

Sacred Heart Parish

20th September 2026 – 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A reminds us that God's ways are different from ours. He is generous and merciful, offering grace to all who seek Him.

- **God's Mercy is Generous:** God forgives and welcomes sinners who turn to Him. His mercy is greater than human expectations.
- **God's Ways are Higher:** People expect fairness based on effort, but God's justice is different. He gives according to His wisdom, not human standards.
- **Living for Christ:** Paul shows that life is about serving Christ. Whether in life or death, we belong to Him.
- **The Call to Seek God:** Isaiah urges people to turn to God while there is time. God is near to those who seek Him with sincerity.
- **God's Justice is Different:** The landowner pays all workers the same wage, showing God's generosity. He gives freely, not based on human ideas of fairness.
- **Humility Before God:** People should not question God's decisions. His ways are beyond human understanding.
- **Faithful Living:** Paul encourages Christians to live in a way that honors the gospel. Actions should reflect faith in Christ.

The 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A teaches that God is merciful and generous. He calls people to trust in His ways and live in faith.

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who labored in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.



"CWL and Seasons of Creation"

In keeping with Seasons of Creation, Catholic Women's League are meeting at St Luke's Church Labyrinth on Mangati Rd, Bell Block, to honour God as the Creator, with a Prayer Service on Monday 21st September at 10:30am. Carpooling will LEAVE Sacred Heart Church, Inglewood at 10:00am. Lunch at Big Jim's afterwards. Please bring walkers & chairs. Others welcome.

THE VISION *of* SACRED HEART PARISH, INGLEWOOD IS:

Parish communities empowered by the Holy Spirit to grow in faith, hope and love.

Ngā Hāpori Pariha i whakamanahia e te wairua tapu ki te tupu i roto i te whakapono, te tūmanako me te aroha.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: James Fevre, Rex Butler, Bill Zimmerman, Alison Young, Jim Judge, Maureen Blundell, Rita Cossey, John Schrider, Paul Schrider, Gordon Snell, Carmen Gibbins, Christine Amstalden
Janice Sole We remember in our prayers: All those who are unwell in our Parish, those who are caring for sick loved ones and those who are still living in their own homes, the lonely, the elderly, those suffering Bereavements and all Parishioners in Rest Homes and Hospitals.

FOOTSTEPS OF POMPALLIER PILGRIMAGE STARTS IN 6 WEEK'S TIME! Walking 100kms from Waitangi to Motuti over Labour Weekend, October 24th to 27th 2026, on the feast of Christ The King. Places still available for pilgrims. FFI and to register go to the official website www.fopp.nz

FACEBOOK PAGE: We are on Facebook - Sacred Heart Parish, Inglewood. Follow our page and keep up to date on what's happening in our parish.

SACRED HEART PARISH HALL: For all bookings and inquiries for our Parish Hall these are to go through Nicky in the Parish Office.

MOBILE PHONES IN CHURCH: Can you please make sure that these are either turned off or on silent while attending Mass.

NOTICE BOARD & FOYER TABLE: Don't forget to look at the notice board and foyer table. The notices and posters are changing all the time

CARDS & GIFTS: Have you seen our Religious Box? If not, and you would like to have a look at our range of gifts and cards then see Nicky in the office

PLANNED GIVING: If anyone is interested in going on planned giving or would like more information on planned giving, then please give Nicky a call in the parish office – 756 7164 or email her on shparish@xtra.co.nz



ROSARY AT FORRESTAL LODGE
Every Tuesday at 4pm. Entry is through the sliding door. Everyone is welcome.

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PRAYER GROUP with ADORATION
Every Thursday from 9 am-10am.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Tuesday 22nd September at 10.00am

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OPEN DAY
A time for friendship and fellowship.
Thursday 24th September
from 10.45am – 12 noon in the Burckett Hall.
This will be a time for a cup of tea, morning tea and conversation. Everyone is welcome.

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WORKS & FINANCE MEETING
Sunday 27th September at 11.30am

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CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE MEETING
Thursday 1st October after the 10am Mass.

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MEN'S DINNER - INGLEWOOD
Sunday 11th October at 6.00pm at Fern Lodge, Inglewood. Please ring Pat Kuklinski, 021 047 1074 before noon on the Sunday so he can book the restaurant.

Celebrate the journey,
for each day is a gift of possibility.

DONATIONS COLLECTION
Sunday 20th September

Parish	$265.14
Clergy Trust Fund	$98.06

PARISH CONTACTS

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Parish Priest: Fr. Brian Carmine – 756 7164 or 027 516 3758
Secretary / Administrator / Parish Planned Giving: Nicky Kuklinski – 756 7164
Parish Office Hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9am – 12noon
Donations: If you would like to make a donation to our Church, you can use the following details:
Bank: Sacred Heart Parish Account Inglewood Bank: BNZ, Palmerston North
Account Number: 02-0630-0288002-011 Reference: Your name
(If you would like a receipt, can you please email the Parish Office)

PARISH CONTACT PEOPLE
Parish Prayer Support (Prayer Line): Theresa Gibbon – 756 8349
Parish Hall Hire & Religious Stall: Parish Office – 756 7164
Gluten Free Hosts: Nicky Kuklinski – 027 672 2514
Floral Arrangement Roster: Tess Johnston – 756 8452
St Patrick's School Principal: April Baylis – 756 7908, email: office@stpatsinglewood.school.nz
Foodbank: Open at Forrestal House on Fridays – 9.30am – 10.30am.



MASS TIMES

INGLEWOOD

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 10.30am

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 10.30am

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Tuesday 9.00am
Thursday 10.00am
Saturday 9.00am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

BENEDICTION & RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 1st, 3rd & 5th Saturday*

MOKAU: For Baptisms, Marriages & Funerals, please contact Fr. Brian bejcarmine@gmail.com

BAPTISMS (INGLEWOOD): 1st Sunday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

WAITARA

SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE

Sunday 9.00am *Every Sunday*

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sunday 9.00am *Every Week*

WEEK DAY MASS TIMETABLE

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place for 30 minutes as shown below (before or after)

Tuesday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Wednesday	5.30pm	Mass	*(before)*
Thursday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word	*(after)*
Friday	9.00am	Mass	*(after)*
Saturday	9.00am	Every 2nd & 4th Saturday	*(before)*
Saturday	9.00am	Liturgy of the Word All other Saturday's	*(after)*

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 8.30am *Every 2nd & 4th Saturday*

NGA PEKANGA

Sunday 10.30am 11th October

BAPTISMS (WAITARA): 2nd Saturday of every month (except January). For more information contact Fr. Brian or the Parish Office

SCRIPTURE READINGS

20th September – Psalm Response: The Lord is near to all who call on him.
Isaiah: 55.6-9 **Philippians:** 1.20-24, 27 **Matthew:** 20.1-16
27th September – Psalm Response: Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Ezekiel: 18.25-28 **Philippians:** 2.1-11 **Matthew:** 21.28-32

SUNDAY MINISTRIES

	This Week Sun 20th September	Next Week Sun 27th September
Readers	Vonna Parsons Christiane McIntyre	Marg Evans Alan Gibbins
Prayers of Faithful	Mike Davey	Mark Duynhoven
Presentation of Gifts	Betty Dravitzki Anne Dravitzki	Joe & Roma Potroz
Communion Ministers	Aaron Downer Olly D'Ath Chris Werder	Alan Spurdle Joy Woodward Dennis Dravitzki
Altar Servers	Abby Isaac	Josh Chloe
Music	Music Group	Music – Sue Marsh
Power Points	Mark	Nicky
Counters	Dennis Dravitzki Chris Werder	Pat Kuklinski Betty Dravitzki
Cup of Tea	Maree & Alan Gibbins	Maureen D'Ath Nancy Leahy
Church Cleaning	Bernadine Minnear & Veronica Hinz 18 / 19 September	Ranee D'Ath & Family 25 / 26 September

Mass Readings for the 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading – Isaiah 55:6-9: Seek God while He's close; abandon wickedness. Turn to the merciful Lord. His thoughts surpass ours, as heaven is above earth. His ways and thoughts are beyond ours.

Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 145: Daily I'll bless and praise You, O Lord, forever. Your greatness is beyond measure. You're gracious, merciful, slow to anger, kind, and just. You're near to all who call upon You.

Second Reading – Philippians 1:20C-24, 27A: In life or death, I magnify Christ. Life means fruitful labor. Caught between longing for departure to be with Christ and staying for your benefit. Live worthily of the gospel.

Gospel – Matthew 20:1-16A: The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who hires laborers at different times. Those who worked only an hour received the same wage as those who worked all day. The landowner's generosity teaches that God's ways are not based on human standards of fairness.

BAPTISM DATES FOR 2026

Inglewood (12 noon)	4th October	1st November	6th December
Waitara (11.00am)	10th October	14th November	12th December

FROM THE DIOCESE OF PALMERSTON NORTH

Could you be a St Carlo Missionary? St Carlo Acutis' feast day is October 12 and this year we celebrate only his second feast day as a saint. Were you inspired by St Carlo during the relic mission or have you found yourself drawn to his love for Jesus and the Eucharist? Over the next four weeks, we invite you to pray and notice whether God might be stirring something.
Prayer: *St Carlo, help me to love Jesus as you did. Pray that I may recognise the gifts God has given me and have the courage to use them for His mission. Amen.*

Ordination to the Diaconate of Peter Dung (Zung) Manh Phan: Bishop John Adams and the Catholic Diocese of Palmerston North are pleased to announce the forthcoming Ordination to the Diaconate of Peter Dung (Zung) Manh Phan, 11am on Saturday 21 November 2026, at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, Palmerston North.

MISSION SUNDAY 100TH CELEBRATION: The Catholic Church around the world will mark the 100th Mission Sunday on October 18. The day is set aside to pray for the Church's mission and to support those who carry the Gospel to places where hope is fragile, where faith is young and where believers often face hardship or persecution. That support can be financial and through prayer. Find out more at: https://missio.nz/. The New Zealand Catholic Bishops have written a letter to Catholic Schools and Parishes – you can find it at https://missio.nz/wp-content/uploads/NZCBC-Letter-Mission-Sunday-100-years-1.pdf

November 2026 Funding Round | Catholic Charities Foundation: Parish groups, agencies and church organisations that provide a helping hand by supporting Families and Social Services are invited to apply for funding from the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston and the Tindall Foundation through the Diocesan Allocations group. The priority is to fund Catholic and community organisations who are working in areas identified as priorities by the Catholic Charities Foundation of Palmerston North and the Tindall Foundation, and aligned with the diocesan goals. We are charged with the funding support of groups committed to social, pastoral, charitable and educational needs in the diocese. Applications are judged based on need, resource availability and the fulfilment of set criteria.
Applications are now open and are due by Wednesday 30 September 2026. Application forms and more information can be found here: https://pndiocese.org.nz/who-we-are/application-for-funding-catholic-charities-allocations/

St Joseph's School Ōpunakē Celebrates 125 Years: St Joseph's School Ōpunakē is preparing to celebrate its 125th Jubilee on Thursday 22 and Friday 23 October. Past pupils, staff, parishioners and friends of the school are warmly invited to take part in the celebrations. More information for the weekend can be found at https://www.trybooking.com/nz/events/landing/20235?embed. Register your interest at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1NaYZskvwQt6yzaSr4KExhfRtaNPCn5v-XKQRYX7JfAE/viewform?edit_requested=true#responses. All are welcome to help celebrate this significant milestone in the life of St Joseph's School Ōpunakē.

St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary | 23 -25 October 2026: St Joseph's Catholic School invites former students, staff, and families to attend this significant milestone. The event will take place Friday 23 – Sunday 25 October. Those interested are asked to register at St Joseph's School New Plymouth Centenary Registration: Labour Weekend 2026. Follow the official Centenary Facebook page for more information and updates: https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61576850039718

PROCEDURE FOR FIRE EVACUATION DRILLS

Due to new Health & Safety Requirement we will be having Fire Evacuation Drills twice a year during Mass so that in the case of a real emergency Parishioners and visitors will automatically know what to expect and do.

Please take note of the following information. In the event of a Fire Evacuation Drill:

- A siren will sound for a long period.
- You are required to follow the instructions from the Fire Wardens (Fire Wardens will be wearing Yellow High-Viz Vests).
- Proceed quickly from your pew to the **NEAREST EMERGENCY EXIT**. These are located at:
  - The main entrance to the Church (the double doors that you walk through when you enter Church)
  - On the right hand side of the Church (by the sound system)
- Ensure children, elderly people and disabled people near you are assisted to the **EMERGENCY EXITS**.
- Once out of the Church please **ASSEMBLE** in the **ASSEMBLY AREA** which is the carpark in front of the Presbytery and wait for clearance by the Fire Wardens. **NOBODY IS TO RETURN TO THE BUILDING** until the clearance has been given by the Fire Wardens.

READINGS FOR NEXT WEEK – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Reading 1: Ez 18:25-28
Thus says the LORD: You say, "The LORD's way is not fair!" Hear now, house of Israel: Is it my way that is unfair, or rather, are not your ways unfair? When someone virtuous turns away from virtue to commit iniquity, and dies, it is because of the iniquity he committed that he must die. But if he turns from the wickedness he has committed, and does what is right and just, he shall preserve his life; since he has turned away from all the sins that he has committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.
R. **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. The sins of my youth and my frailties remember not; in your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.
R. **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.
R. **Remember your mercies, O Lord.**

Reading 2: Phil 2:1-11
Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any solace in love, any participation in the Spirit, any compassion and mercy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing. Do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also for those of others. Have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, of those in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel: Mt 21:28-32
Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir, 'but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" They answered, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Amen, I say to you, tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him."

THE GENEROUS LANDLORD

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