

The Living Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

13 September 2020

First Reading Sir 27:30–28:7

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the
vengeance of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the
Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes
resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by
the commandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not
bear your neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High,
and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

*(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion. (R.)

3. His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults (R.)
4. For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. (R.)

Second Reading Rom 14:7-9

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

The life and death of each of us has its
influence on others; if we live, we live for the
Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so
that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This
explains why Christ both died and came to life,
it was so that he might be Lord both of the
dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation Jn 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel Mt 18:21-35

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord,
how often must I forgive my brother if he
wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus
answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-
seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be
compared to a king who decided to settle
his accounts with his servants. When the
reckoning began, they brought him a man
who owed ten thousand talents; but he had
no means of paying, so his master gave orders



that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

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Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentment, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

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We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adults.

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**** ALL PUBLIC MASSES SUSPENDED FOR THE TIME BEING ****

THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please contact Parish office

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS

Please contact Parish office

Please send in bulletin notices by Thursday



Anniversaries 13- September to 19- September:

Ellen Bligh, Margaret Storai, Sadie Johnston, Mary Egan, Dawn Benham and Jane McClelland.

Please pray for those who are Sick:

Arnie Bench, Peg Benham, Ron & Helen Carter, Patricia Clarke, Jack Davin, Ian Downing, Margaret Dyer, Isobel Fitzgerald, Nell Fraigneux, Kay Freyne, Ross Gilham, Kate Greenwood, Martin & Mary Grundy, Willow Hanan, Jeannette & Laurance Hodgkinson, Kerin Hoyer, Stuart Jarrett, Gary Kingsbury, Jack Loughnan, Belinda Monterosso, Robyn Nagle, Christine Nolt, Helen Pearce, Mavourneen Ray, Daniel & Geraldine Richards, Pat Robinson, Bill & Betty Rushton, Mac & Mary Sullivan, Cooper Thorley, Hugh Tighe, Eraldo (Aldo) Trentini, Deanne Warren, Peter & Maris Williams.

COVID-19 (Coronavirus) Update

Please remember that face coverings or masks must be worn when out in public. This applies throughout the whole of Victoria.

For updated medical advice and news, please visit:

<https://www.health.gov.au/news/health-alerts/novel-coronavirus-2019-ncov-health-alert>

For Diocese and Parish advice, please visit:

<https://www.cam.org.au/Guidance-for-Parishes-COVID-19>

**** NEWS & EVENTS ****

Due to the current COVID-19 Health Crisis and extended restrictions throughout Victoria, our public Masses and Liturgies are suspended.

If you require Pastoral care & support, or if you are aware of others who may need assistance, please phone our Parish office. Mobile number for emergencies is on the recorded message.

PARISH STREAMING SUNDAY MASS ONLINE (via YouTube):

- Website link: www.holytrinityqueenscliff.org.au/mass-times/live-streamed-masses-videos/
- This is a FREE service.

RADIO BROADCASTS of SUNDAY MASS:

- Sunday 7:00am on Light FM 89.9
- Sunday 10:00am on The Pulse 94.7 FM

TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:

- Channel 10 / 10HD: *Mass for You at Home*, every Sunday at 6:00am.
- C31 (Channel 44 on digital TVs): *St Patrick's Cathedral Mass*, every Sunday at 11:00am.
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- <http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>
- <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass>
- www.youtube.com/archmelb
- www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass

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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Our new parish website is fresh and updated every week. Thanks to contributions and suggestions some of you have made, our website gives access to the latest news, plus many helpful resources for prayer and reflection. **If you receive this bulletin by postal mail**, please feel free to phone our parish office for more information about staying connected and united in prayer during this challenging time. – Fr Darien



Child Protection Sunday 2020 – 13 September: This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding.

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LITURGY IN OUR PARISH THIS WEEK

Monday 14th September – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Feast)

Tuesday 15th September – Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)

Wednesday 16th September – Sts Cornelius and Cyprian (Memorial)

Thursday 17th September – St Robert Bellarmine (Memorial)

Friday 18th September – Weekday, Ordinary Time 24

Saturday 19th September – St Januarius (Memorial)

Sunday 20th September – 25TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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Thought for the Week:



Laughter is the sun
that drives winter from
the **human face.**

— Victor Hugo

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