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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A — 20 SEPTEMBER 2026

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



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MASS TIMES

- **Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass**
- **Sun: 8.00am,10.00am,6.00pm**
- Tuesday: 5.30pm
- Wednesday: 8.45am
- Thursday - Saturday: 8.30am

25th Week in Ordinary Time YR A
20 Sun: 25th Sunday in O/T
21 Mon: No Mass
22 Tues: 25th week in O/T
23 Wed: St Pius of Pietrelcina
24 Thu: 25th week in O/T
25 Fri: 25th week in O/T
26 Sat: 25th week in O/T / Vigil 26th Sunday in O/T.

SACRAMENTS & PRAYERS

- Reconciliation: Sat 9am-9.30am
- Rosary: Sat 8am
- Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Fri 9am-5pm
- Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help: Wed 6.00pm

For Baptisms & Weddings
Please call the Parish Office

PARISH FAITH FORMATION

- **Bible Studies:** Tuesday @6pm in the Parish Centre - All welcome.
- **RCIA:** Tuesday @7.15pm.
- **Children's RE/Sacrament Prep:** Thursday @ 4.30pm during school terms.

PARISH SCHOOLS

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St Maria Goretti's Catholic School
64 Morrison Street, Redcliffe WA 6104
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WELCOME TO MASS! A very warm welcome to all, especially to new visitors. Remember to hand sanitise on entry, face masks are optional wear whilst in church. Thank you for your cooperation.

TWENTY- FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

MY WAYS ARE ABOVE YOUR WAYS. Those who had laboured in the vineyard all day were angry when the owner paid the latecomers the same wage. Like the story of the prodigal son, this parable reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is not characterised by our limited concepts of justice but by a compassion that knows no limits. May we not be envious at the good fortune of others but rejoice that we too are loved deeply by God.

MASS COLLECTIONS

Dear Parishioners, the COVID-19 crisis has impacted our liturgies and church celebrations. However, we still want to provide you with spiritual support, and we must continue to pay the bills. Please continue your monetary support to the Parish. Sign up to our Planned Giving program or you can use direct debit (contact Parish Office for details). Thank you.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details		Second Collection EFT Details	
	A/C Name:	Cloverdale Presbytery	**A/C Name:**	Cloverdale Parish
	BSB:	086 006	**BSB:**	086 006
	Account #:	140 608 771	**Account #:**	667 172 433
	Reference:	Name	**Reference:**	Name

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES ROSTER

Mass	Acolyte	Commentator	Readers	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 26th Sept 6.00pm	Robert Iam Nguyen		JM Carreon R Carino	L Nguyen C Joyce	J Santos D & C Oee A Megee
Sunday 27th Sept 8.00am	George Sekulla	R Bennett	M Smith V Conier	N Del Rosario R Bennett	P, F & S Sekulla
Sunday 27th Sept 10.00am	Raven Ocanada	A Semaan	R Brown T Gomes	T Seputro B Parasuraman	J Cheung Z Chong
Sunday 27th Sept 6.00pm	Pedro Borja		S Fernandez J Fernandez	J Fernandez R Fernandez	J Mai

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Parish Events

Masses in the Parish
We are now into the Spring months and there are still many Viruses & Flu's/colds are in our community. It is your obligation to attend Mass on a Sunday. It is your right to exercise common sense. If you wish to wear a face mask while attending Mass, you are free to do so. Please hand sanitise as you are entering the church. However, if you are unwell or have a cold, please stay home until feeling better. ***Mass for you at home will be broadcast every Sunday at 6am on the Ten Network*** and multiple times during the week on Foxtel's Aurora (Channel 173).

Parish Donation QR Code
A QR Code has been set up for the parish to make it easier to make a donation. Scan the QR Code and follow the prompts. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Parish.

Pilgrim Statues
If you wish to have one of *'Our Lady's* statues visit your home for a week, please contact Sandra Robinson on H: 9277 2872 or M: 0405 117 138***. 19th September 2026***
N & J Rowe 7 Gilroy St, Cloverdale & M J Lantis
173 Williamson Ave, Cloverdale

RCIA – New Term
Has commenced @ 7pm in the Parish Centre. If you know of any one interested in becoming a Catholic, please contact the Rosemary or the Parish Office as it is not too late to enrol.

Altar Server Training
Will commence on Monday 19th October @ 3.30pm until 4.15pm and continue 26th October & 2nd November. Sign up sheet will be placed school side entrance of the Church for you to place your child's name and parent contact details. Please take a copy of the Parent/Carer Consent Form also and return on the first day of training.

New book by Fr Stephen Truscott SM
Fr Stephen Truscott SM has published ***A Companion Along the Way***: Bearings for the Inner Journey, a reflective book on finding deeper direction through times of change, uncertainty and spiritual growth. Drawing on the Christian contemplative tradition and using the Southern Cross as its central image, it is available in paperback and eBook through Amazon.
Further information: www.fullnessoflife.org/resources

Funerals for the Coming Week
Mr Patrick O'Halloran A Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday 22nd September @ 10.30am Rosary Prayers, 11.00am Funeral Mass, followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.
Mr Edward (Eddie) Spini A Requiem Mass will be held on Wednesday 23rd September @ 10.30am followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

San Lorenzo Choir – 15th Anniversay
Congratulations to the SLRC for celebrating 15 years of Choir. Thank you for your contirubution to the parish and may God Bless all its members for sharing their talents with us.

Around the Archdiocese

Safeguarding Induction Training Online Course
Training Level 1 is for all church workers, paid or volunteers. The training provides and overview of the Safeguarding Policies & Procedures. It is a self-paced online learning module. Go to the 'Training Page' on the website to check out the induction
Email: **safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au** or **https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/.**

Australian Catholics Magazine – Spring Edition
Available from both sides of the Church. Take a copy, free to all good homes.

Notre Dame Community

Date for the Diary
Tuesday 3rd November: 70th Anniversary Celebrations of 'St Maria Goretti's School. Please see Notice Board for all details.

Dinner & Bingo Night Saturday 26th September
In the Parish Centre, doors open ***7.00pm***. Tickets ***$30.00*** each. BYO Drinks, Tea & Coffee available. Only 4 tickets left. Contact the parish office during Office hours.
Donations for prizes are still being sort after, these can be left in the Sacristy or dropped off at the Parish Office during working hours.

Containers for Change
The parish has registered for the Containers for Change Scheme. Take your cans, bottles & plastics to 'TOMRA RECYCLING CENTRE' 41 - 43 Abernethy Rd Belmont (just past Wheeler St) scan the bar code and follow instructions. All monies will be paid into the 'Parish Building Fund Account'. Flyers available with all details on including the 'barcode' to scan.

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In Our Prayers…



In Memoriam
We commend to the Father's love all our faithful departed especially*: Denis & Margaret Saldana, Brian Aitkin, Alf Taylor, John, Victoria & Ralph Jackson, Janet McNess, Charlotte D'Cruz, deceased members of the McGrath & Smith Families, deceased members of the Xavier Family, deceased members of Kim Nguyen's Family, Francis & Michale De Rozario, Angelo Canci, Denzil DeVisser, John Xuan Lam Mai, recently deceased Edward (Eddie) Spini, Zlatko Kicic, Patrick O'Halloran and all souls in Purgatory.*

Parishioners who are unwell:
Deacon Al Atkinson, Oliver Daly, Myrna, Ranjit, Ravi Ratnayake, Marjorie Williams, Allan & Philomena Jones, Helen Bertola (Coverley), John Vuleta, Liz Mulder, Lena Kennedy, Marjorie Sandon, Sr Terri Emslie (Presentation Sr), Alecia Hamilton (Quain), John O'Rourke & Joyce Fardy.