

# *Hendred Catholic Parish St Mary's Church*



## *Children's Liturgy Booklet Term One 2020*



*This book belongs to*

# YEAR A

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2020

# *Jesus is with us Always*

Gospel Matthew 18:18-20

*Jesus said to his disciples, "Listen to me; whatever you accept on earth, will be accepted in heaven; and whatever you forbid on earth, will be forbidden in heaven. When two of you agree to ask for something, then my father will answer your prayers. Again, I tell you, that when two or three of you meet together in my name, then I will be there with you"*

## Reflection

*We are here to listen to God and to pray and we know that the Spirit shares this time with us.*

*Do you think the Holy Spirit is with us now?*

*Can you think of times when two or three people gather to pray?*

*How can we pray? We don't always have to use words; we can sit quietly and share our thoughts and feelings with Jesus.*

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## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2020

# Be Forgiving

Gospel Matthew 18:23-35

One day Jesus told this story: There was once a king who had many servants. One servant owed him a great deal of money, but he had nothing to pay him with.

"I will sell you and your family as slaves and use the money to pay your debt" said the king.

The servant fell on his knees and begged for another chance. The king was kind and generous and took pity on the servant, so cancelled his debt and let him go.

Later that day the servant met a man who owed him a small amount of money and when he could not pay him, the servant had the man sent to jail.

This news reached the king and he sent for the unforgiving servant. "Could you not forgive someone, just as I forgave you?" he asked. The king had the servant sent to jail until he could pay back what he owed him.

Jesus said, "Just as my Father forgives you, so you must be ready to forgive others with all your heart."

## Reflection

We are here to listen to God and to pray and we know that the Spirit shares this time with us.

Why was the servant in trouble with the king?

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What did the king do?

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Did the servant show the same forgiveness?

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What message does Jesus give us in this parable?

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# YEAR A

## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2020

# Workers in the Vineyard

Gospel Matthew 20:1-15

Jesus said to his disciples, "Early one morning the owner of a vineyard went to hire some men to work for him. He agreed to pay them each a dollar a day. Later that day he saw some other men who had not worked all day because no one had hired them. He sent them to his vineyard to work. At the end of the day he paid all the workers a dollar, as he had agreed. Some of them started to grumble. 'Why have you paid these men the same as us, when we have worked all day in the hot sun, and they have only worked for one hour?'

The owner replied 'We agreed that each of you would be paid one dollar per day, and I have been fair. I can choose how to spend my money, so do not complain because I have been generous'.

## Reflection

Jesus was explaining how he was like the vineyard owner going out to look for his workers to spread the Good News.

Even if we arrive late in the day and take a long time to come to know Jesus, we will all receive the same reward, everlasting life with him in heaven.

The vineyard owner said he was being generous.

Which other words could you use to describe him? \_\_\_\_\_

How can you show you follow Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_

# YEAR A

## 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2020

# Making Choices

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus told this story to the high priests. "Once there was a man who had two sons. He said to the older one 'Go and work in the vineyard today.', but the son answered, 'I will not go because I don't want to'. Later the son changed his mind and went to work there after all.

When the man asked his other son to go and work, 'he replied of course I will go', but he did not want to do what he had said he would.

Jesus asked the high priests, "Which one of these sons did what their father wanted?"

"The older one of course" they replied.

Jesus said to them "The people you call sinners will enter God's kingdom before any of you, because they listened and believed what John the Baptist told them. You would not listen and believe, and your hearts have not changed."

## Reflection

The message of this parable is that even if we get things wrong and make foolish choices, God will always give us a second chance to make things right again if we have a change of heart.

Did the older son do what his father wanted?

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What did the younger son do? \_\_\_\_\_

Why did Jesus say the High Priests were like this son?

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# YEAR A

## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2020

# Listen to God's message

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus told another parable to the people. "There was once a farmer who owned a vineyard. He had to go away on business and so he put some farm workers in charge of the vineyard. When it was time to harvest the grapes, the farmer sent some servants to collect his share. But the farm workers beat the servants and chased them away. The farmer did not give up and sent some more servants to collect what belonged to him. Again, they were beaten and chased off. Finally, the farmer sent his own son, 'I am sure they will treat him better,' he said. Instead the farm workers seize the son and kill him."

Then Jesus asked, "What will the farmer do when he arrives back at the vineyard?" The people who had been listening answered, "He will punish the farm workers and put other people in charge."

## Reflection

Imagine the vineyard is the world. God created the whole world and everything in it. In this story God is the farmer who trusted his workers, so God trusts us to use his goods properly. The farm workers were not, willing to listen to the message sent to them. They were greedy and selfish.

How can we show we have listened to God's message in what we do every day?

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28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2020

# *The Wedding Party*

Gospel Matthew 22:1-14

One day Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like this: A king planned a great party for his son's wedding. When everything was ready, he sent his servants to tell all the guests who had been invited to come and join in the celebrations, but each of them had an excuse for not coming.

"The king was furious and said to his servants, "These people do not deserve to share in my party, so go out and invite everyone you meet. They can come to the wedding instead!" Soon, the hall was filled with people, good and bad alike. The king noticed one man who had not bothered to dress for the occasion. He sent for his servants and the man was thrown out into the dark."

## Reflection

The king invited everyone and anyone. In the same way God invites us all into the kingdom of heaven. If we accept God's invitation to join him, then we must make the effort to do what is right and follow God's way, or we cannot become part of the final celebration.

What can we do to show we are following God?

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## 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

# Give to God what belongs to God

Gospel Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees wanted to trick Jesus and get him to say something that would get him into trouble. So, they went to him and said, "We know that you are honest and not afraid to speak the truth. Tell us then, should we give our money to the Romans or to God?"

Jesus answered, "Why do you want to trick me? Show me your money." They gave him a Roman denarius and he asked them, "Who is the person on this coin?" "Caesar" they answered.

Then Jesus said, "Give back to Caesar what belongs to him, and give to God, what is God's."

## Reflection

The Pharisees were jealous of Jesus because he was popular with the people and often criticized the Pharisees. They were expecting Jesus to say give your money to God and not the Romans, knowing that people would be arrested and punished if they did not pay their taxes. Jesus answered the trick question wisely.

Instead of money what does God want us to give?

Think of one thing that you can give to God every day this week.

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