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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. YEAR A. 20TH SEPT 2026.

Mass Readings are on Page 131 and Order of Mass from page 7 of the Parish Mass Book.

Reflection: : God's Generosity Is Greater Than Our Expectations

Today, Jesus gives us one of those parables that can be difficult to understand at first: the parable of the workers in the vineyard. Those who worked from morning begin to complain: "These last ones worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us." From a purely human point of view, we may understand their complaint. But Jesus is teaching us that God does not measure generosity in the same way we do. Sometimes we think God should reward people according to our calculations: "I have served Him for many years; therefore, I deserve more." "I have suffered more; therefore, God should bless me more." But God's grace is not something we earn like a salary. Grace is a gift. The worker who came at the last hour received the same daily wage, not because he had worked more, but because the master was generous.

This should give us great hope. Perhaps someone has come back to God after many years. Perhaps someone has lived a sinful life and is now sincerely seeking God. Perhaps someone feels that he has wasted many years. The message is: It is never too late to enter God's vineyard. The real problem of the workers who came first was not that they received less. They received exactly what had been agreed. Their problem was that they compared themselves with others. Comparison can destroy gratitude.

We may say: "Why is God blessing him and not me?" "Why did she get married before me?"

"Why is his business succeeding?" "Why did God answer her prayer and not mine?"

When we constantly compare ourselves with others, we can become blind to the blessings God has already given us. The antidote is gratitude. Instead of asking, "Why does he have more than me?" we should ask, "Lord, what can I do with what You have given me?"

One of the greatest challenges of Christian life is learning to rejoice in another person's blessing. When someone who has struggled for years finally succeeds, can we rejoice with them? When a sinner repents, can we welcome them? When someone who was once far from the Church returns, can we receive them without reminding them constantly of their past? God's generosity should become our generosity.

The Christian must never say, "He does not deserve forgiveness." We are all beneficiaries of God's mercy. We do not serve God merely because of what we will receive from Him. We serve Him because He is our Lord and our treasure. Whether we have been Christians for eighty years or have only recently returned to the faith, our greatest reward is not money, recognition, position, or human praise. Our greatest reward is God Himself.

Today's Gospel challenges us to examine three things:

First: Do I trust God's generosity?

Second: Do I constantly compare myself with others?

Third: Am I still willing to work in God's vineyard?

Let us remember the words of Jesus:

"Are you envious because I am generous?"

We Pray for the sick and housebound. John Fitzgerald. Cyril Corcoran. Anne Leavy. Margaret McAteer. Kathleen Beech. Martina McGeehan. Jean Angus. Irene Rice, Karen Rice. Paul and Kath McInenny. Keith and Linda Marshall, Jim McGlynn. James Nally, Vincent Foy, Delia Groarke. Bernadette McLaughlin.

May God grant them good health of mind and body.

May God grant eternal rest to those who have died recently: Kathleen Denmark. Roderick Mannion. May Harkin. Peg Stenson. John Dwyer. Sr John Mary Vianney. Michael Doughty. Patrick Whaley. Kim Lewis. Patsy Ryan. Marin Scanlon.

Memorial Anniversary: Bernadette Connolly (49th) Bernard Groarke. Kathleen Kelly. Kathleen Hamilton (6th). John McGee (8th)

Special Intention: Breda Veille. Patsy Johanson

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

1. The meeting to discuss Christmas fundraising options will take place after 11am Mass in St Marys Hall today 20th September. Everyone is welcome to attend and offer suggestions.
2. There will be a second collection next weekend for Parish maintenance.
3. The Barlow RC High School has open sessions for parents and young people who are interesting in attending this High School: morning sessions are available to book 5-16th October and there is an open evening on 1st October from 5-7pm. To book call 0161-445-8053 or email admin@thebarlowrchigh.co.uk.
4. If you know someone who cannot attend Mass due to illness, inability to leave their home or they live in a Nursing Home and would like Fr Kris to visit, please contact the office with the necessary details and Fr will include them on his visits.
5. Thank you for the money left so far for Marys Meals. I will leave the basket there until the end of September if you have any foreign currency or money that is no longer legal tender, please leave it for Marys Meals.
6. CAFOD Family Fast day is Friday 2nd October. CAFOD envelopes are at the back of Church and there will be a second collection on 3rd/4th October for CAFOD.
7. World Mission Sunday is on 18th October; the new autumn booklet from Missio is available at the back of Church. Please take one and read it. A second collection will be taken for World Mission on 17th/18th October.

You can now pay your donations to Church by using the card machine at the back of Church or by scanning this QR code on your phone. You then follow the simple instructions.



Parish Usual Weekend/Weekday Masses'

Check the points in the newsletter for any changes to Mass times.

Saturday Vigil Masses: 5:00pm @ St. Richard's 6:30pm @ St. Mary's

Sunday Masses: 9:30am @ St. Richard's 11:00am @ St. Mary's

**Baptism: 12:30pm First and Third Sunday of the month @ St. Mary's
12:00 pm First and Third Saturday of the month @ St. Richard's**

**Weekday Masses: St. Mary's 9:30am – Tuesday & Thursday
St. Richard's 9:15am – Wednesday & Friday**

EXPOSITION/ADORATION: SATURDAYS @ St. Mary's 10:00am Mass: 11:00am Sacrament of reconciliation: @ St. Mary's on Saturdays between 10:15am – 10:40am