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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Malabar**

Vigil Sat. 5pm Sunday 9am

Weekday Masses: 9.10am Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sat 4pm - 4.30pm

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**SUNDAY MASSES**

**Matraville**

Vigil Sat. 5.30pm Sunday 10am

Weekday Masses: 7 am Tues, Wed, Fri

9.10am Thurs

**RECONCILIATION:**

Sat. 4pm to 4.30pm at Malabar.

School: 9311 1995

**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



*Let us continue to work together to create safe and protective environments where children and young people can flourish.*

**Please pray for the Faithful Departed:**

**Recently deceased:** Fr John Langtry, Jim Walshe, Mario De Roit, June Fernando, David Blackmore, Frank Chessari, and all who have died from the Covid-19 infection.

**Anniversary:** Tom (Anthony) Hayson, Gail Lippmann, Yolande & Robert Aquilina, Aljoz Sluga, Rosalie Marino, Nettie (Janette) Veringa, John Parnell

**Communion for the Sick or Elderly**

If someone would like to receive Communion, but is unable to come to Mass, please notify the priest.

Please pray for those infected with COVID-19 and all those who are sick.

***We strongly encourage you to wear a face mask while at church.***

*Caring about other people is what being a human is all about, and I have great faith in the humanitarian nature of the average Australian. Fred Hollows*



**Sacrament of Confirmation 2020**

There will be an important meeting for parents /carers in the church at Malabar on **Wednesday, 14 October at 7pm**

Young people in both parishes in year 6 or upwards may be eligible to receive this Sacrament.  
Confirmation Dates: **21 November** at Matraville & **28 November** at Malabar this year.

**Parish Financial Support**

As the Government is reducing the JobKeeper Subsidy from next week, there will be an added financial burden on our parishes.

*Thank you to all those who contribute in any way to the upkeep of our parish*

**CAN YOU HELP ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY?**

SVDP are in great need of fabric masks for its workers. Please phone the parish office on Ph: 9311-2062.

**Thank you to those who have given of their time and skills to make masks.**

Life is not the way it's supposed to be. It's the way it is.

The way you cope with it is what makes the difference. *Anonymous*

***All are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask while at church.***

*It is also suggested that we do not attend more than one church.*

*Thank you for your cooperation in keeping each other safe.*

**Please invite your fellow parishioners to celebrate Mass with us.  
100 people at each Mass at Matraville and Malabar**

***Please: Those who are unwell or at high risk should not attend.***

***Please sign in and use the sanitiser every time on your way in.***

Please keep the physical distance of 1.5 metres (2 arms lengths) at all times.

When coming to Holy Communion or placing your donation, please form **one line** and keep to the **centre** of the aisle and go back along the **side** aisles.

**Planned Giving Envelopes for St Agnes' Matraville**

*If possible, please stay in the Planned Giving System, even if you don't require a tax receipt.*

*Our Lord wills that you cling to Him alone!*

*If your faith were greater, how much more peaceful you would be even when great trials surround and oppress you. Saint Paula Frassinetti*

**Weekday Masses**

Weekday Masses at Malabar will resume on Tues 6 Oct.

There is 7am Mass at Matraville on Wed & Fri (no mass Tues or Thurs **this week**).

There is no Sat morning Mass at Matraville until further notice.

**Funeral:** for the late Mario De Roit – 10.30am Tues 29<sup>th</sup> Sept - **Matraville**

**Funeral:** for the late June Fernando – 11am Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct - **Malabar**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia! / My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; / I know them, and they follow me. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

*He went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.* Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

### ■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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# Reflections on the Gospel



# THE SAVING WORD

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27 SEPTEMBER 2020

## THE PATIENCE OF GOD

The parable about two sons in today's Gospel can be understood on various levels. In Jesus' own context it probably served to defend his practice, shocking to the religious authorities, of celebrating the discovery of God's mercy with those considered outcasts and sinners.

At a deeper level, the parable shows that what God looks to—and can wait for with infinite patience—is the *final* outcome in people's lives. God can put up with an initial *No*, and many other *No*'s besides, on the way to a final and lasting *Yes*.

From the human angle, people who appear religious and obedient from the start may never have sufficiently plumbed the depth of God's mercy to know God as God really is. Conversion at depth and the knowledge of God that goes with it overflows into a pattern of life truly reflecting God's grace. But a hard, judgemental attitude to others may indicate lack of true conversion and knowledge of God: something that may leave such people waiting at the door, while those whom they thought far less worthy enter into the fullness of life before them.

What ultimately determines fitness for eternal life is conformity of the human heart to the heart of God. None of us could ever amass sufficient good works to merit even a second of life with God. That life will be God's gift in abundance if only we have grown—sometimes in the course of a very winding and to-and-fro journey—into the capacity to receive it.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

## FIRST READING

Ezek 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*The sinner who decides to turn against sinfulness deserves to live.*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

### ■ The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 24:4-9. R. v. 6

**R. Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

1. Lord, make me know your ways. / Lord, teach me your paths. / Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: / for you are God my saviour. **R.**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, / and the love you have shown from of old. / Do not remember the sins of my youth. / In your love remember me, / because of your goodness, O Lord. **R.**
3. The Lord is good and upright / He shows the path to those who stray, / he guides the humble in the right path / he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

## SECOND READING

Phil 2:1-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common



purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.  
But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the  
underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

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