



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2023

### REFLECTION By Sr Veronica Lawson rsm

From 1973 to 1975, I was a student at the Ecole Biblique et Archéologique Française in East Jerusalem. Until women were admitted as resident students there in 1974, I lived at the Chaldean Patriarchate. Early each morning, I would cross the road from the Patriarchate and greet the Palestinian day labourers lined up beside their vehicles, waiting for employment in the vacant lot that divided Israeli from occupied Palestinian territory. In the wake of the Yom Kippur War, these workers were living through hard times. In the morning, they were chatty and cheerful. Those who found work no doubt remained cheerful: they had the means to support their families and could find some meaning in their lives. Those still waiting for work at midday or later were dejected and shamed, not least by the prospect of returning home without their daily bread. Those who were hired found honour in the society and the means to sustain themselves and their families. Those who missed out on work suffered hunger, indignity and a sense of powerlessness. Confronted by this spectacle day after day, I began to understand the parable of the labourers in the vineyard.

In Matthew's parable, those who have worked all day grumble because the underemployed are made "equal" to them. Jesus makes it clear that people's worth is not to be measured in terms of their capacity for economic production. Pope Leo XIII, writing in 1891 about the condition of the working class, echoes this aspect of the parable. Those who cannot find work and those who cannot work on account of disability or visa restrictions understand something of the experience of the Palestinian workers. Their needs are no less urgent than the needs of those who have productive and well-paid employment. Minimal social security benefits might address their basic material needs but are less than effective in addressing the underlying issues of human dignity.

Parables yield meaning differently in different contexts. We may want to consider the corrosive effects of "envy". Faced with the growing disparity between rich and poor in our world, we may wish to raise questions about the concentration of wealth and power in the hands of the landowner. Those who are conscious of the plight of asylum seekers and refugees, as well as those ineligible for benefits, may come with questions about "generosity" offered from a base of power over against equal access to Earth's resources. In the face of climate crisis and the effects of war and pandemic, many of those who used to be safe in economic terms now find themselves with huge debts and diminishing security. Many in our world are every bit as desperate as the Palestinian day labourers, waiting in line as never before. As we celebrate this third Sunday of the Season of Creation, we might accept the invitation of today's gospel story to live in ways that promote quality of life for every one of Earth's inhabitants.

### FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER - PUBLIC HOLIDAY

PLEASE NOTE, THERE WILL BE NO 7.00AM OR 1.00PM MASS

**MASS WILL BE HELD AT 11.00AM**

### Monsignor Stuart Hall

Recently, I was asked if I ever thought I would be the Dean at St Patrick's Cathedral 36 years ago when I was ordained at the Cathedral. The answer was No.

In our first reading we hear the word from Isaiah, *'my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts'*, and certainly the way of the Lord is mysterious when we seek the Lord for, he leads us along pathways that continually surprise us.

I come to the Cathedral with a sense of awe, noting the many opportunities to enrich the parish cathedral community. I look forward in ministering to you and I ask that you pray for me as I discern the 'thoughts of the Lord'.

Prayerfully, Monsignor Stuart Hall

## Migrants & Refugees

SUNDAY MASS

"Free to choose whether to migrate or to stay."

Theme chosen by Pope Francis for the 109th World Day of Migrants and Refugees



Celebrate with migrant communities from all over Melbourne

## Sunday 24 September 2023

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL • EAST MELBOURNE

2pm Rosary (in various languages)

3pm Mass (celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and Migrant Chaplains of the Archdiocese)





Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

Entrance Hymn CWB II 455 v1,2,3,4,5

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee Lord;  
be thou my great Father, thy child let me be,  
be thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower,  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
be thou my inheritance now and always,  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won,  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.


Text: Irish c. 8th century, trans. Mary Byrne 1880-1931.  
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First Reading Isaiah 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



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.

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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 Philippians 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

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?

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 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 Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.  
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
*and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.*  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, who by your Cross  
and Resurrection you have set us free.

Amen

Amen, amen, amen.  
Amen, amen, amen.

Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

Communion CWB II 651

Antiphon: *You satisfy the hungry heart with gift  
of finest wheat; come give to us,  
O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

As when the shepherd calls his sheep,  
they know and heed his voice;  
so when you call your family Lord,  
we follow and rejoice. Antiphon

With joyful lips we sing to you,  
our praise and gratitude,  
that you should count us worthy, Lord,  
to share this heavenly food. Antiphon

Is not the cup we bless and share  
the blood of Christ out poured?  
Do not one cup, one loaf, declare  
our oneness in the Lord? Antiphon

The myst'ry of your presence, Lord,  
no mortal tongue can tell;  
whom all the world cannot contain  
comes in our hearts to dwell. Antiphon

You give yourself to us, O Lord;  
then selfless let us be,  
to serve each other in your name  
in truth and charity. Antiphon

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Post-Communion/  
Recessional Hymn CWB II 642 v1,2,3,5

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?  
What sacrifice desire, or tribute bid you bring?  
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.  
  
Rulers of earth, give ear! Should you not justice show?  
Will God your pleading hear, while crime and cruelty grow?  
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.  
  
Leaders in wealth and trade, for whom the worker toils,  
think not to win God's aid if greed your commerce soils.  
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.  
  
How shall our life fulfil God's law so hard and high?  
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.  
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God.

Text: Based on Micah 6:6-8; Albert Frederick Bayly 1901-1984, alt: ©1988, Oxford University Press  
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**Mass Setting**  
**11.00am:** Mass Shalom – Colin Smith  
**6.30pm:** Mass for 4 voices - Byrd  
**Offertory**  
**6.30pm:** Ave verum corpus - Byrd  
**Communion**  
**6.30pm:** Tu mandasti  
**Recessional**  
**6.30pm:** Acclamations from Suite Médiévale -  
Jean Langlais (1907-1991)

LITURGICAL CALENDAR

Wednesday 27 September - St Vincent de Paul (Memorial)  
Friday 29 September - Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael,  
Archangels (Feast)  
Saturday 30 September - St Jerome (Memorial)

DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS

This is a reminder to turn your clocks FORWARD  
one hour on Sunday 1 October 2023 from 2am to 3am.

We welcome with joy through the sacrament  
of Baptism this weekend .

Isabella Grace Dunne  
Ioannis Protopsaltis  
Asher Ricachonda



Wedding Congratulations

Firyal Goro & Xavier Adam  
Stephanie Louise Shave & Ashton Michael Menezes





**St Patrick’s Cathedral Young Adult Ministry (SPCYAM) (age 18 to 40 yrs old)**

Come and join us for a night of fellowship, divine mercy chaplet, praise and worship, and scriptural reflection based on **Matthew 21:28-32** on **Wednesday 27 September** at 6:30pm-8:30pm, Cathedral Room, CKC, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne.

For information please email to [jaycee.napoles@cam.org.au](mailto:jaycee.napoles@cam.org.au) or 'info.spcyam@gmail.com'.



**Caritas Australia’s Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya**

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia’s emergency appeals.

Donate at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)

**Waiting at the Well - 4x Thu, 5, 12, 19 & 26 Oct, 10am–12.30pm (in-person event)**  
*Carole Carmody rsm, Julie Adam*



This series offers an opportunity for those waiting to have their thirst quenched at the Well of Life to explore the depths of wisdom in their own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another, and to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Places limited.  
Bookings via <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/waiting-at-the-well-series/> or email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne). Cost \$100 for the series or \$30 per session.



Aid to the Church in Need

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*Aid to the Church in Need* is running an emergency campaign for Pakistan. Recently up to 24 churches, hundreds of Christian homes and a Christian cemetery were targeted in an attack in



Pakistan which was sparked by reports of blasphemy allegations against two Christians accused of desecrating the Qur’an.

ACN is working with project partners on the ground to aid the current needs of the Christian people. To learn more and to make an offering visit [www.aidtochurch.org/pakistanappeal](http://www.aidtochurch.org/pakistanappeal) or scan the QR code.

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Rev. Jaycee Napoles

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**SAFEGUARDING.**  
**Child Protection Officer:**  
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Please refer to the two new posters ‘Rights and Responsibilities’ and ‘Feel safe and be Safe at Our Church’ at the entrances of the Cathedral  
<https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>.

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Every 2nd & 4th Wednesday at Cathedral Room, CKC Centre, 383 Albert St, East Melbourne  
Last Saturday of each month; 6pm mass, followed by meal.  
Contact Fr. Jaycee Napoles ([Jaycee.Napoles@cam.org.au](mailto:Jaycee.Napoles@cam.org.au))

**EXTRAORDINARY FORM LATIN MASS**

In the Sacred Heart Chapel at St Patrick’s Cathedral every Wednesday at 5.30pm

**HOLY HOUR HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL EVERY THURSDAY AT 6.30PM**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT**

Each Friday at the conclusion of the 1.00pm Mass, in the Sacred Heart Chapel. Exposition until 2.15pm.

**CATHEDRAL MASS TIMES**

Monday to Friday: 7.00am and 1.00pm (1.00pm live streamed - Link: [www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)) Saturday 8.00am and 6.00pm. (Vigil)  
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 6.30pm. (11.00am televised on C31. and live streamed on CAM) Link: [www.youtube.com/user/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/user/archmelb)  
Reconciliation will be held Tuesday to Friday at 12pm and on Saturday mornings at 8.30am.

**INTERCESSORY PRAYER**

We pray for the sick and for all who have asked for our prayers.  
We pray for all those who have died recently, especially Cavallere Alfredo Acquaro, Lyda Bisaro and Hersan Yangson and those whose anniversaries we remember at this time, especially Nina Cicala and Pietro Di Cristofaro.