eric Nordberg

Bonnie Brown

Helen Ball

Nancy Dawes

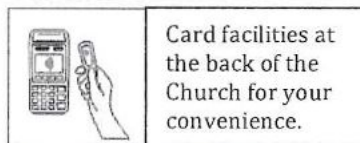
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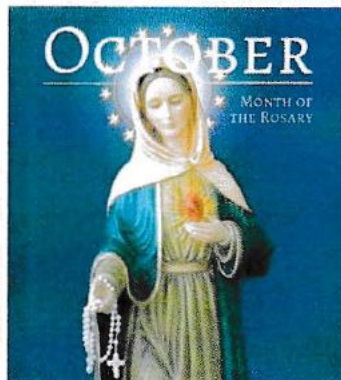
Bill Makely



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NEWS, EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

PREGNANCY AND INFANT LOSS 9AM MASS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 15th

The bible reminds us it is "a holy and wholesome
thing to pray for the dead." (2 Maccabees 12:46).
Thursday 15th of October, is a national observance
of the miscarried, the still born & young infants.
Our morning weekday Mass will specially
commemorate these precious lives, and remember
their families too. Whether its your child, that of a
family member or friend, **all will be welcome to
light a candle in memory of a loved one** at the
beginning of Mass at the steps of the altar. **You are
also welcome to submit first names too, if
applicable, to be read out at the beginning of
the Mass.** If you are unable to attend but would
like a candle to be lit or a name read out, please
submit this into the box of intentions near the
statue of Mother Mary. There will be a cuppa after
this Mass.

KEVIN BELL FUNERAL MASS AND WAKE

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 30TH, 1130AM.
AT SACRED HEART CHURCH

After battling a fast acting brain tumour for 3
months, Kevin passed away peacefully last week.
Some of us saw Kevin and his wife Jo almost each
day as they joined the weekday Masses the last
couple of years, praying for all the various needs of
the community. Thank you to the amazing
parishioners who have assisted supporting the
family and Jo with practical support during many
months. It is very much appreciated. There will be a
funeral Mass for him Wednesday 30th 1130am at
Sacred Heart Church and the family invite you to
join them at the Parkerville Tavern directly
afterwards. Please keep Jo and the family in your
prayers.

PRAYING FOR THOSE IN PUBLIC OFFICE

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers,
intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all
men, **for kings and all who are in high positions**,
that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly
and respectful in every way. This is good and it is
acceptable in the sight of God our Savior who
desires all men to be saved and to come to a
knowledge of the truth." St Paul 1 Tim 2:1-4

Most of the **Prayers of the Faithful**, include prayers
for the Church and then follow with prayers for
leaders as St Paul commends.

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!

*"Behold, I am sending an angel before you to
guard you... Pay attention to him..." - Ex 23:20-23*
To celebrate the **feasts of the angels** this week, take
a **blessed medal** to wear or carry and remember to
call on their protection and care each day:

Guardian Angel Prayer

Angel of God, my guardian dear, to whom God's
love commits me here, ever this day be at my
side, to light and guard, to rule and guide.
Amen.

Prayer to St Michael

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defence against the wickedness and
snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the
world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Want other daily prayers? Grab one of the **A5
prayer booklets**.