

Our Lady of Lourdes, Perth

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26th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME A

Living Our “Yes” to God



In today's Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of a father who asks his two sons to work in his vineyard. The first son refuses but later changes his mind and goes. The second answers politely, “Certainly, sir,” but does not go. Jesus asks a simple question: which of the two did the father's will? The answer is clear: the one who acted.

This parable invites us to examine the sincerity of our own response to God. It is possible to speak the language of faith, attend church and make good promises, while still resisting what God asks of us. Our faith must be expressed in the choices we make, in the duties we fulfil and in the way we treat other people. The first son also gives us hope. His initial refusal was not the end of the story. He thought again, changed his heart and obeyed his father. God always leaves the door open for conversion. Whatever mistakes we have made, we can return to him and begin again. A sincere change of heart matters more than empty words or appearances.

Saint Paul shows us what such a change should produce. He asks Christians to put aside selfish ambition, to consider the needs of others and to have within themselves the mind of Christ. Jesus lived his “yes” to the Father through humility, obedience and loving service.

As we receive Christ in the Eucharist, let us ask him to bring our words and actions together. May our prayer, our service within the parish, our care for those in need and our daily conduct become a sincere and faithful “yes” to God.

If you know someone in hospital who would like a visit from a priest for prayer, spiritual support, Holy Communion (*Viaticum: communion for dying*), Confession, or the Anointing of the Sick, **please contact the Priest on call, at 07842 538056 ASAP.**

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PALLOTTINE FATHERS IN POLAND HAVE WRITTEN TO EXPRESS THEIR HEARTFELT GRATITUDE

The seminary community of the Pallottine Fathers in Poland have written to express their heartfelt gratitude for the donation of £322.09 made by the parishioners of Our Lady of Lourdes, in support of their community. This donation will go towards ensuring the seminarians can deepen their spirit of prayer, continue to study, learn about various forms of apostolate, develop talents and acquire various competencies including knowledge of foreign languages. *Their gratitude also came in the tangible form of the calendars distributed on behalf of Brother Filip and the seminary community.*

SECOND COLLECTION

this weekend the second collection is for the Sick & Retired Priests' Fund.
Thank you for your continued generosity.

GOSPEL PRAYER

Lord Jesus, You call us to do the Father's will not only with our words but with our actions.

Change our hearts where we have said “no,” strengthen us where we hesitate, and guide us to serve You with humility and love.

Make us faithful workers in Your vineyard. Amen.



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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Ezekiel 18:25-28

“When a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed, he shall save his life”.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 25(24) R./6a

“Remember your compassion, O Lord.”

Second Reading

Philippians 2:1-11

“Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus.”

Gospel Acclamation

Cf. Acts 16:14b

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

Gospel

Matthew 21:28-32

“He changed his mind and went. The tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you.”

The Parable of the Two Sons

Z I N C K I N G D O M L T R K
T A K G D W M X V H N K T N W
M Z O Y H W A Y V T I Z N W M
Y W B R F T J Y X N M R S B O
T D G S H E I L M O H Z N O G
N R D Z F O T O D A Y F L L W
H O U W T F L W O R K L O Y Y
G H O T A H T G B E L I E V E
G H Q S H D I Q Q G A R N V C
S P U E H P J N V M V H S E P
G G F Q U Z H S K V O F X S L
J K U M J N N I A J J Y L O S
V I N E Y A R D I E Q Z K N Q
L U F A T H E R F R G A R S W
D I O F E Y N D H E F W U W X

MAN	GOD	JOHN	KINGDOM	BELIEVE
THINK	TODAY	WAY	WORK	VINEYARD
SONS	FATHER	TWO	TRUTH	SHOW



This Sunday, as we mark the Franciscan Jubilee Year, may St Francis inspire us to live simply, build peace and care for God's creation.

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Tuesdays: 9.30am Holy Rosary; 10.00am Holy Mass. Tea and coffee in the hall.

Thursdays: 9.30am Holy Rosary; 10.00am Holy Mass – led by the school pupils. Please come and join us in supporting our school community

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FRIDAY DROP-IN GROUP

Fridays, 1.00–3.00pm, in the church hall. Refreshments provided.

FRIDAY

The Fundraising Group invites you to a Quiz Night on Friday, 30th October at 7.00pm in the church hall. Tickets: £5 per person (teams of four; teams can be formed on the night). Prizes: **£20 for the winning team** and a **lucky-ticket prize**. Refreshments served during the interval. Tickets available at the back of the church or on the night. All proceeds support the new lighting project.

Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCILS

Join Paul Allaker for an introduction to Parish Pastoral Councils at Our Lady of Lourdes' hall, Tuesday 29 September, 6.30pm. *All welcome.*

PREPARING FOR OUR PARISH EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

This Sunday's readings call us to turn back to God, share the humble mind of Christ, and live our “yes” through faithful action. **As we prepare for our Parish Eucharistic Revival**, may receiving Jesus in the Eucharist renew our hearts and send us out in loving service.

BLESSED FULTON J. SHEEN

On 24 September 2026, Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen was beatified in St Louis, Missouri. He is now known as **Blessed Fulton Sheen**. A gifted preacher, teacher and writer. He was also deeply devoted to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and gave many years of service to the Church's missionary work.

PLEASE GIVE SUPPORT

to a local man struggling to make ends meet at the moment, by using his company, LE Landscaping and Tree Care. He offers landscaping, tree maintenance, hedge and grass cutting or just a garden tidy. Ask for Stephen on 07909 028 742.