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## **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Readings for Mass (Year B) September 22, 2024**

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

### **First Reading - Wisdom 2:12, 17-20**

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. 'Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

**Responsorial Psalm:** The Lord upholds my life.

### **Second Reading - James 3:16 - 4:3**

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness. Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!** God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Alleluia!**

### **Gospel Reading - Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

## PARISH NEWS, NOTICES AND REFLECTION

### Please note:

The parish office will be closed every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from September 24th until October 29th. The office will be open only Monday and Thursday during this time. Please email any requests or queries to [dandenongnorth@cam.org.au](mailto:dandenongnorth@cam.org.au). Thank you.

**March for Babies** will be held on Saturday, 12 October at 1pm. A bus will be leaving from St. Gerard's at 11am. If you are interested in coming along, please contact the piety stall and leave your name and contact number. **It is a free event.** Please come and support this very worthy cause as every life matters.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 12 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the Benedictine brothers in Daresalaam, Tanzania to assist them in their work among the poor.' For enquiries, please phone: 9817 3715.

Dear Parishioners,  
In two weeks, we will commence our Offertory Giving Campaign in our parish community, which will run over a three-week period. Giving generously is a way to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christian worshippers. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.



### ALPHA

We thank everyone who participated in our Alpha pilot that just concluded. We especially thank those that contributed their tithing, time and talent towards the catering and running of the course. Your support, time and efforts are invaluable and our Parish is most grateful to you all.

### Servant of All: Scott Hahn reflects on the Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes—who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see Mark 8:31; 10:33–34).

The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that “the Just One” has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers.

And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: “For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will . . . deliver Him . . .” (compare Matthew 27:41–43).

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers Himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him. But the Apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's Passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed.

Again they are thinking not as God but as human beings (see Mark 8:33). And again Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be “servants of all,” especially the weak and the helpless—symbolised by the child He embraces and places in their midst. This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled Himself to come among us (see Philippians 2:5–11). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name.

As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy.

## MASS and INTENTIONS

### Saturday Vigil, September 21st

#### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Hervé & Suzanne Latouche  
(*Death Anniversaries* ✝)

and For the soul of Jerry Rodrigues ✝

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, September 22nd

#### Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Hyacinth Ludwick (*5th Death Anniversary* ✝)

Mass 10:30am Daisy Hart (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

Mass 5:30pm Edna & Roy De Kauwe (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

### Monday, September 23rd - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the D'Silva Family

### Tuesday, September 24th

Mass 9:15am Fr. William Van Kooy (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

### Wednesday, September 25th

Mass 9:15am For the recovery and health of Vincent Newton

### Thursday, September 26th

Mass 9:15am Intentions of the Parish

### Friday, September 27th - Saint Vincent de Paul

#### Public Holiday - Grand Final Day

Mass 9:15am Trilby Domingo (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

and Matthew Brown (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

### Saturday, September 28th

Mass 9:15am For the recovery of Gabby

### Saturday Vigil, September 28th

#### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Vigil 5:30pm Antonio Sacco (*Death Anniversary* ✝)

and Giovanni, Brigida & Giuseppe Cardamone  
(*Remembrance* ✝)

and Zdenka Halupa (*4th Month Remembrance* ✝)

Mass 7:00pm Maronite Community

### Sunday, September 29th

#### Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass 8:30am Thanksgiving to Our Lady of Lourdes from  
Nigel & Maria Rodrigues

Mass 10:30am For the repose of the souls of Antonette &  
Charles Henry Vettivelu ✝

Mass 5:30pm Intentions of the Parish

### Please pray for...

**Our sick:** Mary Considine, Frances & Lovett Dos Remedios, Crystal Wilson, Charlie Cassar, Tyrone Francisco, Heather Fernandez, Alessandro Zaia, Eliana Scardigli, Steven & Monica Dickson, Sandy Hayman, Anne Moorthy, Jeannie Joseph, Fr. Rodney, Maria O'Blak, Maria Tomaselli, Colin Hillas, Aldo Provenazzano, Job Thaejus, Monica Kelly, Sunny, Jimmy Logan, Libby Wilson, Claris Sebestiampillai, Bob Grosser, Elajah Isah, Ramon Jabbour, Maleena, Melanie, Selina Tour, Christine Joseph, Hilda Marianne, Giuseppina Bonato, Patty Fong, Nikita Stein, Kenny Michael, Ron Jabke, Prasad Weerasuriya, Sean VanTwest, Carmela Fato, Lawton Ho, Pierina Nogarín, Marie Talary, Vincent Newton, Gabby

### **The recently deceased:**

Pascoale Fernandes, Flaviano D'Lima, Bill Dowsey, Maria Milicia

### **Anniversaries/Remembrances:**

Trilby Domingo, Matthew Brown, Theresa Monteiro, Dennis Lobo

### Church Cleaning

**Saturday, September 28**

Legion of Mary & J. Okoduwa

**Saturday, October 5**

Gonsalves Family,

M. Ferdinands, L. Harper

### Reading Roster

**Saturday, September 28**

5:30pm J. D'Souza

**Sunday, September 29**

8:30am G. Dos Remedios

10:30am M. Naidoo

5:30pm L. Hector

**Saturday, October 5**

5:30pm A. Miranda

**Sunday, October 6**

8:30am I. Mulipola

10:30am S. Moses

5:30pm Janet D'Souza

## Daily Antiphons - Monday, September 23rd to Saturday, September 29th 2024

### Monday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 23rd - Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

**Entrance Antiphon:** Your priests, O Lord, shall be clothed with justice; Your holy ones shall ring out their joy.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Whoever does justice shall live on the Lord's holy mountain.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Let your light shine before all, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Blessed is the servant whom the Lord finds watching when He comes. Amen I say to you: He will put that servant in charge of all His property.

### Tuesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 24th

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever

**Responsorial Psalm:** Guide me, Lord, in the way of Your commands.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are they who hear the word of God and keep it. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

### Wednesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 25th

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever

**Responsorial Psalm:** Your word, O Lord, is a lamp for my feet.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near: repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

### Thursday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 26th

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever

**Responsorial Psalm:** In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through Me. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.

### Friday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 27th - Saint Vincent de Paul

**Entrance Antiphon:** The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for He has anointed me and sent me to preach the good news to the poor, to heal the broken-hearted.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Blessed be the Lord, my Rock!

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! The Son of Man came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for all. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** Let them thank the Lord for His mercy, His wonders for the children of men, for He satisfies the thirsty soul, and the hungry He fills with good things.

### Saturday of the Twenty-Fifth Week in Ordinary Time - September 28th

**Entrance Antiphon:** I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to Me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever

**Responsorial Psalm:** In every age, O Lord, You have been our refuge.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through His gospel. Alleluia!

**Communion Antiphon:** You have laid down Your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping Your statutes.