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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A

26th/27th September 2026

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

26th Sunday
Ordinary Time
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Matthew 21:28-32

*Which of the two did what
his father wanted?*



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"I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I have come to call sinners, not the righteous" (Matthew 9:13). With this verse, Jesus opens the door to those who consider their lives meaningless and hopeless. This verse is a beacon of hope

for all those who are discouraged and disheartened by sin. Today's Gospel also points us to this. In today's Gospel, we find a wonderful and beautiful parable about the Pharisees and sinners. Based on the Father's command and obedience, four possible responses are presented. First, those who listen and obey faithfully; second, those who listen but do not; third, those who do not listen but later obey; and fourth, those who do not listen and do not obey. Jesus reveals the second and third types of responses by understanding the hearts of the high priests and public leaders, their feelings toward sinners, their false righteousness, and their unrepentant hearts.

Let us ponder these second and third reactions. The son says "yes" to the father but acts contrary to his command. We know that God told Adam and Eve, "You may eat of every tree in the garden, but you shall not eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil; for in the day you eat of it you shall surely die" (Genesis 2:16-17). Samuel's sons, Joel and Abijah, were appointed judges, but they "did not follow their father's ways. They were overcome by greed, taking bribes, and perverting justice" (2 Samuel 8:3). The prophet Jonah was asked to go to Nineveh to preach to the people there, but at first he acted contrary to his command. Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5) were required to sell their possessions and lay the entire proceeds at the apostles' feet, as was the custom of the community of believers,

but they kept a portion for themselves. All of them had received orders in their lives from God or from God through people, but due to greed or temptation or some other reason, they do the opposite and great sorrow, trouble or problems come in their lives.

A son who says no to his father later repents and completes the task. In the Bible, we find the people of Nineveh who repented and turned away from their evil ways (Jonah 3:5-10). King David repented of his wrongdoing. Peter shed tears and repented of his rejection (Luke 22:62). The thief crucified with Jesus repents of his sins and secures his way to heaven (Luke 23:40-43). All of them repented of their sins and changed their lives, and as a result of this action, they found joy, peace, and salvation in their lives.

Repentance is a blessing for all of us because we are all sinners. "There is no one left righteous—not even one; there is no one who understands; there is no one who keeps on seeking God! All have turned away, all have become corrupt alike. No one does good—not even one" (Romans 3:10-12). Repentance is the first teaching of Jesus in His mission. "The time is fulfilled. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). This shows why repentance is so important in our lives. A repentant heart can turn a sinner into a saint and lead to new life, but an unrepentant heart can turn a saint into a sinner and lead to death. "If a good man abandons his righteousness and commits lawlessness and dies, he dies in his sin." And if a sinner turns away from his sinful life and walks in the path of righteousness and justice, he will preserve his life" (Ezekiel 18:26-27).

Today's Gospel encourages us to always do God's will because "not all who call on me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven. He who does the will of my Father in heaven will enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 7:21). And if we stray, "This is what the Lord says: 'Repent from your heart, not by tearing your clothes, and return to the Lord your God'" (Joel 2:13) because "there is greater joy in heaven over one sinner who repents" (Luke 15:9).

Blessings, Fr Akesh.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Friday 25 th September	Cooyar	6pm	Vigil
Saturday 26 th September	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy
	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil
Sunday 27 th September	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

First Reading	Ezekiel 18:25-28
Responsorial Psalm	Remember your mercies, O Lord.
Second Reading	Philippians 2:1-11
Gospel Acclamation	Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!
Gospel	Matthew 21:28-32

WEEKDAY MASS OF 26TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Thursday 1 st October	Blackbutt	9am	Mass
	Kumbia	5:30pm	Mass
	ANNOINTING MASS		
Friday 2 nd October	Kingaroy	9am	Mass
	Nanango	12pm	Mass

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday 3 rd October	Blackbutt	5pm	Vigil
Sunday 4 th October	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy
	Nanango	8am	Mass
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Death Anniversaries: Serafina Campos, Craig Elmer, Mary Greenslade, Yvonne Andrews, Keith (Joe) Smith, Joy Lonsdale, Clare Mennis, Terry Cronin, Gerard Hayes.

Prayers for the sick:

OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Damian Wyvill, Bruce McCarthy, Shirley Warner, Wendy Smith, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Kylie Lane, Chris Stevens, Luke Colahan, John Kajewski.

St Mary's Parish - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Rikie Brinkman, Bernice Mahoney, Julianne Cross, Megan Manthey, Brian Smith, Lisa Kennedy, Mary O'Neil.

Living Faith Books

The Living Faith Books for October to December are now available. PRICE - \$6.50 (GST included)

Kingaroy Nanango Catholic Parishes Collection

"Thanks to your generosity, we collected a total of \$1484.20 over the last weekend — every dollar helps us make a difference!"

(This amount does not include any Direct Credit.)

BIBLE SOCIETY MORNING TEA

St John's Lutheran Ladies will host the annual Kingaroy Bible Society Morning Tea Fundraiser. This year it will be held on Thursday 8th October in St John's Lutheran Church Hall, cnr. Youngman & Markwell streets, KINGAROY, beginning at 9.30am. Entry is a gold coin donation. There will be Morning Tea, Entertainment, a guest speaker and a bring-and-buy stall (cash only). All proceeds from the morning are donated to the Bible Society.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Parent Information Night - 7/10/2026

6pm at St Mary's Church, Kingaroy

Enrolment Sunday - 11/10/2026

During 10am Mass at St Mary's Church Kingaroy

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

8th November, 2026

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion is available to all children who have been Baptised and who received the Sacrament of Confirmation last year or before 2025.

**DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT BOOKLET**

If you would like us to order this booklet for you, please add your name to the list at the entrance to the church by the 11th October 2026.

PRICE - \$5.50

OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday the 28th September 2026. Please contact the office on 07 41625121 to leave a message.

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LOCAL SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

After 5 years of volunteering as Local Safeguarding Representative for our Parish Communities, Kay Dove is retiring from the position. Thankyou Kay, for your dedication and great work while you fulfilled this position. We are looking for ***Expressions of Interest for a replacement Local Safeguarding Representative.*** If you are able to volunteer or have any questions about the role, please contact the Parish Office.

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