Sacred Heart Parish Tatura

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Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time **20 September 2026**

Readings for this week:
Isaiah 55:6-9
Philippians 1:20-24,279
Matthew 20:1-16

Readings for next Sunday:
Ezekiel 18:25-28
Philippians 2:1-11
Matthew 21:28-32

Liturgical Jottings

Liturgical Catechesis IVb

We will continue our catechesis on the Constitution on the Liturgy (SC).

Immediately after recalling Jesus' Last Supper, SC speaks of the Eucharist in Augustinian terms. For Christians, taking part at the Lord's table means being "instructed by God's word, nourished and giving thanks to God" (cf SC 48). It is by receiving Him in His Word and in the Eucharist that we become what we receive. We become the Body whose Head is the risen Christ, who prepares a place for us in heaven. Thus, the Eucharist is the sacrament of the Kingdom that is to come. It is the Bread for the journey that leads us to our heavenly homeland, until that blessed day when "God will be all in all". Thus, by incorporating us into Christ, the Eucharist teaches us to adopt the very style of life of the Lord Jesus, which was marked by the free gift of Himself. This gift draws us into a dynamic of unity.

Pope Leo XIV, Rome 24 June 2026

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Looking at the Readings

The readings present us with an underlying theme, God's thoughts are not our way of thinking, God's generosity is beyond our understanding. But there are more in the parable that meets the casual eye.

The world today has many and varied laws and practices about wages and conditions and a very elaborate systems of social security. Pope Leo XIII's encyclical Rerum Novarum (1891) gave principles on workers' rights and a just wage and the Australian Conciliation and Arbitration Court (1909) defined a fair and reasonable wage as an amount sufficient to support an unskilled worker, his wife and three children in a condition of "**frugal comfort"**. The vineyard owner in Christ's parable was ahead of his times recognising that his labourers needed to feed and support their families and so gave each a sufficient amount (one denarius) as their take home pay.

Notice that the labourers who worked for the whole day did not grumble about their pay (one denarius) but grumbled about the pay of the latecomers and the landowner's generosity. Indeed, God's generosity may be beyond our understanding but not out of reach for those in need. We are all in need of God's Goodness.

Pope Leo XIV Message on Season of Creation

Dear brothers and sisters, the true tools for building peace are not weapons of destruction, instead they are truth, dialogue, patience, goodness, justice, mercy, understanding, care and love. These flow from hearts shaped by the Gospel and sustained by God's grace. Only these qualities possess the power to transform individuals, renew communities and heal the wounds of our world.

The path before us is clear, though it is not easy. We are called to allow our hearts to be renewed, so that we might seek peace and care for creation.

Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week depicts a couple searching for God's wisdom that is higher than the sun, moon and stars (Isaiah 55:9).

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Prayer of the Week

God most high, your ways are not our ways,
for your kindness is lavished equally upon all.
Teach us to welcome your mercy toward others,
even as we hope to receive mercy ourselves. Amen.

On the Lighter Side

A worker asked his boss for a raise, stating that two companies are after him. Boss: "What companies are those?" He replied "The power company and the water company."

Please email or contact the office to add names to the prayer list	**For those who have died and those who are grieving**	Ivan Kezerle, Darren Grossman
	For those whose anniversary occurs at this time	Terry White,
	Our sick and their carers	Dean White, Sue McDonald, Mary Vraca, Kim Mann, Harney McKinnon, Antoinette Mancini, Russell Parsons, Nathan Dodd

ROSTERS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday 27th September 10:30am

Commentator:	Domelina Phelan
Reader:	Anne Marie Nihill
Gospel Procession:	Elisabeth Edwards
Gifts:	S Gregg & C Bannan
Eucharistic Minister:	Ross Kelly
Screen Operator:	Anne Hutchison
Music Operator:	Trish Warnett

Saturday 3rd October 6:00pm (note: time change)

Commentator:	Carol Coulston
Reader:	Denice Bourke
Gospel Procession:	Deb Turvey
Gifts:	J Caiafa & D Hamilton
Screen Operator:	Ged Pollard
Music Operator:	Trish Warnett

Sunday 4th October 10:30am

Commentator:	Gem Reyes
Reader:	Debbie Worm
Gospel Procession:	Dolly Thompson
Gifts:	L Mercuri & C Bannan
Eucharistic Minister:	Danny Reyes
Screen Operator:	Lou Worm
Music Operator:	Trish Warnett

Saturday Mass times for 1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month

6:00pm (Oct – Mar) 5:00pm (Apr-Sep)

We thank all of our volunteers for their assistance during Mass

Shared lunch: Next Sunday following Mass

REPEAT NOTICES

Meeting in the Spirit Group: all welcome on the 4th Wednesday of each month. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 23rd September at 6:00pm in the Presbytery.

Baptism Preparation Meeting: The final meeting for the year will be on Wednesday 2nd December at 7:00pm. Please contact the parish Office if you would like to attend.

Book Orders: Please add your name to the list in the Narthex if you would like to order a Daily Mass Book, Columban Calendar and God's Word books for 2027.

Two Week Mass Timetable
Week Commencing 23rd September

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 23rd September	11:00am (funeral)
Friday 25th September	9:15am

Weekend Mass

Sunday 27th September	10:30am

Weekday Masses

Wednesday 30th September	9:15am
Friday 2nd October	9:15am

Weekend Mass

Saturday 3rd October	**6:00pm (note time change)**
Sunday 4th October	10:30am

Monthly events

Anointing Mass *every 1st Wednesday Mass at 9:15am*
Italian Rosary *every 2nd Friday at 2pm in the Church*
Reconciliation *every 1st Saturday of the month (30 minutes before Mass)*
Shared lunch: *4th Sunday of the month in St Mary's Hall*
Eucharistic Adoration *every 1st Friday of month at 5:30pm in the Church*

Ladies Cuppa & Chat

1st Wednesday of each month at 2pm in St Mary's Hall. All welcome.

The next one will be on ***Wednesday 7th October***

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Plate Collection and Envelopes

The collection for last week was $1243.00

Thank you so much for your generosity and support of the parish.

May God bless you always.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration on the first Friday of the month at 5:30pm in the Sacred Heart Church. All welcome. The next Eucharistic Adoration will be this coming Friday 9th October

What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?

Matthew 20:14-15

- **Fr Uday away:** Please note that Father Uday will away from 5th October until 28th October. There will be no Saturday evening Masses during this time. Sunday Masses will be held at the same time. Weekday Masses will be replaced by Liturgies. Fr Michael Grace will be in the parish on Sunday 11th and 18th and Fr Michael Morley will be in the parish on 25th September. There will be a bucket collection to help support Fr Uday's trip on Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October.
- **CARITAS AUSTRALIA NEPAL APPEAL**: The Caritas network is working alongside affected communities and local authorities to assess needs and ensure assistance reaches those most impacted. You can support the Appeal at www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.

Survey of Catholic Couples over September

The Australian Catholic Bishops are funding a survey over the month of September into the experience of Catholics in their first 10 years of marriage. The information gathered will inform the development of pastoral responses and resources for this vital stage of married life.

Any couple married in the last 10 years, where at least one spouse is Catholic, can contribute their valuable insights via this link https://thepmrc.org/survey

All answers are anonymous and confidential, and participants can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link.

Congratulations to the 15 children who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist last Sunday.

Stasiya, Tessa, Alec, Ethan, Ruby, Olivia, Charlie, Maycey, Nunzio, Olivia, Angelina, Alexandra, Lottie, Evelyn and Douglas are pictured with Tony McDonald and Carolyn Goode from Sacred Heart School and Fr Uday.

The Gift of God's Generosity

The readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A remind us that God's mercy and generosity go far beyond what we expect. He invites everyone to turn to Him, no matter how late they come. His ways are not like ours. Where people see limits, God offers grace without measure. Isaiah calls us to seek the Lord while He is near. God is patient and ready to forgive.

The psalm praises Him as kind and slow to anger. Paul teaches us to live in a way that honours Christ, whether in life or death. Each passage shows faith as a response to God's goodness.

In the Gospel, Jesus tells the story of the workers in the vineyard. The landowner pays them all the same, no matter when they began. It may seem unfair, but Jesus shows that God's love does not follow human rules. On the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, we are reminded that God's mercy is for all who say yes to His call.

Lord, your ways are higher than ours. Help us to seek you with humble hearts. Teach us to trust in your wisdom and rejoice in your mercy. Let us serve you without seeking rewards. May we welcome others with kindness, just as you welcome us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Child safety officer Debbie Turvey on 0407 804 317.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respect to their elders past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside First Nation Australians in truth, justice and reconciliation.

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INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

"We are an Easter people, and Alleluia is our song!" — Pope John Paul II More than a one-time event, Eucharist 28 is a national journey of renewal, beginning in our own hearts and parishes. This Easter, we saw our churches filled with new life as many were welcomed into the faith. The invitation now is to keep that flame alive: to encounter Christ in the Eucharist every week as we prepare for a global celebration of the Eucharist and a Papal Mass celebrated in Sydney by Pope Leo XIV. Find out more and register at eucharist28.org

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering: Caritas Australia & Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the **Season of Creation Gathering: Listen, Reflect, Act**, a national online event on **3–4 September.** The Gathering offers inspiring keynote speakers and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home. Learn more & register: **www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering**

WE ARE HIRING

Join the St Brendan's Catholic Church Office team

Administration Support Officer

13.5 hours per week

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday during school hours

Permanent part-time position

Location: St Brendan's Catholic Church Office

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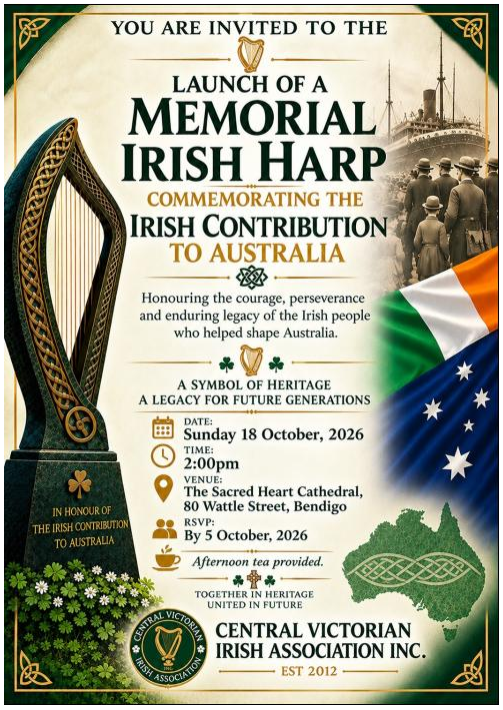
Applications close: 24 September 2026



RCIA INQUIRY EVENINGS in Kyabram: Inquiry evenings for the RCIA program will begin on Monday 5th October at 5.30pm in the presbytery. The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of Christian formation by which those who are seeking full communion with the Church. For more information contact Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 or Mary Zobec 0427190282.

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.**

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Breaking Open the Word

BE GENEROUS

Greed often dominates our world, interactions between global leaders and, sometimes, our own relationships. Today's Gospel offers a different value system. Generosity is the Gospel standard that should dominate relationships.

This teaching comes in the form of another parable from Jesus. The context would be familiar to Matthew's audience, in a society dominated by injustice, hierarchy and poverty. In this world, unemployment was rife, as it is today. Workers in Jesus' day would go to the village or town square to seek employment. In this setting, the landowner comes to the square to hire labourers for his vineyard with a promised day's wage. The owner repeats the hiring practice at different hours of the day, even into the late afternoon. When it comes time to pay the wages of the labourers, the landowner begins with the last hired and pays them the full day's wage though they have worked less hours. Those hired first complain that they should have been paid more. The landowner's response summarises the main teaching point of the parable: 'Why be envious because I am generous?'

Generosity rather than greed characterises this landowner. It is also a mirror of Jesus' essential teaching. God is generous, not restrictive or calculating. This challenges a world governed by exactness and tit-for-tat thinking. God and God's kingdom are characterised by generosity. God is generous toward us – and invites us to be generous toward others.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

FIRST READING — Isa 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.**

RESP PSALM — Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v. 18

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

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 — Phil 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.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION — cf. Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia! / Open our hearts, O Lord, / to listen to the words of your Son. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL — Mt 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