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## Message by Parish Priest



Dear Friends,

In the history of salvation too we see the chosen people were called at different stages in their life. Samuel was called, when he was a young boy. David called in his youth. The sons of Zebedee were young when they received the invitation to join Jesus. Joan of Arc was young maiden when she was entrusted with a great mission. But, Abraham crossed his youth when he was called. Peter was an old man when he was chosen by Jesus. Saint Ambrose was called in his 40s.

The thoughts of God are not the thoughts of man. The ways of God are not the ways of man. As the heavens are higher than the earth, the ways of God are higher than the ways of man and the thoughts of God are higher than the thoughts of man. The way of God is beyond the understanding of the world; the ways of men are limited. From today's reading of the Gospel of Matthew, we learned that God does not call everybody at the same time. Some are called early in life as the early labourers were called, having received their baptism as infants. Some were called as teenagers. Some were called during their married life and others, much later in life. And some are like the labourers who were called around five o'clock; their conversion took place at the last hour, like the thief on the cross.

The parable describes the kind of things that frequently happened at certain times in Palestine. The grape harvest ripened towards the end of September, and then closes on its heels the rains came. If the harvest was not ingathered before the rains broke, then it was ruined; and so to get the harvest in was a frantic race against time. Any worker was welcome, even if he could give only one hour to the work.

The first lesson of this parable is: To have been called into God's kingdom is a sheer act of mercy on God's part. In Israel there were many great veteran warriors to fight with Goliath. But, God chose a young boy who was not even able to put on the armour to subdue Goliath. When God chose a simple maiden, Mary, to be the mother of Jesus, there were many young women of respectable genealogy, who were hoping to be called by God. When Jesus called the illiterate fisher man Peter, in Israel there were many learned men who wished to follow Jesus. All these show that God chooses who He wants, and when he wants. And this call is a sheer act of mercy on God's part.

The second lesson of the parable is generosity of God. These men all did not do the same work, but they did receive the same pay.

The gift of God comes to us at the unexpected time, in an unexpected manner. Let us wait with an open heart. And, we will be able to recognize the voice of God. As Demosthenes taught, "Small opportunities are often the beginning of great enterprises." If we wait for great opportunities, we will certainly miss many opportunities that knock at our door. "It's the man who waits for his ship to come in who's always missing the boat," says an Anonymous proverb.

Robert Browning reminds us that "All service ranks the same with God: With God, whose puppets, best and worst, are we; there is no last or first". It is not the amount of service given, but the love in which it is given which matters. Those who carry out the will of God with love and humility will be acceptable before the Lord. So, Jesus says, "The first will be the last and the last will be the first." May we be able recognize our opportunities all the time.

Parish Priest

Fr. Lawrence PR

Asst. Parish Priests

Fr. John Britto

Fr. Shinil Jacob

Fr. Arokia Raj

## Mass Timings

**Saturdays**

6.30 pm (Eng)

Anticipated Mass

**Sundays**

9.00 am - English

10.30 am - Hindi

11.45 am - English

6.30 pm - English

**Live streaming  
of Holy Mass**

Sunday: 9:00 am - English

10:30 am - Hindi

Weekday: 6.30 pm - English

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Celebrant

English 9:00 am

Fr. John Britto

Hindi 10:30 am

Fr. Lawrence PR

English 11:45 am

Fr. Arokia

English 6:30 pm

Fr. Ajeet Patrick

# SUNDAY READINGS & REFLECTION

## 1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

These verses from Second Isaiah compare the thoughts and ways of God with those of human beings, and say that God's ways are higher than those of human beings.

## Response Ps: 144

The Lord is close to all who call him.

## 2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

Paul tells the Philippians that he is not afraid to die and be with Christ but shows also willingness to live so that the Philippians can benefit from his presence with them.

## Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

The parable of the Good employer stresses on the generosity of God which surpasses human standards.

## Prayers of the Faithful:

Lord, show us your mercy.

## पहला पाठ: इसायास का ग्रन्थ 55:6-9

ईश्वर इमारे निकट है और हमसे दूर भी। किंतु हम उसका मार्ग भी नहीं समझ सकते, इसलिए हमें लगता है कि वह हमसे बहुत दूर है।

## अनुवाक्य: भजन स्तोत्र 144

प्रभु उन सब के निकट है, जो उसका नाम लेते हैं।

## दूसरा पाठ: फिलिप्पियों के नाम पत्र 1:20-24,27

सन्त पौलुस इस जीवन के बन्धनों से मुक्त हो कर मसीह के पास जाना चाहते हैं। फिर भी, वह जीवित रहना भी चाहते हैं, ताकि वह मसीह के सुसमाचार का प्रचार कर सकें।

## सुसमाचार: सन्त मन्ती 20:1-16

आज के सुसमाचार के दृष्टांत द्वारा येशु यह शिक्षा देते हैं कि ईश्वर दाखबारी के स्वामी की तरह उदार और स्वतन्त्र भी है। वह जिसे चाहता, उसे कृपादान देता है। वह सबों के साथ दया करता है—जीवन भर उसकी सेवा करने वालों पर भी।

## विश्वासियों के निवेदन

हे पिता, हमारी प्रार्थना सुन।

## REFLECTION

My dear brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus!

The parable in today's gospel teaches us about the COMFORT OF GOD. God does not call everyone at the same time. He calls us in different time to His kingdom. Some He calls as infants, some as teens, some as youth, some as adults and some as old. But whenever He calls He is there to comfort us. Therefore, Jesus said in Mt 11: 28 - "Come to me all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." The owner pays the same amount to all because he knows that other men who came at the late hour for work too have their wife, children and others to take care and so he gives them enough amounts. Similarly God comforts all people no matter who we are and when we were called.

The parable also teaches about the COMPASSION OF GOD. When the owner found that some workers were not hired, he was compassionate and he allows them to work in his vineyard. How difficult it is to be without a job. Many people during the lockdown have lost their jobs and they know the pain of having no job. God is compassionate like the owner of the vineyard.

We also learn about the GENEROSITY OF GOD. All these men did not do the same work. They did not do for same amount of time but they all received the same pay. So God reminds us that all works are good and it does not matter how much work or how much service we do but what matters is with how much love we do.

So whatever we are and whatever we have is a free gift of God. Whatever God gives to us is not a pay but it is a gift; it is not a reward but it is a grace. In this we see the triumph of God's grace. So instead of questioning God's generosity, can we be compassionate, generous and comfort one another?

# CHURCH NOTICES

25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR 20-09-2020

1. On 24th of September at 6.30 pm, we will have the Months Mind Mass for Mrs. Ernestina Couto, the mother of Archbishop Anil Couto. All are welcome to join for the Mass and pray for the departed soul of Mrs. Ernestina.

2. The Feast of the Sacred Heart and the Parish feast of the Sacred Heart cathedral will be celebrated on 27th September 2020. From 24th September we begin the Tridum to prepare for the feast. We will have the devotion to the Sacred Heart after the evening Mass. The Parish Feast Day Mass on 27th will be celebrated by His grace Archbishop Anil J. T. Couto.

3. In view of the celebration various online competitions are organized. They are open for all parishioners. The competitions are: Singing, dance, painting and instrumental music. The theme for the competitions must be related to Sacred Heart of Jesus or Mother Mary. Last date for submission is 24th September. For further details please check the parish website.

4. Holy Eucharist and Other parish activities at Cathedral will be live streamed from Cathedral You tube channel and Face book account. So please subscribe to the channel "Sacred Heart Cathedral New Delhi"

5. Kindly pay your Church Support Fund at the Help Desk. Church Support Fund may also be remitted through online. For details kindly look at the Cathedral Calling.

6. On 22nd September, we celebrate the Birthday of His grace Archbishop Anil Couto. Please remember him in your prayers on his birthday.

7. On 27th September, we celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees. Please remember them in your prayers.

Fr. Lawrence PR  
Parish Priest



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY



*on 22nd Sep. 2020*

May God give you the desire  
of your heart and make all  
your plans succeed.

Psalm 20:4

## READINGS OF THE WEEK

- 21 Mon: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13 / Ps 19/ Mt 9:9-13  
22 Tue: Prov 21:1-6, 10-13/ Ps 119 / Lk 8: 19-21  
23 Wed: Prov 30:5-9 /Ps 119/ Lk 9:1-6  
24 Thu: Eccl 1:2-11 / Ps 90 / Lk 9:7-9  
25 Fri: Eccl 3:1-11 / Ps 144/ Lk 9: 18-22  
26 Sat: Eccl 11:9-12:8 / Ps 90/ Lk 9:43-45



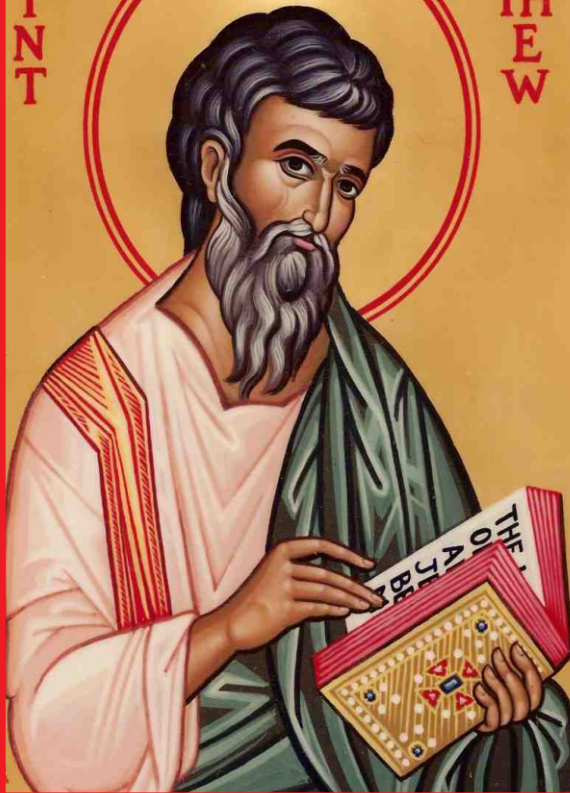
## Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

-Pope Francis-

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## PRAYER TO ST. MATTHEW

O Glorious Saint Matthew, in your Gospel you portray Jesus as the longed for Messiah who fulfilled the Prophets of the Old Covenant and as the new Lawgiver who founded a Church of the New Covenant. Obtain for us the grace to see Jesus living in His Church and to follow His teachings in our lives on earth so that we may live forever with Him in heaven. Amen.

## FEASTS OF THE WEEK

- 21 Mon: St Mathew, Ap      22 Tue: St Thomas of Villanueva  
23 Wed: St Pio of Pietrelcina      24 Thu: Our Lady of Ransom  
25 Fri: St Cleofrid      26 Sat: Sts Cosmas & Damian



**PRAYER OF ST. THOMAS OF VILLANOVA**

**“I will love you, Lord,  
in every way and  
without setting limits  
to my love. You set no  
limits to what you  
have done for me; you  
have not measured out  
your gifts. I will not  
measure out my love. I  
will love you, Lord,  
with all my strength,  
with all my powers, as  
much as I am able.”  
Amen.**

**PRAYER TO STS. COSMAS AND DAMIAN**

*(Physicians and Martyrs)*

**O Physicians of souls, Saints  
Cosmas and Damian, stand  
before the Lord of All and ask  
Him to heal me and all those  
dear to me of any spiritual ills  
we may endure. Drive away  
from us all sin and sadness of  
mind, all darkness and despair.  
Make us then willing and loving  
servants of Christ, following  
your holy example of  
detachment from the things of  
this world and care for the  
needs of our neighbors. On the  
glorious day of the Universal  
Resurrection may we shine with  
you in the full health of our  
nature restored by the mercies  
of Jesus who lives and reigns  
forever and ever. Amen.**



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“प्रभु! हम किसके पास जायें!  
आपके ही शब्दों में अनंत जीवन का सन्देश है।”  
योहान 6:68

हे प्रभु, तू हमारे लिए क्रूस पर मर गया ताकि हमें जीवन प्राप्त हो और परिपूर्ण जीवन प्राप्त हो। हम अपने पापों को स्वीकारते और स्वयं को तेरे चरणों में सौंपते हुए तेरी दया की भीख मांगते हैं। प्रभु हमारी रक्षा कर कि हम कोविड-19 महामारी से नष्ट न हो जाएं। तेरी असीम दया और प्रेम पर ही हमारा भरोसा है।  
आमेन

“Lord, to whom shall we go? you  
have the words of eternal life.”  
John 6:68

**Lord Jesus, you died for us that we may have life and have it in all its fullness. We surrender our lives to you confessing our sins and begging for your mercy. Save us Lord from this terrible COVID-19 pandemic lest we perish. We trust in your infinite kindness and love. Amen.**