

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



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY

While we are familiar with the notion of personal responsibility, it may come as a surprise to learn that it took some time to fully develop in the Old Testament. While the prophets Jeremiah and Ezekiel were not the first to invent the concept, they are major contributors to its development. In Ezekiel 18, the prophet is trying to convince the people of Israel that while it might seem harsh that each person is held responsible for their sins, there is also the possibility to change one's life. God will respect this change of heart and reward it.

As Jesus teaches in the Temple, he challenges the Jewish authorities to understand that what Ezekiel had spoken of continued to be true. Tax collectors and prostitutes took the opportunity that John the Baptist's preaching provided – to take responsibility for their lives and change. The parable of the two sons is a pointed commentary not only on the openness of sinners to John the Baptist but also on the opposition of the Jewish authorities. In the next few weeks, the lines of demarcation between Jesus and the authorities will continue to intensify.

The Christians of Philippi are encouraged by Paul to take responsibility for the building up of their community, a community which is to be marked by unity, and a profound valuing of the other person. He reminds them of a hymn they know well, a breathtaking hymn that talks of the sublime example of Jesus' humility and love which is the model for all Christian life.

Christopher Monaghan CP

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



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Our Parishes acknowledge and honour the Bidjigal and Gadigal People as traditional custodians of this land, that we stand on.



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Go Make Disciples, The Mission Plan for the Archdiocese of Sydney



Please pray for the Faithful Departed:

Recently Deceased: Albert Mirza, Patrick Sargent, Cathy Slowey, Fe Perez, and all those who have died from the Covid-19 Virus.

Deceased: Agnes Brisbane, May Perrets Stoja Ivan Zubčić Braders Molrito, Stanko Grgo Marijan, Sista Zorta, Wasa Pedisich and All the souls in Purgatory.

Anniversary: Gayle Lippmann, Dorothy Hall, Giovanni Andreatta, Jim Walshe, Ross Ponder, John Hines, Dymna Fownes, Victor Bonifacio, Reg Foster, Antonio Lopes. May Perrets Stoja Ivan, Zubčić Braders Marko, Stanko Grgo Marijan, Sistar Zorta, and Zubric Masq Pelisich.

The Sick: Bishop Peter Ingham, Ange Portelli, Ha Oi Lan, Mario Assini, Sam Strano, Josephie Regan, Mary Vella, Robert 'Bob' Spanswick, Beatriz Visperas, Michael Victor, Marcus O'Dean, Angela Beveridge, Marie Cullen, Merley Nate Fien, John Sarniak Thomson, Santa Viselli and Ernie Ross. Pray for the sick, the dying, the poor and homeless in our parishes, and those suffering from Covid.

Prayers for: Those who have lost their lives or have been injured in the Morocco Earthquake and for the care of the World Environment.



Where will Fr. John be celebrating Mass next weekend?
Saturday - 7 October 2023 - 5.00pm St Andrew's Malabar (Livestreamed)
Sunday - 8 October 2023 - 10.00am St Agnes Matraville



Greetings to all parishioners and visitors of St Andrew & St Agnes Twinned Catholic Parishes of Malabar-Matraville.

Last Thursday evening, 28 September. I had the privilege to concelebrate Mass with Bishop Terry Brady at St Francis of Assisi Church, Paddington. The event was for the South East Sydney & Sydney Regional Council of the St Vincent de Paul Society

(Vinnies), combined Festival Mass. At this Mass Mr Bob Cameron one of our members of Malabar Conference of Vinnies received a Service Award for 15 years of Service to Vinnies. Congratulations Bob, well deserved. Vinnies provide to many in our community without fear or favour of any religion or state of life. It was a pleasure to attend such a Festival Mass and local conference meetings in our parish. Each of our Parishes has a separate conference led by Chris Norton at Malabar and Chris Maron at Matraville. There are many blessings that you can receive by being a conference member of Vinnies. You might like to join Vinnies in their works of charity under the inspiration of St Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederick Ozanam. Please contact the Parish Offices if you are interested.

This Sunday is October 1, daylight savings has commenced and we have placed our clocks one hour ahead. In Rome Pope Francis will open the first session of the Sixteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. This Synod will be on Synodality and will take up the whole month of October. Pope Francis has asked for our prayers. A prepared Universal Prayer for Sundays and weekdays of October has been sent from Rome for us to be in communal prayer with the Universal Church, together with a Solemn Blessing at the conclusion of each of our Sunday Masses. October is the month of the Rosary, may when we pray the Rosary these days of October pray for the success of the Synod. Our Lady of the Rosary pray for our Universal Church and world. Amen.

God bless and keep you all in his love.

Fr John



We welcome into our Parish Community **William Luis Stalla Askham, Freya Rose McAlister, George Francis McAlister** and **Joaquin Blaxe Sutere** who will receive the sacrament of Baptism this Sunday at St. Andrew's Malabar. **Congratulations.**

Please see Parish websites for further notices.

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney: Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguarding.enquiries@sydneycatholic.org. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.