

FIRST READING *Isaiah 55:6-9*

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

The Lord is near to all who call him.

SECOND READING *Philippians 1:20-24.27*

For me to live is Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

GOSPEL *Matthew 20:1-16*

Why are you jealous because I am generous?

THANKS TO THOSE WHO GAVE LAST WEEK

1 st Collection	- Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$807.00
	- Loose Money.....	\$264.00
2 nd Collection	- Presbytery/Priests.....	\$289.00

LECTORS - THIS WEEK 21/09/08

6.00pm (SAT) – B Nadenbousch & E Saliba
 9.00am (SUN) – S LoBartolo & A DiRico
 10.30am (SUN) – T Fitzsimmons & G Silvio

LECTORS - NEXT WEEK 28/09/08

6.00pm (SAT) – L & M Dal Santo
 9.00am (SUN) – C Brunetti & G Barbaro
 10.30am (SUN) - J Iaria & J Vincitorio

CHURCH CLEANERS

27/09/08 M Matuccio, L Calafiore & C Balassone

MONEY COUNTERS

22/09/08 E Claridge, F Carabott & G Canavan
 29/09/08 D Herbert & C McMahan

YOUR PRAYERS ARE REQUESTED FOR THE FOLLOWING

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gaspare SONZA, Michael VELLA

ANNIVERSARIES

Luigi GIAMMARCO, Luciano RAITI, Concetta MAZZIA, Antonio & Isbella FIORITO,
 Pietro D’ALESSANDRO, Silvana BAGGIO, Guido PACE, Pasquale AGOSTINELLI
 Fernando & Giuliana MANCINI, Antonio PISTONE, Giovanni LUCCI, Michalina DE VINCETIS
 Michele CHIODO, Sandro FILIPPONE, Maria-Concetta SALIMBENI, Antonio & Rosa CICHELLO
 Antonio & Costanza CARNOVALE, Nicola, Maria & Giuseppe CARNOVALE.

SALMO RESPONSORIALE

Il Signore e’ vicino a chi lo cerca.

CANTO AL VANGELO

Alleluia, alleluia!
 Apri, Signore, il nostro cuore e
 comprenderemo le parole del Figlio tuo.
 Alleluia.

SPECIAL MINISTERS

S Dakin
 F Pascuzzi, G Tempone & C Alberti
 U Strangis, M Sernia & J Broadbent

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E Saliba
 P Sparano, R Pino & L Cavedon
 Sr Doreen, G Silvio & J Frangiosa

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES:

Sat 6.00pm - English
 Sun. 9.00am - Italian
 Sun. 10.30am - English

Fr Emmanuel Bonello—Parish Priest
 Sr Doreen Bentley-Pastoral Associate
 Mr Peter Chowne -School Principal
 Mrs Liz Pistoni – Parish Secretary

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon. 9.10am Comm. Service
 Tue. 10.00am Italian
 Wed. 9.10am - English
 Thur. 9.10am - English
 Fri. 9.10am - English
 Sat. 8.30am - English

Maltese Mass
 1st Saturday of the Month 6.00pm

Baptisms – Sunday 12.00pm
 Marriages - By Appointment



Reconciliation: Sat. 10.30am

25th Sunday of Year A

September 21, 2008

That’s not fair!

“That’s not fair!” is a cry that ever parent and teacher will have heard from their children over and over again. And there will be times when the reply might be: “Tough! Life’s not fair!”

So what are we to make of the parable Jesus tells us about the workers in the vineyard? It is not surprising that those who had worked for a full day complained that it was not fair that those who had worked only for the last hour were paid the same as them. Surely Jesus is not just telling us: “Tough! Life’s not fair!” To understand the word of God we always need to look at the bigger picture. On this question of fairness, we get an important clue from Isaiah when he teaches: “My thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks”.

Immediately before Jesus relates the parable, he has taught us that “many who are first will be last, and the last, first.” And that phrase concludes his teaching on the danger of riches and the rewards that come when we renounce ourselves. To make matters even more challenging, Jesus introduces the parable by telling us that it is a description of the kingdom of heaven. And of course this provides the key to understanding what is being asked of us, for there is no doubt that Jesus repeatedly confronts our human way of thinking. Like ourselves, the disciples struggled to grasp the message of the kingdom: not a kingdom of this world, but a kingdom where those in authority are not to lord it over others but be at their service; a kingdom we inherit as heirs because we are called to be brothers and sisters of the Lord. Only when we begin to think in this way do we recognise everyone else as of equal dignity to ourselves. We also learn not to judge and to realise that we do not earn our way into the kingdom: entry has been won for us by the Lord and the reward is the same for everyone. Applying this to the parable we understand that those who had to wait all day before they were invited to work were not idle but simply had not been offered the opportunities granted to the others. Bearing all that in mind we can look around our world and see that some people seem to be blessed with far more gifts and opportunities than others and it all seems very unequal. However, once we look on all our brothers and sisters in the light of the kingdom, then immediately we start to make allowances for them as we hope they will for us. When we take stock of our experience we know that deep down we are happier not when we are triumphing over others, but when we bring them hope and solace. With this vision we reach out to help one another so that we can all fulfill our potential and reap the rewards the Lord has promised. Surely there can be nothing fairer than that?

ITALIAN LADIES

Martedì 22 Settembre or 9.00am riunione del comitato Italiano in Cappella per la preparazione della festa della Madonna del Rosario.

BAPTISM


Congratulations to **Chali Ann D'Angelo** daughter of Tino and Rosa who will be baptised this weekend. We welcome her into our parish community and assure the family of our prayerful best wishes on this happy occasion.

MEMORIAL MASSES

Monday 22 September 7.30pm – Arturo Santinon (1 yr)
Thursday 25 September 7.30pm – Alfredo Colosimo (1 yr)

FEASTS

Tuesday 23 September – St Pius of Petracina (Padre Pio)
Saturday 27 September – St Vincent de Paul



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Radford Private Nursing Home are looking for volunteers who maybe interested in spending some time with the residence in joining them with everyday activities such as: reading, playing cards, walking, just sitting having a chat, etc. The Nursing Home also has a number of Italian speaking residence.

If you have some time to spare and are interested please phone the Manager Michelle D'Souza on 9308 5220

MISSION FAIR 2008

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 11 October 2008 9.00am – 3.30pm at 154 Cotham Rd, Kew.

Proceeds from this year's Fair will assist in the construction of a Monastery for the Poor Clare Sisters in the Diocese of Malindi, E. Kenya. Come to our Fair and support missionaries and the people for whom they are working, with your prayers and help. Enquiries: 9817 3715.

ARE YOU A NEW PARISHIONER?

Are you a new parishioner? Do you attend Mass regularly and wish to be included on our Parish census? Do you wish to support the parish by contributing through Thanksgiving envelopes? Please make yourself known to Fr Manny or contact him at the Parish House.

SOLENNI CELEBRAZIONE ALLA VERGINE DEL S. ROSARIO

NELLA NOSTRA PARROCCHIA DI SAN GIUSEPPE LAVORATORE

DOMENICA 5 OTTOBRE 2008

PROGRAMMA

ORE 2.00PM

Pregiere e Inni Processione con la statua
Recita del S. Rosario con i Misteri presentati dai bambini.
Con il Coro 'Agostiniano' diretto da Noel Mangion

ORE 3.00PM

Santa Messa
concelebrata da Padre Emanuele Bonello e Padre Giuseppe Yu

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER 2008

PROGRAMME

2.00PM

Prayers and procession with the Statue of Our Lady with Mysteries of the Rosary presented by the children.

3.00PM

Holy Mass – Concelebrated by Fr Emmanuel Bonello and Fr Joseph Yu.
Benediction for the sick and families.
The children will be entrusted to the maternal protection of Mary.



THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPEL

The last will be first and the first last'. These words of Jesus, with which today's reading from Matthew concludes, occur in different contexts in all three synoptic gospels – God's ways constantly overturn our human expectations.

And that is the lesson of the parable in today's gospel. Of all the parables of Jesus, the story of the labourers in the vineyard is probably the most puzzling for Christians of successive generations. The fact that we still find ourselves challenged by the story indicates that it has a lesson that is valid for every generation.

The parable invites us to leave aside the human logic and predictability with which we shape our world, and to enter the kingdom announced by the Saviour, the new world shaped by God's generous and merciful ways. But the Lord's great plan for the human family has a measure that goes far beyond our human calculations of what is appropriate and just – designs of generosity and mercy conceived in the eternal depths of the divine freedom. 'Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways'.

Excerpt from a homily by Fr John Thornhill SM