

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Parish Henley Beach

On the Traditional Lands of the Kurna People

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time– Year A

24th September 2023



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Mass Times: Monday 8 pm Candlelit Mass

Tues: 9:15am, Wed: 8:00am, Thurs & Fri: 9:15am, Reconciliation Saturday 8:45am – 9:10am

Sat 9:15am (qualifies as a Sunday Mass); Vigil Saturday 6:00pm; Sunday 9.30am; 5:30pm

COMING UP:

Knit & Natter

Thursday
28th September
10am – 12noon

Vinnies and Social Justice Group Mass

Saturday 23rd
September, 9.15am.

Multicultural Sunday

Sunday September 24th

Healing Weekend

Saturday 30th September
and Sunday 1st October

Parish Brunch

Sunday October 29th

Readings

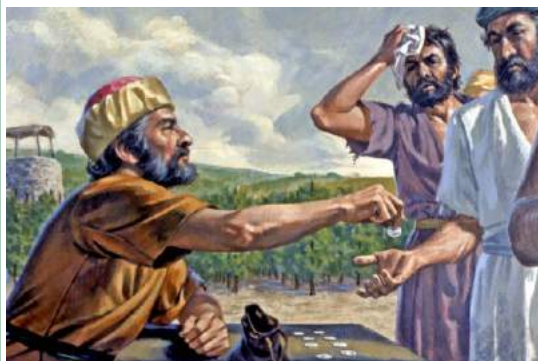
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Is 55: 6-9
Ps 144: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18
Phil 1: 20-24,27
Matthew 20: 1-16

26th Sunday Year A

Ezek 18: 25-28
Ps 24: 4-9
Phil 2: 1-11
Matthew 21: 28-32

Amazing Grace



Today's gospel speaks about the human sense of justice contrasted with the extravagant grace of a merciful and compassionate God. God rewards us, not in the measure of what we do, but according to our need and His good will. The Gospel tells us that it's never too late for God. A full wage is offered to each of us, whether one has served Him for a whole lifetime, or has turned to Him only at the eleventh hour. This story of the landlord's love

and generosity represents God's love and generosity to us. The story shows us how God looks at us, sees our needs, and meets those needs. The question in God's mind is not, "How much do these people deserve?" but, "How can I help them? How can I save them before they perish?" It is all about grace and blessings. God's provisions for our spiritual lives will never run out, and when we share our blessings with others, we tap into the inexhaustible Divine supply. The parable in today's Gospel is known as "the Parable of Workers in the Vineyard" or "the Parable of the Generous Landlord." Biblical scholar Daniel Harrington calls this "The Parable of the Good Employer" because the parable was probably addressed to Jesus' opponents who criticized him for preaching the Good News of the Kingdom to tax collectors and sinners.

Through this parable Jesus intends to give a warning to the disciples. Jesus teaches his disciples not to claim any special honour or any special place because they are closely associated with him or because they are the first members of his Church. All the people, no matter when they come, are equally precious to God. Similarly, long-time Church members should expect no special preference over recent members. The parable also issues a definite warning to the Jews. As the chosen People of God, the Jews looked down upon the Gentiles. Jesus warns them that the Gentiles who put their Faith in God will have the same reward a good Jew may expect. Through this parable, Jesus intends to show the generosity of God in opening the doors of the Heavenly Kingdom to the repentant Gentiles and sinners on equal footing with the Jews. Matthew, by retelling this parable, may well desire to give the same warning to the members of his Judaeo-Christian community who considered the converted Gentiles as second-class Christians. The parable was said also to give Jesus' own explanation of His love for the publicans and sinners

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This story illustrates the difference between God's perspective and ours. Perhaps it disturbs our sense of fairness and justice. We think of equal rights for all, or an honest day's work for an honest day's pay. Our sense of justice seems to favour the labourers who worked all day and expected a wage greater than that given to the latecomers. Perhaps most people would sympathize with the workers who had worked longer and seemingly deserved more. We can understand their complaint since, for most of us, salaries are linked to the number of hours of work. If workers have the same skills, the same hours of work and similar responsibilities, we expect them to get the same wages. But God does not see matters in the same way that we do. God thinks of justice in terms of people's dignity and their right to a decent life. God's justice holds that the people who have come late have the same right to a living wage and decent life as those who have worked all day and, hence, all must be treated identically. We are labourers who have worked less than a full day. If God treated us justly, none of us would be rewarded. We have all been unfaithful to God in many ways; what we have earned from God is punishment. However, because God is generous rather than just, we all receive a full day's pay, even though we have not earned it. Jesus understood the value of all people, regardless of what the community thought of them. Hence, our challenge is to recognize and accept with gratitude God's Amazing Grace. We must remember that there is more to life than the logic of action and reward.

This parable of the vineyard-workers illustrates very well our theology of grace and mercy. Pope Francis says: "The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven, and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel." The parable suggests that we can't work our way into Heaven, because by our own unaided strength we can never do enough natural good in this life to "earn" our everlasting reward, and because without His grace, we can do nothing of spiritual value. That is why God expects us to cooperate with His grace for doing good and avoiding evil. Salvation comes to us by God's grace and our cooperation with it, that is, by a blend of Faith and works.

Therefore, we need to follow God's example and show grace to others. We must not wish pain on people for the sake of fairness, nor rejoice in their miseries when God allows them to suffer. Then we should learn to express our gratitude to God in our daily lives for all the blessings that we receive. As Christians who believe in the generosity of God who gives us grace even though we are unworthy, we need to imitate and practice the virtue of generosity in all our relationships.

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Assisted listening system now available

- Receivers and headphones available from the sacristy.
- Neckloops are also available for use with hearing aids equipped with the "T" option.
- Covers the whole church seating area.
- The receiver automatically turns on and off when taken from or returned to the storage case.
- There are 2 front buttons on the receiver, vol up/vol down.

If you would like to use one please approach the go to person for assistance.

Please Remember in Your Prayers this Week:

Recently Deceased:

Noreen Fox, Monica Allen, Joe Scicluna, Margaret Billing, Fr Peter Dunn, Savariya Pitchai, Steven Crichton, Kaye Pilkington, Patti O'Toole, Noreen Carey, Murt Keatley, Joan Irene Cherrington, Mary Joan Still, Ivan Tinus, Claire Smaller, Don Crichton, Geraldine McNamee.

Anniversaries

Fr John Rate & Fr Frank Perry, Joseph Vozzo

Sick Parishioners

Amelia D'Aloia, Des Fahey, Noreen Fox, Terry Cashin, Frank Cousins, Pat Berti, Rene Young, Mary Kennedy, Sharon Barber, Brendan Taylor, Rose Oteng, Julie Green, Noel Hocking, Maria Tinus, Brian Barden, Joan Dignan, Brian Fitzgerald, Lola Pedler, Margaret O'Connor, Margaret Kennedy, Robin Franks,

Milestone Wedding Anniversaries

We would like to Congratulate:

Judy & Don Newham,
John & Carmel Jungfer,
Maxine & Fred Sandery,
Edward & Frieda Monck,
Garnet & Loretta Hodges
David & Marguerite Smith



Who celebrated their milestone wedding anniversaries last weekend. God bless you...

Parish Keys



If you no longer need a key to access the Church or to the Office due to a change in commitments as ministers, volunteers, or for group activities we ask that you please return your keys to the Parish office.

Knit & Natter



Knit and Natter will meet on Thursday, 28th September 10-12pm in the Conference Room. We would be grateful for any donations of wool. Please deliver to Parish Office . Carmel Kay 8356 4029

Police Checks Updating

Please contact Ivy Hill: 0413 081 421 if your Working with Children Police Check needs updating

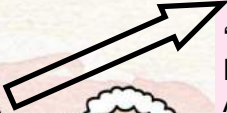
RESPONSORIAL PSALM: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Henley Beach Parish

SAVE THE DATE!



"Our Connecting Stories" BRUNCH



Sunday, 29 October 2023

From 10:30 am

@ Parish Hall and breezeway

Sausage sizzle ♥ Barista Coffee ♥

Games for all ages ♥

Tastes from around the world to share!

Stay tuned for details in September ☺

To celebrate 'Our Connecting Stories' parish Brunch, we ask your help to provide an opportunity for our parish families to enjoy a taste of something delicious from one of the numerous world regions from where many of you come.

As its brunch, we think pick up share food would be the best particularly given the kitchen will be busy and heating difficult.

The world regions 'Taste of Asia' (eg, India, China, Indonesia, Malaysia, Vietnam, Thailand, Singapore) 'Taste of Middle East, Nth Africa, Arabia (eg Afghanistan, Egypt, Lebanon, Morocco, Turkey) 'Taste of Europe' (France, Germany, Hungary, Greece, Italy, Russia, Spain) 'Taste of North America' (Canada, Mexico, USA) 'Taste of Central America and the Caribbean' (Costa Rica, Jamaica, Guatemala, Honduras) 'Taste of South America' (Argentina, Chile, Peru, Venezuela, Ecuador, Colombia) Taste of Saharan Africa (Sth Africa, Zambia, Kenya, Zimbabwe) Taste of Australia and Oceania (New Zealand, Tonga, Samoa, Papua New Guinea, Solomons, Fiji, Australia) For example 'Taste of Australia' (could be lamingtons, mini pavlova, meat pies! Fairy bread, Anzac Biscuits)

We ask you to think about what you might be able to do. Gather your friends and family and ask what yummy treat they can bring along. In the coming few weeks, we will be calling for those of you who would like to contribute, to let us know.

Our morning mass will celebrate our diverse parish family. From there we will break out into the hall and further. There will be some craft activities for the children. We have booked a coffee van for those seeking a barista coffee along with tea, water and some soft drinks, to complement our Sausage sizzle. Our youngest parish members from Playgroup, Little Stars and the Primary School are preparing something special to make our day festive.

Of course, we will need some volunteers on the morning, but mostly we hope you will all mark your calendar, attend mass and join in our big brunch. Sunday October 29th from 10.30am.

Catholic Charities September Appeal 2023

The annual Catholic Charities Appeal for 2023 is being held in September.

Parishioners are welcome to take leaflets home to find out more about the September Appeal.

Donations can be made via the reply paid slip in the Appeal leaflet or online at: <https://adelaide.goodgiving.com.au/qr/cc> or click the QR code.

Please note a Special Collection for Catholic Charities will be taken up on December 25 (Christmas Day).

Giving App



Download the Adelaide Archdiocese's Find a Mass App on your mobile phone and set up direct giving to the first and second collections, as well as special appeals. Or go to

adelaide.goodgiving.com.au to set up direct giving from your computer.

Please note: 1st, 2nd and Special Collections are available on the app.

The QR code will automatically select the Henley beach parish.

Children's Liturgy of the Word @ 9.30am Mass

Children's Liturgy of The Word

CLOW

Term 4 will see us reintroduce Children's Liturgy of the Word for the youngest members of our Parish. An opportunity for them to gather, connect

and build friendships as they discover the Gospel message and the love that Jesus has for them.

Children's Liturgy is appropriate for primary school aged children however younger children are welcome to come along, with a parent or adult helper.

Anyone wanting to join the CLOW is welcome to come on Tuesday 19th September to the parish meeting room at 7:30pm just for half an hour. More information:

Barb Conlon
Families and Faith Outreach Coordinator (Alpha)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

VINNIES BUNKER RESTOCKING

The Henley Beach Vinnies Conference extends a special “thank you” to Cheryl Wedding and the Social Justice group for organising the restocking of our “bunker”.

When launching our 2023 Winter Appeal, I challenged my fellow parishioners to question themselves with: “Ask not what I can GIVE . . . but what I can DO as an expression of kindness and love towards those who come to me seeking assistance”.

Your overwhelming response and generosity will allow us to assist the most vulnerable living in our local community who are on low incomes, facing severe financial difficulties and in some instances, homelessness.

“Christianity is not about ideas but about deeds inspired by love”.
Blessed Frederic Ozanam (Founder – St Vincent de Paul Society)

John Stoiber – President

Scam Alert – Phishing Messages and Emails

It has come to our attention that our parishioners have been receiving text messages and emails impersonating staff and or priests asking for help in the form of money or gift cards.

Please Do not reply or click on any links and block the email or phone number. These emails and messages are designed to look legitimate from trusted sources, but they are actually attempts to steal personal information or infect your device with malware.

To stay safe, it is important to remain vigilant and follow best practices for online security.

- Check the sender’s email address or phone number
- Be cautious of urgent or threatening language in those messages as well as the request of sensitive information
- Avoid clicking links or downloading attachments from unknown or suspicious sources
- Verify the authenticity of any email or message that seems suspicious by contacting the sender directly.

Advent Reflection Books

As we head towards the season of Advent, we will soon be ordering Advent daily reflection books for parishioners to purchase.

To avoid having books leftover and to save money we are asking parishioners to indicate your intention to purchase an Advent book on the sheet located on the back table. We will only order as per required.

The Advent books will be priced at approx. \$6 each.

The Archdiocese will also supply Advent books free of charge. Please register your intention to purchase by 24 September.

Many thanks.



Vinnies Winter Appeal 2023

Henley Beach Vinnies are most grateful for the 80 money donors. This will help more than double that number of poor people from becoming homeless.



The Southern Cross

The New Edition of the Southern Cross is available at the back of the Church for \$2. Please take one

Healing Weekend in the Church

Saturday 30th September 11am - 4:30pm.

Sunday 1st October 9:30pm - 4pm.

Speaker Fr Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS.

The weekend will include Talks given by Manu Kumbidiyamackal MSFS
What is Healing?

Inner Healing.

Healing of the Family Tree.

The Healing Power of Forgiveness.

The Healing Power of Listening.

The Healing Power of the Sacraments.

General Prayer for Inner Healing.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Reconciliation, Sunday 9:30am Parish Mass. please bring your own lunch, Tea/Coffee provided.

Enquiries and bookings phone Pauline 0403002240 by 28th September if possible.

Cost by donation. All welcome.

The Living Waters Charismatic Prayer Group

Invites you to join them Thursday nights 7pm - 8:30pm in the church.

Enter via hall door, for evenings of singing hymns of praise and worship, two Scripture readings and commentary by Fr Michael Fallon, reflection time, shared refecton, prayer, intercessory prayer, and prayer ministry.

Tea/Coffee and fellowship. All welcome. If you need prayer message your prayer requests, the phone number is in the Bulletin.

Baptisms in our Parish



We welcome into our Parish Community Giulia Cirillo, Theodore Wier, Thomas & Eloise Le Riche, Sieglinde Tullberg being baptised this weekend.

Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Weekly Bulletin

If anyone would like the weekly bulletin emailed to them please contact the office at:

welcome@henleybeachparish.com.au