



Season of Creation by Nick Brodie

The complaining workers in today's Gospel assumed they were near the top of some unspoken hierarchy. They thought they deserved more than some of their co-workers. If we think of the earth as God's great vineyard, we can see obvious parallels today. Nations can think they deserve more than their less developed neighbours; perhaps because their economies have been industrialised longer. People can assume they are right to own multiple properties while others remain homeless; perhaps because they inherited or worked hard for them.

But we Christians are called to work in the vineyard for its good, and for the good of all, not merely ourselves. 'The way humanity treats the environment influences the way it treats itself, and vice versa', declared Pope Benedict XVI in the encyclical *Caritas in Veritate*, reminding us that justice for others and good stewardship of our world are intimately connected. During this Season of Creation, we might ask ourselves: How can we tend the vineyard into which God has sent us? Do we attend to the needs of our fellow workers, especially refugees and immigrants who have only recently arrived?

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.'

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WELCOME TO ST BRIDGET'S CATHOLIC COMMUNITY GREYTHORN

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

20 September 2020

First Reading **Is 55:6-9**

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.

Responsorial 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**

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.

Gospel Acclamation **See Acts 16:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel **Mt 20:1-16**

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 and did the same. Then at about the
eleventh hour he went out and found more

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**NOTE: Baptisms and Weddings by
appointment only. Contact the Parish Office
for details.**

Prayer Request: We pray for the sick and housebound; may they come to know the healing power of God's love. We remember our deceased family and friends; and those whose anniversary occurs at this time: may they rejoice forever with our Risen Lord.

Mass Changes: Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19) restrictions, all public Masses are suspended until further notice. However, Mass online will be broadcast each week from one of our affiliated churches of St Bridget, St Bede, St Anne or St Joachim. On-Line Mass is available from 5pm Saturday, and can be accessed from either parish website www.stbridgetsgreythorn.org.au or www.parishofstanneandstbede.org.au and follow the prompts. For this weekend the link is <https://youtu.be/q89IEr0IGhc>

Stay in touch Stay Connected: Tune in with our affiliated parishes and fellow parishioners by connecting via zoom to:

- ❖ Friday night Prayer and Chat - 5pm each Friday via zoom - connection details are sent on Thursday;
- ❖ Meditation Group - 9.30am each Wednesday via zoom - contact Susie Hii on susiehii.hc@gmail.com for connection details.
- ❖ Scripture Reflection - 11.00am each Sunday (whilst in lockdown) via zoom - contact Susie Hii on susiehii.hc@gmail.com for connection details.

Christmas Cards: Majellan Christmas Cards will this year be sold on a pre ordered basis only. No stocks will be held at the piety stall, so if you would like Majellan Christmas Cards please advise the Parish Office on greythorn@cam.org.au by 25 October. Cards are sold in packs of 10 @ \$8-00 each pack.

Columban Art Calendars will be available in January.

Local parish to host webinar exploring 2020 Social Justice Statement: The challenges of mental health call for an increased response from all, from governments to local faith communities and families. St Dominic's Camberwell is hosting a webinar on Wednesday 30 September at 7.30pm to explore the 2020 Social Justice Statement on mental health, *To live life to the full*, and what parishes might implement at the local level. Guest speakers include Bishop Terry Brady, Dr Caroline Johnson and Trish Mowbray OAM. To register and obtain a zoom pass go to www.trybooking.com.au.

Engaging Your Catholic Faith: Presented by Catholic Theological College, *Engaging Your Catholic Faith* is a series of 12 short sessions of 90 minutes, offering an opportunity to explore your faith through a variety of topics including: Meditation and Prayer, Spirituality, Women in the Early Church, Interfaith Relations, Reading the Church Classics, Eucharist, Science and Religion.

All topics are presented by lecturers of Catholic Theological College. Choose one, choose all, choose what interests you and all for just \$20 per session, running September to 31 October.

For further information and registration go to www.ctc.edu.au

Social Services Sunday - 20th September: Today we mark Social Services Sunday within the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Catholic Social Services Victoria assists the Catholic Church in following the teachings of Jesus Christ to stand with and serve those who are poor, disadvantaged and marginalised; and to work for a just, equitable and compassionate society. On this day we are invited to give thanks and pray for all who stand with and provide support to those who are marginalised and vulnerable within our communities. We recognise with gratitude, those working within Catholic Social Services Victoria's 45 member organisations, the staff and countless volunteers, who together, serve more than 200,000 people in need each year. We also acknowledge the support of the parishes and parishioners who are so often at the forefront of providing practical support and care to those in need within their local communities, and beyond. We call to mind the 2020/21 Social Justice Statement issued recently by the Australian Catholic Bishops, To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today, and so draw your attention to a recent event hosted by CSSV, Counselling and Therapeutic Support in a Time of COVID, which provided an opportunity to become more familiar with mental health services, and how to practically reach out for or point to assistance those in need in our society during these difficult and stressful times.. Parishioners will find the resources in this article helpful. Donations to Catholic Social Services may be made on office@css.org.au

From Catholic Social Services

Stewardship Giving: Thank you to those parishioners who have embraced technology and continued to support the Church and Presbytery offerings online. The preferred methods of giving at this time are by Credit Card or Direct Debit (contact the parish office to set these up) or electronic funds transfer direct to the Church or Presbytery accounts. Details are:-

- St Bridget's Church Account (Church donations and/or envelope givers) at NAB, BSB 083-347, Account #64 341 3829
- St Bridget's Presbytery Account Offering (for support of the Parish Priest) at NAB, BSB 083-347, Account # 64 341 5066

Please ensure that you include your name and envelope number when giving by these methods.

Retreat: Centre for Jesuit and Ignation Spirituality at Campion in Kew, is offering a series of online individually guided retreats during this period of isolation. Dates available are 5-12 October, 9-16 November and 7-14 December. For further information or booking phone 1300 392 636 or go to ingo@jisa.org.au.

Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation: Is available via Zoom from Catholic Theological College. A free information session for the Graduate Certificate in Teaching Meditation will be held on 13 October at 7.30pm. This session will outline the requirements and outcomes of the course, which provides the skills for teaching meditation and prayer in a variety of parish situations. For further information and to receive a zoom link email Jenny Delahunt on jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au

Letter from the Archbishop: Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has written a special message (letter attached) to the clergy and faithful in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, expressing his closeness and concern while acknowledging the many challenges facing the community during this extended period of lockdown.

