

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Sunday 1st October 2023

First Reading *Ezekiel 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.'

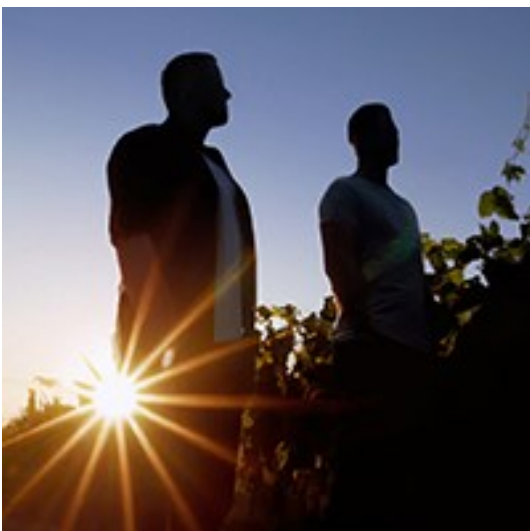
The word of the Lord

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 *Philippians 2:1-5*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

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.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation *John 10:27*

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Gospel *Matthew 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

St. Mary's Parish Cowes Three Churches— One Parish

St Mary's - Cowes

Our Lady Star of the Sea - San Remo

St Joseph's - Bass

Parish Priest: Father Manny Lomagno

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Office Hours: Wednesday 9.30 am—2.30pm

Mass/Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion.

Star of the Sea San Remo

Mass Saturday 6pm

Tuesday 9.15am Mercy Prayer followed by the Rosary & Mass at 10am



St Joseph's Bass

Mass Sunday 11am

Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion Wednesday 9.00am

Adoration and Prayer Wednesday 9.30-10.00 am & 7-8pm

St Mary's—Cowes

Mass Sunday 9.00am Wed, Thur & Frid 9.00am

No Reconciliation and Holy Hour Saturday 7th Oct 10am to 11am

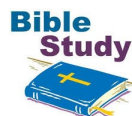
Anniversary We remember and pray for Michelle Carmel

Memorial The Holy Guardian Angels, Monday 2nd October
St. Francis of Assisi, 4th October
Our Lady of the Rosary, Saturday 7th October

Bible Study Group

Held on Wednesday 4th October at 10am at the Church Hall.

Contact person Sue Trist on 0438 304082



San Remo Prayer Group:

Monday : 7pm.

Contact: Wendy Power 5678 2271



COME AND SEE

Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Michael's Parish Support Centre - 121-123 High Street, Berwick on Sunday, 15th October at 2:00pm particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

Come and See
A call to the priesthood



AN OPPORTUNITY

To meet with others who are also discerning a priestly vocation, and hearing from priests, stories of their life and call to ministry.

Sunday, October 15th, 2023
2:00-4:00 pm

St Michael's Parish Support Centre,
121-123 High Street, Berwick

A stirring in your heart for God? What this might mean for you? Could Jesus be inviting you to share in his ministry as a Priest?

We are a child safe parish. Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, you should immediately raise your concerns with our Parish Child Safety Officer. He can be contacted through the Parish Office. Ph 03 59525418



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Parish Safeguard Officer: Brendan Marrinon

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'No, no, no, no ... Y-yes!'

Jesus tells a little story about two brothers. One said 'Yes', but never did anything. The other said 'No', but then had a change of heart and did what was required. Jesus loved the brother who came around. He was very hard on the one who said 'Yes' but did not 'walk the talk'.

That is why he loved those tax collectors who gathered the revenue for the Roman authorities, and the prostitutes who serviced the Roman occupying army, but who switched allegiance from the Empire of Caesar to the Kingdom of God. This signalled a profound change of heart.

We may have said 'No' to God at various times with various intensity in our lives. But God is wonderfully patient and prepared to hear 'No' many times in the hope of hearing 'Yes'. God's patience never runs out. But our time to say 'Yes' does run out. We only have a relatively short life span!

At the end of Mass, I will say 'Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord.' As St Francis of Assisi put it, 'Preach the Gospel, and occasionally use words.' Walk the talk.



Pope Francis' Intention for October

We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.



Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2024 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31st, 2023. Send us an enquiry - www.cagliero.org.au or hichaaba@salesians.org.au



Parish Lunch

The next Parish Lunch will be at 12 noon, on Thursday, October 12th at the RSL. Please include your name on the list at the back of St Marys, Cowes or ring Sue Trist on 0438 304 082. Bookings close on Monday, October 9, at 12 o'clock.



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