



TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

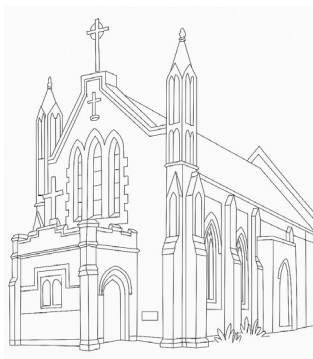
20 September 2026

This Week's Feasts:

Mon 21st Sep **St Matthew**

Weds 23rd Sep **St Pius**

Sat 26th Sept **St Cosmos & St Damian**



❖ **Sanctuary Lamp**

If you would like the lamp to burn for a week, for a special intention, please put the details and \$10 in an envelope and place in one of the collections

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Masses and Devotions

Sun	7.30am	Mass
	9.30am	Mass
Tues	12.30pm	Mass
Weds	12.00pm	Rosary
	12.30pm	Mass
	1.15pm	Lunch
Thurs	12.30pm	Mass
Fri	11.30am	Eucharistic Adoration
	12.30pm	Mass
Sat	5.00pm	Reconciliation
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,

YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon

*I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.*

First Reading (Isaiah 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. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 144:2-3,8-9,17-18 R. v.18)

(R.) *The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

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 (Philippian 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. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (See Acts of the Apostles 16:14)

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.*

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 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. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

Communion Antiphon (John 10:14)

I am the Good Shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

NEWS & EVENTS

Looking for Volunteers:

Sharing the load – builds our Parish as an inclusive and caring community. There are a lot of roles where help is needed. Please think about how you might contribute to the life of the Parish and put your name and contact details on the list at the back of the Church. Thanks, and God Bless you, Father Garner.”

Parish Security

Further to our previous advice on changing the locks and establishing a key register, the first step is for parishioners wishing to hold a key or keys for authorized access to a particular door in the parish facility to request this as follows:

- contact either Jackie de Jong or Dcn Paul by email (claremont@perthcatholic.org.au) or by a personal visit to the parish office during office hours
- provide name, contact details, and which particular doors in the parish you require access to.
- please do this by Friday 23 October.

Next weekend’s readings **Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

Ezekiel 18:25-28, Psalm 24, Philippians 2:1-11, John 10:27, Matthew 21:28-32