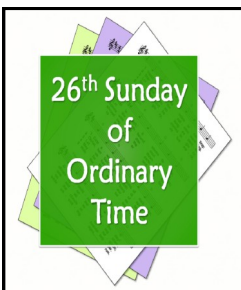


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**26th Sunday  
Year A  
26th / 27th  
September,  
2020**

### In a nutshell

Today's readings are about acting with integrity. To please others we say we will do something, and then we don't do it.

At other times our conscience troubles us and we end up doing something we said we wouldn't do!

Jesus points out that we all have the tendency to be false to ourselves.

He encourages us to change our ways and believe in him.

### Today's Readings

*Ezekiel 18:25-28*  
*Philippians 2:1-11*  
*Matthew 21:28-32*

The Lord's ways are fair and just; often ours are not. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus. Two sons were asked by their father to go out and work. One says he will not go, but later changes his mind; the other says yes, but does not go.



The teenage daughter said that she was saying out late and not to expect her home until midnight. Her parents told her to be home by ten, to which she replied, "Whatever." Later that night around five minutes to ten, she came home. The parents were puzzled and sad, "Home already". She replied, "Well, you said be home by ten." There is a difference between saying and doing, as reflected in today's gospel.

In today's gospel, there are two sons and neither is perfect. One refuses his father's request, but then does it: the other accepts the request, but doesn't follow through. In the end, it seems that virtuous actions are more important than virtuous words. In our daily lives people make many requests of us. Some are important, and others we could probably politely refuse. One meaning for today's parable might be the importance of knowing our limits and being honest about what we can and can't (or will and won't) do.

The parable also points to something else though—our relationship with God and our commitment to the life of discipleship. God has asked us to work in his vineyard, caring for the poor, working for justice, and bringing peace to others. As Christians, we are called to love God and others, not simply through the words we say, but, more important, in the ways we give of ourselves for the good of all. In your life, where is God calling you to more action and fewer words?

*Living Liturgy, 2020*

### Entrance antiphon:

O Lord, you had just cause to judge people as you did: because we sinned against you and disobeyed your will. But now show us your greatness of heart, and treat us with your unbounded kindness.

### Response to the psalm:

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

### Gospel acclamation:

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

<b>Readers</b>		<b>Ministers of Communion</b>	
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>	Sr Jan O'Neil (Coordinator)	<b>September Vigil</b>	Sr. Gabriel (Coordinator)
<b>September</b>	Chelsea Albert	<b>September</b>	Michael Zador & others
<b>October</b>	Sr Jan O'Neil		
<b>November</b>	John Betros		
<b>Sunday 7.00 am</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator)	<b>Sunday 7.00 am</b>	Peter Frost (Coordinator)
<b>September:</b>	Charlie Robinson, Gerry Walker	<b>September</b>	Peter Frost
<b>Sunday 9.30 am</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)	<b>Sunday 9.30 am</b>	Adele Cornale (Coordinator)
<b>Sunday 27th</b>	Diane Karas, Sharron Critchley	<b>September:</b>	Pilar Ovelar, Phil Docherty.
		<b>Sunday 6pm</b>	Andrew Poidevin (Coordinator)
			Paula O'Connor.
<b>Church Cleaners</b>		<b>Sacristy &amp; Altar</b>	
Paula O'Connor and other volunteers.		Pilar Ovelar & Carol Miller	
<b>Money Counters—Parish Office</b>		<b>Altar Flowers</b>	
September 26th: Group 1   October 3rd: Group 2		Nobuko Konda & Margaret Betros	
October 10th : Group 3   October 17th Group 4		<b>Piety Stall</b> (5pm Vigil Mass)	
		Carol Miller	

**Mass Offerings:**     ***Your prayers are requested for the following:***

**Recently Deceased:** Maree Dore, Kathleen Coll, Beryl Stone, John Fleming, Jason Cobey.

**Anniversary:**     **Brenda Dore, Ron McDonald,** John McKeown, Steve Elias, Rosa Chianese.

**Other Deceased:** **Richard Healy,** George & Ellen McKelleher, Scott Family.

**Sick:**     **Rob Williams,**Fr Paul Jennings msc, David Seward, Rita Koh, June Ferguson, Fay Wilcox, Chris Simpson, Paula Hudson, Elizabeth Khoury, Anne Stirling, Neil Thornton, Tony Cruikshank, Diane Gordon, Chris Schneider, Therese Warfield, Lyn Sweeney, Paul Evans, Owen O'Conner, Margaret Mary Foody, Trish Shadwick, Michelle Thornton, Justin Wood, Joan Edwards, Marian Moreno, Judy Chock, Faye Mather, Alex Campbell, Maximilian Naum.

Sharon Waller, our parish secretary, has been working at St Brigid's Parish Office for 10 years and this week we celebrated this milestone.

Sharon plays a pivotal role in our parish, her enthusiasm, energy and compassion contribute to the whole community, we thank you for your dedication, and warm welcoming presence to all parishioners and visitors.

<b>St Brigid's Parish Information</b>	
<b>Mass Times</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil 5.00 pm, Sunday 7.00 am, 9.30 am and 6.00 pm</b>
<b>Morning Tea</b>	Sundays after the 9.30 am Family Mass (NOT during Covid19)
<b>Weekday Masses</b>	<b>Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9.30 am</b>
<b>Reconciliation</b>	<b>20 Minutes before Saturday Vigil Mass</b>
<b>Sacrament of Anointing</b>	During 9.30am Mass, 2nd Thursday of each Month
<b>Baptisms</b>	By appointment, on the first and third Sundays of each month, <i><b>after 9.30am Family Mass.</b></i>
<b>Marriages</b>	By appointment, arranged at least six months in advance
<b>Parish Office:</b>	<b>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday &amp; Thursday: 9am to 3pm.</b> <b>Phone 9315 7562.</b> (For pastoral emergencies, contact Fr Phil 0420 329 731)

### St Brigid's This Week & Beyond

**Priest Retirement Foundation Appeal** will be this weekend; PFR of the Archdiocese of Sydney ensures all incardinated priests can receive the accommodation, health care and support they need in their retirement. There are envelopes on the pews, and thank you for your generosity.

**Baptisms.** We congratulate Ashley and Charlie, who are being baptized into our Parish Community during our 5pm Vigil Mass.

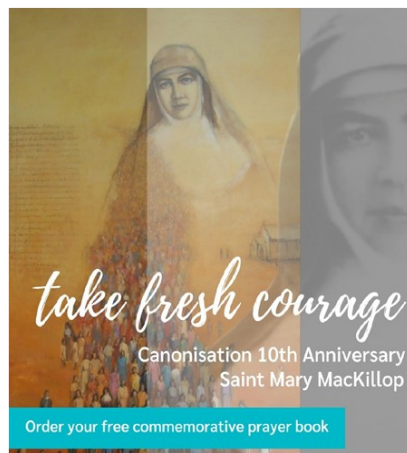
**Children's Liturgy** is on this weekend during our Sunday 9.30am Family Mass.

Fr Phil will be on leave from 6th October - 16th October, all masses will continue as normal and will be celebrated by Fr Bob Irwin and Fr Thang.



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Fr Phil



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#### Today's Scriptures—A Reading from the Gospel according to Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said: "I will tell you a story about a man who had two sons. Then you can tell me what you think. "The father went to the older son and said, 'Go work in the vineyard today!' His son told him that he would not do it, but later he changed his mind and went. The man then told his younger son to go work in the vineyard. The boy said he would, but he didn't go. Which one of the sons obeyed his father?" "The older one," the chief priests and leaders answered. Then Jesus told them: "You can be sure that tax collectors and bad women will get into the kingdom of God before you ever will! When John the Baptist showed you how to do right, you would not believe him. But these evil people did believe. And even when you saw what they did, you still would not change your minds and believe."

**The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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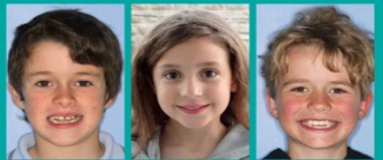
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