Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard."

Matthew 20:1
25th Sunday of the Year

Personal Participation of the Eucharist
It is good to see the increasing number of our parishioners for the participation of our daily masses and weekend masses. Vatican calls for a "necessary and urgent" return to in-person Mass. Very recently, Cardinal Robert Sarah, the Prefect of the Congregation for Divine Worship has sent a letter to world's Episcopal conferences which says, “Broadcast liturgies can never replace personal participation in the Eucharist”. He has encouraged them a return to the "normality of Christian life," in particular to the resumption of regular participation at Mass. He continues to say that “As soon as circumstances permit, it is necessary and urgent to return to the normality of Christian life, which has the church building as its home and the celebration of the liturgy, especially the Eucharist as the summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed...".

Solar Energy System
Our Church has gone green! Yes, we have already installed the solar energy system into our compound by giving clean energy to the Church, Parish Centre and Presbytery. By going solar, not only will our church save on energy costs, but we will also be setting environmental stewardship examples. I take this occasion to thank the Parish Financial Committee and its Chairman Mr Viv Edwards to sanction this project, and in a special way I appreciate the good efforts done by Mr. Noel Smith, Mr. Wayne Wright and Mr. David Thompson for the quick realization of this project. You will get a detailed report of this project in next week’s bulletin. May the Lord bless them all.

PEC is on
The first meeting of the Parish Executive Committee (PEC) was held in our board room on 15th September and you will find a detailed report of the same in this bulletin.

Thanks to the Confirmation Programme: I am very much grateful to Bishop Gerard Holohan who confirmed 71 of our children last week in two liturgical services. The whole programme was beautiful and I thank everyone who have worked behind to make this event a memorable one.

Peel Grief Support: There are many spiritual groups working in our parish and one of them is called “Our lady’s Assumption Grief Support” which was started by Fr. Theo. I congratulate the ministry of this group and we can hear more about them at the Masses this weekend.

Have a beautiful weekend,

Fr. Johny Arattukulam, O.C.D.
FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:6–9

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.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 144:2–3, 8–9, 17–18

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

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.

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.

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

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20–24, 27

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.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 20:1–16

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 Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.
LECTORS & COMMENTATORS
New Roster for OCTOBER 2020-JANUARY 2021 is now available in the Church. Thank you for your valued support to our church ministry.

SPECIAL MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION.
Could all special ministers please let me know of their availability for the next four months from November to February. Also would you please let me know if you are available for any of the masses over Christmas.
At the present time we will still be requiring only one special minister for each mass, due to COVID-19 restrictions.
Could you please let me know by 6th October of your availability, by email bernscharf@gmail.com, or by contacting the Parish office.
Many thanks for giving so generously of your time.-Bernadette Scharf

Grief Support Group
A new pamphlet will be introduced by members of the Ministry after each mass this weekend.
The next meeting of the ministry will be held on Saturday 26 September at the Parish Centre from 10a.m. to 12noon.-Margot McAllister

Greeting and Welcoming Ministry
Can you assist with Hospitality at our Weekend Masses?
Let us meet people coming to Mass and make them feel welcome and accepted as they are.
Let us help our parishioners experience God’s hospitality.
Welcome strangers and assist them to be seated in these strange times.

Please register you interest with the Parish Office,
(phone 95812061 or email catholicparish@westnet.com.au) and we will organise a coffee morning to discuss.
-Brendan Chestnutt, Chairperson PPC

“Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” (Romans 15:7)

Remember to “Like” our Facebook Page
https://www.facebook.com/OLAParishMandurah/

FREE RESOURCE: Grab a free copy of the Australian Catholics magazine. Available in the Church and Parish Office.
Parish Executive Committee (PEC)

The first meeting of the Parish Executive Committee was held this week. Members of this new parish committee are Fr. Johny – Parish Priest, Fr. Anson – Assistant Priest, Viv Edwards – Finance Committee Chairperson, Brendan Chestnut – Parish Pastoral Council Chairperson, and Viv de Winter – Parish Administrative Officer. Kerry Troost was also invited to attend for her input.

The mission and purpose of the committee is to assist the parish priests through developing a vision for the parish and planning for future direction for the spiritual, liturgical, apostolic and financial life of the parish with regular evaluation of the achievement of goals for the parish.

Meetings will be held monthly for the remainder of 2020, then quarterly commencing in 2021.

If you wish to participate via zoom, please register on the link given above. You may always watch it on Facebook page: Diocesan Youth Ministry Office-Catholic Diocese of Bunbury or Peel Catholic Youth.
Feast of St Vincent de Paul next Sunday Sept 27 2020

The Mandurah conference will celebrate the Feast of St Vincent de Paul on Sunday evening September 27 at the 6pm Mass. All are welcome. St Vincent de Paul is known throughout the world as the Patron Saint of the Poor. The Youth group has agreed to Vincentians taking on the roles usually done by the young people just for this special occasion, except we will continue to enjoy their music ministry. We are incredibly grateful for their generous spirit. We will also be conducting the Vinnies Local Community Appeal that night.

Our Mission
The St Vincent de Paul Society is a lay Catholic organisation that aspires to live the gospel message by serving Christ in the poor with love, respect, justice, hope and joy, and by working to shape a more just and compassionate society.

Our Vision
The St Vincent de Paul Society aspires to be recognised as a caring Catholic charity offering “a hand up” to people in need. We do this by respecting their dignity, sharing our hope, and encouraging them to take control of their own destiny.

At next weekend’s Masses Vinnies will conduct our first Vinnies Local Community Appeal which will replace the annual Winter and Street Appeals for 2020, and our usual door collections after Mass. COVID 19 has impacted everyone including Vinnies. Our income has been significantly reduced through our Vinnies Shop closures, and we have not been able to collect money at the Church door. We have been fortunate to receive bequests this year, and the Church Poor Box has been well supported, but Mandurah Conference income will be well down on previous years. However, Vinnies WA continues to provide the Mandurah Conference with the funds it needs to make a difference in peoples’ lives.

How to donate – donations over $2 are tax deductible

Donate Points - Next weekend Vinnies volunteers will offer “Donate Points” at each door where you can tap your bank debit or credit card and a $4 donation will go directly to Vinnies by contactless donation.

Envelopes – These are available this weekend and next for you to please take home. You can either add cash, or complete the credit/debit card details, tear off the sheet and place inside. Seal the envelope and bring it back next week for volunteers to collect at the door. You can also leave envelopes at the Parish Office who will forward them to the Conference. The card details will remain secure as the unopened envelopes will go straight to Ozanam House for processing in the Finance Department.

By phone - call Vinnies 13 18 12 – be sure to say it is for Mandurah Local Community Appeal

Donate Online - www.vinnies.org.au. Click on Donate at top right of screen, then scroll down to “Give to a local cause”, make sure WA is selected, then click on WA Local Community Appeal. Enter amount, select “Once” or “Monthly”, then “Next Step”. Enter your contact details, select whether you wish to receive updates from Vinnies, and enter “Mandurah” in comments box, then proceed to “Payment Options”.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY – Jim Mather; President of Mandurah Conference, St Vincent de Paul Society WA. 0427 956 794
Send-off gathering for Kerry & Rob Troost

THANK YOU AND WISH YOU ALL THE BEST
Congratulations
to all students who received Confirmation
last weekend 12 & 13 September.

A heartfelt thank you for the love and support of our the teachers, school staff, parents, our Priests and Bishop Gerard Holohan.

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.”
Numbers 6:24-26
A few Sundays ago we heard Paul’s response to the obscurity of God’s ways. It was not a cry of frustration or defeat. On the contrary it was an exclamation of praise: “How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! . . To him be glory for ever! Amen” (Romans 11:33–36).

Why praise God for divine inscrutability? Because, as we are reminded today, God is more loving, generous and forgiving than we human beings could ever imagine. The ever-present danger for us as human beings is to think of God in terms of our lesser selves, to impose on God the limits of our own capacities for life and love. The word of God today tells us this is folly. The goodness of God knows no bounds.

The gospel story exposes the calculus we use in our daily lives. We measure out love on the basis of what we judge another to deserve or what we feel we can afford to give. Today we thank God for not being like us!

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**PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:**

Lord Jesus Christ, who promises to send the Holy Spirit grant the same Holy Spirit may perfect in my soul the work of Your grace and Your love.

Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may aspire after all things that bring me closer to the promised kingdom of God,

the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with your divine truth,

the Spirit of Good Counsel that I may choose the surest way of pleasing God,

the Spirit of Fortitude that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,

the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow to perfection,

the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,

the Spirit of Wonder that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and all God’s creation.

Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of your true disciples and enliven me in all things with the Spirit. Amen.

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Thank you God for the gifts you give:
For love, for food, and a place to live,
For animals and trees, for the rain and the sun.
Thank you God for all you’ve done.
Amen.
POPE’S MONTHLY INTENTION (SEPTEMBER)

“We need to grow in the conviction that a decrease in the pace of production and consumption can at times give rise to another form of progress and development.” Pope Francis explains to us that it is impossible for the most developed countries to maintain their current level of consumption at the cost of exploiting the natural resources of the rest of the planet. We have to abandon the throw-away culture and end the commercial imbalances that have so many negative consequences for the environment.

“We are squeezing out the planet’s goods. Squeezing them out, as if the earth were an orange. Countries and businesses from the global north have enriched themselves by exploiting the natural resources of the south, creating an “ecological debt.” Who is going to pay this debt? In addition, this “ecological debt” is increased when multinationals do abroad what they would never be allowed to do in their own countries. It’s scandalous.

Today, not tomorrow; today, we have to take care of Creation responsibly. Let us pray that the planet’s resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner. No to plundering; yes to sharing.”

PRAYER

Father of All Goodness, You have created this world full of beauty and entrusted it to your children to care for. Help us to have a generous and open heart, attentive to the needs of others and willing to share what we have. Send your Spirit upon those leaders who make decisions on the production and consumption of goods, so that the planet’s resources that you entrust to us may be shared in a just and respectful manner, honouring the dignity of all.

Our Father...
**Planned Giving Envelopes**

- If you **wish to collect your new** set of envelopes, please visit us at the parish office on weekdays during office hours.
- Please notify the Parish Office if you wish to collect your new envelopes during the weekend. We will leave them at the church entrance.
- **Direct Debit** cards are available at the parish office if you intend to use them.

If you wish to join the planned giving scheme, please visit us at the Parish Office. You may also contact us by email (catholicparish@westnet.com.au) or phone (9581 2061)

**Thank you for your continued support to our planned giving.**

**Visitation.** If you know someone seriously sick or in the hospital, please inform the office. One of our Priests or a member of the Legion of Mary will be able to visit him/her and offer prayer support. Please contact 9581-2061.

**Lost & Found:** remote control/key, wallet (new), Sunday Missal with rosary beads, rosary beads in a box. Please visit the office if any of these items belong to you.

**Assumption Catholic Primary School** is now offering places for Kindy 2021. If your child is born between 1 July 2016 and 30 June 2017, they are eligible to attend Kindy in 2021. Applications are available from the office or online.

**CARE FOR OUR PARISH HALL.**

Requesting all parishioners and parish groups to please pay special attention in keeping our parish hall clean and orderly. Remember to clean as you go (especially the sink/kitchen), empty the bins if full (especially when there is food waste), wipe the counters and mop/sweep the floor. The kitchen should always be spotless and ready for the next users. Also please remember to turn off the lights (also in the toilets) and the aircons. We have a lovely facility that we want to keep looking that way for many years to come. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Priests Welfare Foundation “Father’s Day” Appeal**

“For the care of our Spiritual Fathers”

The annual Priests Welfare Foundation “Father’s Day” Appeal is being held across the diocese. Conducting the appeal on Father’s Day provides us with the opportunity to show our appreciation to our “Spiritual Fathers” on this special day.

The Foundation provides assistance to Diocesan priests who have retired or who are in ill-health.

The Appeal Brochure and Donation Envelopes are provided in the church. Please complete your Donation Envelope and place it in the retiring basket today or in the collection basket in coming weeks. You may wish to send your donation directly to the Foundation.

All gifts over $2 are tax deductible. Receipts for claiming Tax Deductions will be forwarded to your nominated address as soon as possible.

please visit our website  www.olaparishmh.org.au
St. Matthew

St. Matthew is one of the apostles of Jesus. His feast falls on September 21. Little is known about St. Matthew, except that he was the son of Alpheus, and he was likely born in Galilee. He worked as a tax collector, which was a hated profession during the time of Christ. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth in Capernaum when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ. Many years following the death of Christ, Matthew wrote his gospel account. His book is the first of the four Gospels in the New Testament. He wrote the book in Aramaic in the hope that his account would convince his fellow people that Jesus was the Messiah and that His kingdom had been fulfilled in a spiritual way. It was an important message at a time when almost everyone was expecting the return of a militant messiah brandishing a sword. Like 11 of the 12 apostles, St. Matthew is traditionally thought to have died as a martyr while preaching the Gospel. The Roman Martyrology describes his death as occurring in a territory near present-day Egypt.

St. Padre Pio

Francesco Forgione (Padre Pio) was born May 25th, 1887 in Pietrelcina, Italy. He was the son of farmers Grazio Mario Forgione and Maria Giuseppa Di Nunzio. At the age of 15, Francesco joined the Capuchins and took the name of Pio. He was ordained in 1910. In November of 1914, World War I began and many Capuchins became drafted in the Italian Army. Padre Pio served his country in the 10th Company for the Italian Medical Corps. His title was “Private Francesco Forgione”. After he was discovered to have tuberculosis, he was discharged. In 1916, Padre Pio moved to our Lady of Grace Capuchin Friary located in San Giovanni Rotondo. This was located in the Gargano Mountains near the Adriatic coast. There he taught the students at the seminary and prayed alongside the townspeople. Due to the war, many Capuchins were drafted and only seven friars were at the friary when he arrived.

Padre Pio was called back into active duty in August of 1917. He was reassigned to the 4th platoon of the 10th Company in the Italian Medical Corps. He had to take a medical leave of absence again in November, and was given a permanent discharge on March 16, 1918. He would go and visit his hometown for the last time in his whole life, and then returned to the friary at San Giovanni Rotondo. He stayed here for the remainder of his life. On September 20, 1918, as he was making his thanksgiving after Mass, Padre Pio had a vision of Jesus. When the vision ended, he had the stigmata in his hands, feet, and side.

Life became more complicated after that. Medical doctors, Church authorities, and curiosity seekers came to see Padre Pio. In 1924, and again in 1931, the authenticity of the stigmata was questioned; Padre Pio was not permitted to celebrate Mass publicly or to hear confessions. He did not complain of these decisions, which were soon reversed. However, he wrote no letters after 1924. His only other writing, a pamphlet on the agony of Jesus, was done before 1924. Padre Pio saw Jesus in all the sick and suffering. At his urging, a fine hospital was built on nearby Mount Gargano.

Padre Pio died of a heart attack at Our Lady of Grace in San Giovanni Rotondo on September 23rd, 1968. Padre Pio was beatified by Pope John Paul II at Mass on May 2nd, 1999. This was held in St. Peter’s Square in Vatican City. On June 16th, 2002, Padre Pio was canonized by Pope John Paul II. His feast day falls on September 23.
We are praying for you.

Irene Pini, Kate Whookey, Fr Chris Warnock, Joshua Chernoff, Ron Nichols, Barbara Padua, Marie Aide, Raaeleen Sutton, Jessica Amphlett, Raegis Farrell, Barbara, Philip Giuffre, Liz Evans, Boy Flores, Bill Copple, Dorothy Oliver, Chris Morris, Alan Edwards, Joseph Godridge, Christian Vimpany, Kylie Godridge, Mark Bussanich, Amber, Elsie Medina, Markus Ruescher, Angie Mae, Greg Lewis, Joan Marshall, Leo Manser, Kevin Scanlon, Eunice Hope, Mia Hop pee, Greg Carter, Sue Murphy, Michelle Stafford, Debra Keena, Joy Brokenshire, Jenny S., Brendan Davidson, Neil Stewart, Moyra Naughton, John Wilcox and all those who are sick, and all those affected by Covid-19. **Please advise the office if any of the above names need to be removed.**
Saturday 19 September 2020
6:00 pm—E Coverley

Sunday 20 September 2020
8:00 am—S O’Connor
9:30 am—L Masar
6.00 pm—E Coverley

Saturday 26 September 2020
6:00 pm—H Crosbie

Sunday 27 September 2020
8:00 am—J Purvinskis
9:30 am—A Mendonca
6.00 pm—E Coverley

Lectors and Commentators Roster

Saturday 19 September 2020
6:00 pm—J Dicker, R Daly

Sunday 20 September 2020
8:00 am—N Marshall, J Srdarev
09:30 am—D Ajero, H Sebastian
6.00 pm—Youth Group

Saturday 26 September 2020
6:00 pm—K Coles, A Popov

Sunday 27 September 2020
8:00 am—E Disney, T Major
09:30 am—T Lazaroo, E Barroa
6.00 pm—Mandurah Catholic College

Next Week’s Readings
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
27 September (Yr A)
Ezek 18:25-28; Phil 2:1-11; Mt 21:28-32

Choir
-Saturday 6pm-
Barrie Dearle (coordinator)
-Sunday 8am-
Elizabeth Disney (coordinator)
-3rd Sunday 9:30am-
Family Choir
-Youth Group

Cleaning Roster
Seeking volunteers to help clean the Church. Cleaning can be done on Friday after the 7.30am Mass. If able and willing to help, please contact the parish office 9581 2061.

Pilgrim Statue
This week the Pilgrim statue will be at the home of:
20 Sept—Mary McAleer
27 Sept—Rita Bruzzese
4 Oct—Rosemary Rana
If anyone would like the Pilgrim Statue for Anniversaries, birthdays, etc. please ring Rosemary Rana on 0438 916 165.

Mass Times

REGULAR MASS, ADORATION & RECONCILIATION TIMES
Monday 7.30am
Tuesday 7.30am, 9am
Wed 7.30am & 5.00pm
Thursday 7.30am, 9am
Friday 7.30am & 5.00pm
Saturday 7.30am, Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am & 6.00pm

Continuous Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament:
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs 8am-3pm
Reconciliation: after Weekly Masses & before weekend Masses
Please Note: Please see noticeboard and back page of the bulletin for changes and Mass times next week.

Please visit our website: www.olaparishmh.org.au
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25th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9.30am—Mass  
6.00pm—Mass | (Office Closed) |
| MONDAY 21/9 | 7.05am—Rosary  
St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist  
7.30am—Mass | 7pm—Bible Timeline |
| TUESDAY 22/9| 7.05am—Rosary  
7.30am—Mass  
9.00am—Mass  
5.00pm—Peel Catholic Youth JAM Session | 10am—Legion of Mary |
| WEDNESDAY 23/9 | 7.05am—Rosary  
7.30am—Mass  
Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help  
5.00pm—Mass | 4pm-Parish Religious Education Programme (PREP)  
7pm—RCIA |
| THURSDAY 24/9| 7.05am—Rosary  
7.30am—Mass  
9.00am—Mass | |
| FRIDAY 25/9 | 7.05am—Rosary  
7.30am—Mass  
5.00pm—Mass | |
| SATURDAY 26/9| 7.05am—Rosary  
7.30am—Mass  
9.30am—Choir Practice  
6.00pm—Mass | (Office Closed)  
10am—Grief Support |
| SUNDAY 27/9 | 8.00am—Mass  
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9.30am—Mass  
6.00pm—Mass/St Vincent de Paul Feast Mass | (Office Closed) |

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Fr Albin Odippattil—Assistant Parish Priest  
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