

“Growing in Faith * Building Community * Nurturing Youth

25th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Is 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Second Reading: Phil 1:20-24,27

For me to live is Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous.

TWO-MINUTE HOMILY

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Fr Nigel Sequeira



Fr Nigel reflects on the parable of the workers in the vineyard, highlighting God's generosity and the envy expressed by some. [Watch now.](#)

Deceased

Thomas Wakefield, Rena Youhanna, Beverley Brown, Anne Edgar, John Crawley, Bruno Cadet

Anniversary

Eric Evans, Fr Brian Murray, James Barnaville, Des O'Neill, Eileen & Phil Hyde

Sick

James Diamond, Bronny Hensley, Jane McEnvoy, Robert Minns, Bev Dick, Shane Abrams, Richard King, Beth Kloza, Peter Maher, Peter Townsen, Val Bonney, Julie Allen, Philomena (Nellie's mum), Trish Crawshaw, Carmel Herbert, Christy Murphy, Jim Johnson, Mary Thomas, Carol Black, Moira De Silva, Margaret Sullivan, Ryan Ferguson, Toni Bennett, Lorraine Stevens

WCCM (Christian Meditation)
Monday at 9.30am Parish Office.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Mater Dei: Monday & Friday
6 - 7pm

This week's Gospel reflection:

God's Generous Heart

Today's Gospel challenges us to look beyond our own ideas of fairness and to see with the generous heart of God.

Jesus tells us about workers who are called to the vineyard at different times of the day. Some work from early morning, while others are called at the very last hour. Yet at the end of the day, they all receive the same payment. Those who worked the longest become resentful because they compare their reward with what others have received.

How easily we can do the same. We may look at another person's life, their opportunities, their blessings or their contribution and think, "That's not fair." But God reminds us that his ways are not our ways. His generosity is not limited by our human calculations.

The workers who arrived late were not forgotten. The landowner went out again and again to invite people into the vineyard. This is a beautiful image of God, who continues to call us, no matter how late we think it may be. There is always an invitation to begin again, to serve, to grow in faith and to take our place in God's work.

The Gospel also asks us to rejoice when others receive God's blessings. We are not in competition for God's love. There is enough of God's grace for everyone.

As we continue our own journey of faith, may we be grateful for the opportunities God has given us, while remaining open to those who may be joining the journey later. And may we never forget that the vineyard belongs to God. Our task is simply to answer his call and faithfully play our part.

Lord, open our hearts to your generosity. Help us to let go of comparison, welcome others with joy, and faithfully serve you where ever you call us.
Amen

SEASON OF CREATION

Taken from Pope Leo XIV's message from 2026 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation

"On this Day, therefore, and in the weeks ahead," the Pope exhorted, "let us set aside a few moments to pause from the frenzy of our daily lives [...]. Let us place in 'silent mode' the many noises generated by human activity, so that we may hear the melodious voice of creation, through which God, the Author of all things, speaks to us".

[Read now](#)

Day/Date	Liturgy	Mass Times	Venue
Monday 21/09/2026	St Matthew, apostle, evangelist	9am	Mater Dei
Wednesday 23 /09/2026	St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest	9am	SPC
Thursday 24/09/2026	Weekday, Ordinary time 25	9am	SPC
Friday 25/09/2026	Weekday, Ordinary time 25	9am	Mater Dei
Saturday 26/09/2026	Vigil Mass	5.30pm	Mater Dei
Sunday 27/09/2026	26 th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME	8am 10am 5pm	SPC Mater Dei SPC

~THIS WEEK IN THE PARISH ~

* Monday

9.30am Meditation Group SPC
Adoration 6-7pm MD
6.30pm Young Adults Group SPC

*Wednesday

9am Mass SPC followed by morning tea in the parish office

*Thursday SPC hall

10am -Ever Young group

* **Mahjong will resume on 8th October 12.30pm**

***Friday** at MD 6-7pm Adoration



JOURNEY WITH AN RCIA CANDIDATE

Our RCIA candidate is preparing to receive the Sacraments and become a full member of the Catholic Church. We are looking for a person or persons to volunteer to accompany a candidate on their journey beginning in September leading up to Easter 2027. It involves weekly meeting usually between 60 or 90 minutes duration probably in the evening or it may also be during the day - we are not sure yet. We supply a beautiful booklet about the Faith Journey. For further information you can contact Graham Lawson 0431275668

ADVENT RESOURCES

"Advent invites us to listen again to the quiet movements of the heart. In these weeks of waiting, longing and hope, the Church asks us not simply to prepare our homes and our celebrations, but to allow the Lord to prepare within us a place where he may be welcomed more deeply. The resource *The Way of the Heart*, offers a timely companion for that journey." Archbishop Shane Mackinlay, Archbishop of Brisbane

This year we have two resources to choose from:

The Way of the Heart from Archdiocesan ministries or Presence from Woollongong Diocese.

Both books cost \$7.00 and can be purchased from the Parish Office.



The Columban Calendars have arrived and are available in the Parish Office for \$10

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PARISH RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to **Gail and Peter**, the happy winners of our beautiful parish raffle quilt!

Our sincere thanks to the **Happy Patches Craft Group** for generously donating this beautiful handmade quilt, and to everyone who supported the raffle. Your generosity and participation are greatly appreciated and help support our parish community.

Thank you for all your wonderful support!



HOME ROSARY

This week's rosary will be said at the home of Pushpa on Monday 21st September.

Contact the parish office for further details.



Please check out our Parish Webpage and Facebook Page for regular updates.



Young Adults Group

This Monday (21 September), we're back at SPC from 6:30-8pm for dinner and a talk on Trusting In God. Excitingly, next Monday (28 September) for our social, parishioners Pushpa and Niro are running a Sri Lankan cooking class at SPC from 6:00-8:30pm! If you've finished high school (18-30), we'd love to meet you! To RSVP for the cooking class and/or to join our YA Group Chat, text Lauren on 0487 635 721.

Youth-Led Mass - 20 September

This Sunday night (20 September) is our Youth-Led Mass and Youth Night!

All high schoolers and young adults are especially invited to join us for 5pm Mass at SPC; and all high schoolers (Grades 7-12) are invited to stay for the Youth Night from 6pm-7:30pm in the Parish Hall for dinner, games, a short talk on the topic of Tuning In To God, a time of prayer and a chance to get to know each other more!

To RSVP for the Youth Night (appreciated but not crucial), please contact Sam Mead (info below). Hope to see you there!

We're still looking for helpers for the YLM – if you can read, sing, be a Eucharistic ministers, altar serve or operate the computer, please share your gifts with us! Contact Sam Mead at samuel.mead@outlook.com or 0491 149 607 to get involved.

Come, connect, pray and celebrate your faith with us.

Your faith - Your voice - Your community

Come along, bring a friend and be part of it!

CHOOSING PEACE

"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it. And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."~ Eleanor Roosevelt ~

The International Day of Peace on September 21 gives us reason to consider what peace really means in today's world. We live among people with different backgrounds, beliefs, opinions and experiences. We will not always agree, and perhaps we are not meant to. Peace does not require everyone to think the same way. It asks us to recognise our differences without allowing them to pull us apart.

At a time when disagreement can quickly become anger and division, there is value in finding common ground. Families, neighbourhoods and communities are stronger when people can live alongside one another with respect, even when they see things differently.

The hope for a more peaceful world belongs to every generation. We may not have control over events happening far beyond our own lives, but we can influence the kind of community we help create.

On this International Day of Peace, may we look beyond what divides us and remember how much we have in common. A better tomorrow begins when peace becomes something we value not only in the world, but in the way we choose to live.

TRIVIA NIGHT



Everyone welcome. Come and join us for a relaxed night with plenty of laughter and learning. Our booking is split across 2-3 tables located closely together. You can sit on any table - no need to line up a crew beforehand. Numbers need to be finalised with the venue in advance, so please make sure you RSVP.

Details: The Gap Tavern

Tuesday 22 September

(please note change of venue **)**

Tables are booked from 6pm, with trivia starting at 7pm. It is free to participate in the Trivia. Optional to purchase food and drinks at the venue, or you might prefer to eat before you leave home RSVP by 20 September to donna.lynn@live.com.au

♥ A HUGE THANK YOU FROM JULIAN! ♥

A very big thank you to all our wonderful parishioners for your incredible support of my World's Greatest Shave 2026!

Thanks to your generosity, I was able to raise an amazing \$3,090.00 for the Leukaemia Foundation and the wonderful work they do supporting people and families affected by blood cancer.

I'm so grateful to everyone who donated, encouraged me, and supported me along the way. Your generosity has made a real difference, and I'm incredibly proud that, together, we could help support such an important cause.

Thank you, thank you, thank you! ♥♥

With gratitude,

Julian



Congratulations Julian, the parish is proud to support you

EVER YOUNG GROUP



You are invited to join the Ever Young Group for a cuppa and a chat on **Thursday 24th September** at 10am in the Parish Hall.

Please contact Lyn on 33001951 if you have any queries.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED

A single middle aged working male, non-smoking, no pets, is seeking a granny flat or similar or willing to share with one or two people. References available—

Please contact Kevin on 0435275728

Something for a laugh.....

As we are deep into the football finals, let's throw in a few jokes about sport ...



Patient: Please doctor, you've got to help me with these nightmares!

Doctor: What type of dreams are you having?

Patient: I always dream of these awful rodents playing football. Seeing them crawl, tackle, squeal night after night right in front of me. It's terrible! Do you have a remedy?

Doctor: Have I what! I've got the cure for you right here. This pill is so strong, so powerful, you will never have nightmares!

Patient: Ok great! Can I start taking the pill tomorrow night?

Doctor: Yes, but why not tonight?

Patient: Well, it's just that the grand final is tonight.

Yesterday I had a huge barney with my wife. She complained I much prefer watching football matches instead of talking to her."

"Oh I'm sorry ... so how did it end up?"

"Tigers were 35-point winners."

What's the difference between a football match and a referendum?

In a football match, the best team wins.

Have a great week ahead.....



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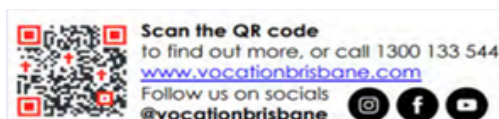
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A vocation view: Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – A

We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.

Please pray for vocations



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" Cut off time for the bulletin is 3pm Wednesday.

As the parish journeys towards Divine Renovation we invite you to ask the Holy Spirit to help you discern what you can do to help our parish go from Maintenance to a Missionary church. We all have talents make yours count!



"The Parish of St John's Wood The Gap would like to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of this land, the Turrbal and Jagera people, and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We acknowledge their continued connection to the land, water and community".

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