

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

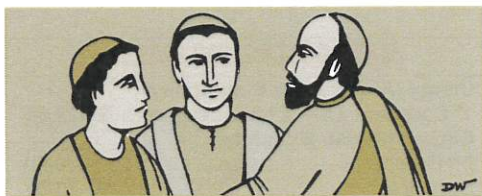
Mt 21:28-32

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



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

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 Kingdom. The parable overturns conventional expectations in Matthew's day and in ours!

Fr Michael Trainor

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.**

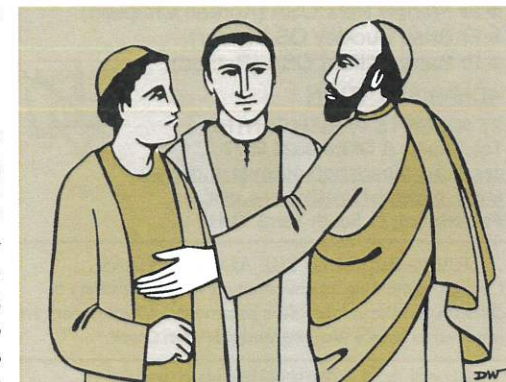
SECOND READING

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.



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26th Sunday of the Year 27th September 2026
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the **AUGUSTINIANS**

- Fr Luca Park OSA (Parish Priest)
- Fr Francis Park OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- Fr Brian Buckley OSA (Prior)
- Fr Barry Clifford OSA (Retired)

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and the vulnerable is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- Stefphy Coosnappa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ► Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- Safeguarding: Stefphy Coosnappa ► Sarah Thyssen (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Thurs)
- Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 27th September 2026

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 26th September	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 27th September 26th Sunday of the Year	10.30am Mass	9.00am Mass
Monday 28th September 26 th Week in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 29th September St Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 30th September St Jerome	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 1st October St Therese of the Child of Jesus	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 3rd October 26 th Week in Ordinary Time	9am Mass 6.00pm Vigil Mass	



112TH WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS & REFUGEES 2026

The theme for this year's World Day of Migrants and Refugees "Even Just One of These Children" was chosen by Pope Leo XIV to highlight the vulnerability and dignity of migrant and refugee minors.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- Children's Confirmation – next Sun Oct 4th
- No Christian Meditation this week
- Save the Date: Parish BBQ Sun 22 Nov

Pope Leo – On Artificial Intelligence



"The various areas just considered—the search for the truth in public life, education in the digital environment, the transformation of work, the fragility of families and new forms of slavery—are not isolated phenomena. Rather, they reflect a common underlying issue, namely that if technology becomes the ultimate criterion, the human person risks being reduced to data, a cog in a machine or a commodity. If, however, technology is integrated with a wise perspective, it can become an instrument of growth, justice and fraternity. From this perspective, the Social Doctrine of the Church calls for a shared responsibility." (*Magnifica Humanitas*. #180)

PARISH BAPTISMS

We welcome the family and friends of Oliver Moreno who is to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS 2026

Are available for purchase from the parish office. \$10 each. Be sure to receive your copy by contacting us.

MASS OF CARE FOR CREATION

Next weekend we conclude the Season of Creation with the Mass for Care of Creation and distribution of some plant seedlings courtesy of SJOS Garden Club.

REMINDER

Daylight Saving starts next weekend. Move your clock forward one hour at 2am Sunday morning 4th October.



IN LOVING MEMORY



Recently Deceased

- * Godwin De Mel
- * Joseph Patricks

Anniversaries

- * Sheila Brody
- * Kathleen Dennis
- * Fr Gabriele Muratore
- * Michelle Benson
- * Julie Primrose

COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS 27th SEPT

After mass at St Thomas Aquinas this Sunday 27th September join us for coffee at Velvet Bean 35 Albert Road

FRIENDS OF ST AUGUSTINE 2026 NATIONAL LAITY CONGRESS 9-11 Oct.

All interested in knowing about the spirituality of St Augustine are invited to attend. Keynote speakers: Stan Grant & Tony Banks OSA. Booking Inquiries: Mary McCormick 0419 134 075/ Judith Duncan 0417 309 747



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Friends of St Augustine need volunteers to help with logistics during the National Laity Congress 9-11 October. If you can help, please contact Mary McCormick 0419 134 075/ Judith Duncan 0417 309 747

MASS COLLECTION 20/09/2026

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits...	\$ 833.60
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 380.80
Envelopes.....	\$ 80.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$ 920.60
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 900.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK Margaret Wallin, Anne Rigg, Mitos Gloudeamans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills, Charles, Tom Greene, Anna Slawek, Maurice White