



27 SEPTEMBER 2026
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES
Theme: Even Just One of These Children



Introduction

Today, on the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we reflect on the theme “Even Just One of These Children.” In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that doing the Father's will is more important than merely saying “yes.” May this Eucharist inspire us to respond with concrete acts of compassion, welcoming migrant and refugee children with love, dignity, and hope.

First Reading : Ezekiel 18:25-28
Responsorial Psalm : Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Second Reading : Phil 2:1-11
Gospel : Mt 21:28-32

Prayers of the Faithful

Celebrant: As we celebrate the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, let us ask for hearts that are open to the cry of those who are forced to leave their homes, so that we may welcome them with compassion and hope.

Response: *Lord, graciously hear our prayer.*

- **For the Church** – That our Holy Father Pope Leo, Bishops, Priests, Religious, and all the faithful may be strengthened to live the Gospel by welcoming migrants and refugees with open hearts, especially children, promoting their dignity, and accompanying them with hope. *We pray to the Lord.*
- **For world leaders and policymakers** – That they may work tirelessly for peace, justice, and the protection of the rights and dignity of migrants and refugees, creating pathways that foster safety, unity, and human flourishing. *We pray to the Lord.*
- **For migrants and refugees throughout the world** – That they may find comfort in their journey, protection for their families, and communities that receive them with kindness, respect, and love. *We pray to the Lord.*
- **For all of us gathered at this Eucharistic celebration** – That we may recognise Christ in every migrant, refugee, poor and marginalised and, respond generously to their needs, and build communities where every person feels welcomed and valued. *We pray to the Lord.*
- **For our personal needs and the needs of our parish community** (pause). *We pray to the Lord.*

Celebrant: Loving Father, You remind us through Your Son to store up treasures in heaven. Hear our prayers and help us to recognise Christ in every migrant and refugee, welcoming them with compassion and hope. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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