

THE PARISH OF ST ALPHEGE, EDMONTON
Sunday 27th September 2026: 26th Sunday in
Ordinary Time: Matt 21:28-32.

When Jesus addresses the Chief Priests and Elders of the day his words are direct and condemning but they are nevertheless words intended to awaken their consciences. He uses the parable of the two sons to illustrate this. Pride is the barrier that prevents us from seeing the truth. The tax collectors and prostitutes however were under no such illusion and saw the reality and truth in Jesus's words.



Entrance Hymn

490: Morning has broken.

Offertory Hymn

259: Holy, holy, holy.

Procession

677: Take my life and let it be.

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THIS WEEK:

Monday 28th: St Wenceslaus, martyr.

Tuesday 29th: Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Feast.

Wednesday 30th: St Jerome, priest, doctor.

Mass in Lady Chapel at 7pm.

Thursday 1st Oct: St Therese of Lisieux, virgin, doctor.

Friday 2nd: The Holy Guardian Angels.

Mass in Lady Chapel at 12 noon.

Saturday 3rd St Francis of Assisi (transferred) Pet
blessing service 10am in church.

NEXT WEEK:

Sunday 4th Oct: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Parish Healing Mass at 10am with Fr Angus.

Sunday 4th Oct: Bible study after Mass please sign up.

Forthcoming Events:

Saturday 10th: Harvest lunch 1.30-3.30pm in hall.

Saturday 25th: International Evening details tbc.

CONFESSION: Please contact Fr Angus to arrange an appointment for this. It is never too late to seek God's forgiveness and restorative peace.

CHURCH WARDENS: Jackie Forrest & Joe Northey; please speak to them if you need any assistance.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS:

Please let one of the sides-people know before mass begins if you would like a special blessing.

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Please see Sue if you would like to sponsor the EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS, CANDLE FOR OUR LADY or the SACRAMENT CANDLE.

MOTHERS UNION COFFEE MORNINGS:

Every Wednesday from 10am -12 noon MU members will be serving up warm drinks, fellowship and some fun too. Please do pop in - everyone is welcome!

CLOSING UP AFTER MASS: Please note that unless there are any meetings or courses running after Mass – the Church wardens will be locking up the Church 30 minutes after the end of Mass. Refreshments will still be served. However, in order not to place a burden on those who lock up, please be mindful of time. Thank you.

PARISH SICK LISTS

Long term: Lloyd; Brian; Ann; Carl; Mary; Pearline; Lorraine; Correll; Deborah; Natalie; Vera; Pearl.

Short term: Gloria; Lauren; Judy; Patsy; Shakira; Leslie; Fr Luke.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: Albert Turner; David Risley.

ANNIVERSARIES OF DEATH: Peter Davidson; Glen Morrison; Stella Pearce; Violet Radley; Connie Darkwah; Frank Rose; Emma Twilley.

WHATSAPP GROUP: Are you a member of our thriving WhatsApp group? If you are interested, contact Stephen Heath and he will add you to this group.

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Carol Saul; Ashley McLoughlin

The NORTH ENFIELD FOODBANK: Donations always welcome.

REFRESHMENTS served after Mass at the back of church.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

*All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.*

COLLECT

O God, who manifest your almighty power
above all by pardoning and showing mercy,
bestow, we pray, your grace abundantly upon us
and make those hastening to attain your promises
heirs to the treasures of heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 18:25-28

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord: 'You say, "The way of the Lord is not just." Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 25(24):4-5b. 6-7. 8-9. R. 6a

R: Remember your compassion, O LORD.

1. O LORD, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths.
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**
2. Remember your compassion, O LORD,
and your merciful love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O LORD. **R.**
3. Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way. **R.**

SECOND READING Philippians 2:1-11

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.

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> Brothers and sisters: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy; complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <

who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, 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.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL John 10:27

R: Alleluia, alleluia.

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
and I know them, and they follow me.

R: Alleluia.

GOSPEL Matthew 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." And he answered, "I will not", but afterward he changed his mind and went. And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, "I go, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterwards change your minds and believe him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Grant us, O merciful God,
that this our offering may find acceptance with you
and that through it the wellspring of all blessing
may be laid open before us.
Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.*

Or

*By this we came to know the love of God:
that Christ laid down his life for us;
so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May this heavenly mystery, O Lord,
restore us in mind and body,
that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ,
to whose suffering we are united
whenever we proclaim his Death.
Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.