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(Safeguarding purposes only)

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

12th/13th September, 2020

NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK – SEPTEMBER 6 - 13

While Covid-19 is sadly turning life upside down for most of society, plans will still go ahead for National Child Protection Week. Events may need to be online, but the message that we all have a part to play will be more important than ever.

This year National Child Protection Week will celebrate its 30th year with the theme: Putting children first...

'Putting children first' was front of mind when the National Child Protection Week campaign was launched in 1990, with the aim of bringing abuse and neglect out of the shadows and putting child wellbeing on the national agenda.

Since then, the need to put children first has been recognised time and time again as an important pillar for boosting the wellbeing of all children in Australia.

Last year's National Child Protection Week campaign was based on research that shows the importance of putting children first when talking about parenting, and continued the message that conversations are a key part of engaging the whole community in caring for children.

Under this year's theme of 'Putting children first' we invite all Australians to look at how they can prioritise children in their lives and communities and to engage in National Child Protection Week – as individuals, and as part of families, organisations, communities and society.

Putting children first means prioritising the safety and wellbeing of children. To grow up well children need to feel safe and loved, have a chance to play and explore, have a say in decisions that affect them, and access to essential things like food, shelter and healthcare.

For children to thrive we need to come together as a community and put children's need first during National Child Protection Week and every week. Let's support, pray and value our children as they colour our lives.



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. 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

Readings: Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35

READINGS FOR 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIMES

First Reading

Ecclesiasticus 27:30 – 28:7

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. You who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt they do you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If you nurse anger against another, can you then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for your neighbour like yourself, can you then plead for your own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, who cherishes resentment; who will forgive you your 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

Resp: The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

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.

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.

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins or repay us according to our faults

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.

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

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

Alleluia, Alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my neighbour if they wrong 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 neighbour from your heart.'

Parish Diary

Thursday, September 17th

Mass St Agnes' 9:00am

Friday, September 18th

Mass 9:00am St Joachim's

Saturday, September 19th

Reconciliation 5:30pm
St Joachim's

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, September 19th

Mass 6:00pm St Joachim's

Sunday, Sunday September 20th

Mass 7:30am St Joachim's
Mass 9:00am St Agnes'
Mass 6:00pm St Agnes'

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BOOK IN

Celebrating Season of Creation

Pope Francis along with Brisbane Archdiocese's Catholic Justice and Peace Commission is encouraging Catholics to mark the Season of Creation – from September 1 to October 4 – with prayer and action.

Webinar 2: Laudato Si' and the Maroonprint – QLD Community Alliance on Wednesday 17 September – 7pm. Find out more and register at: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_GBgoZxTMTDK1wHDrTiRjbQ

Other online events will take place throughout the month of September and focus on Laudato Si', the Eucharist and integral ecology, plus, present some concrete ways Catholics can live out the directives presented by Pope Francis.

Upcoming dates will be advertised in the weekly newsletter.



Continuing on our faith journey during this time of isolation; when our faith will sustain us through challenging times. If our doors are closed, let our hearts be open



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Mary MacKillop Catholic School Access Fund

Continuing the legacy of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, the MacKillop Fund provides Catholic education bursaries to local children whose families are in financial and often spiritual distress.

Supporting those in need through Centacare

With your donation to the Annual Catholic Campaign you help continue the vital work Centacare does in our local communities. With your support, they provide ministries such as:

- Homelessness and housing support
- Hospital chaplaincy
- Domestic and family violence support
- Catholic Psychiatric Pastoral Care
- Murri ministry

Ensuring the future of our faith

Your support of Holy Spirit Seminary provides a home for the formation and education of future priests for our faith.

WE REMEMBER

We remember Keith Walsh and Hegal Joseph. May they rest in the peace of Christ.

WE REJOICE

With the Howarth family and the Kannambilly and Chandanathil families as they celebrate the baptism of Tara and Jake in the parish this weekend.

COUNTERS

Alison's team

SUPPORT OF OUR PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM

We would like to thank you for your continued support of the Parish during these difficult times. Planned Giving can be arranged through Direct Debit, Credit Card, Parish Giving App, Direct Deposit to the parish account and by Envelopes. If you would like to contribute by internet banking our details are: BSB: 064 – 786; A/c No: 3314 91100; A/c Name: Holland Park Mt Gravatt Parish. The Parish Giving app has been set up specifically for parishioners to be electronically connected to their parish for regular and one off giving. Download the app at: <https://parishgiving.brisbanecatholic.org.au/auth/login>

HOLY LAND COLLECTION TODAY

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land today and also keep them in your prayers.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Saturday 26th September at the 11.30am Mass. Attendance is limited, if however, any couple in good health is wishing to attend, please contact the Cathedral office on 3324 3030 or register on-line via the Cathedral website: <https://www.cathedralofststephen.org.au/mass-reconciliation-times.html> The Mass will be live-streamed via the Cathedral website.

Masses and Sacrament of Reconciliation

The following process for booking of mass attendance will continue for all masses until otherwise notified. If you turn up for mass and the allowed number has been reached you will not be permitted to enter the church.

WEEKEND MASSES - Bookings close at 4:00pm on Fridays

All you need to do is click on your preferred venue:

St Joachim's Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVCV>

St Agnes' Masses - <https://www.trybooking.com/BJVFE>

1. Select **Book Now**
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6. Complete Booking details, this must be completed to finalise booking, press **Purchase**
7. If your booking is successful you will receive an email within a few minutes.



ABUNDANCE
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I hope everyone is doing well. If you haven't seen yet, it's my encouragement for youth to attend Ignite High for the remainder of term, awaiting the launch of our Youth Group in Term 4. Ignite High is held each Friday night at the Jindalee Jungle (32/160 Sinnamon Rd, Jindalee QLD 4074) from 7-9:30pm. Please email me (youth.hpmg@bne.catholic.edu.au) to confirm that you'll be coming along and get updates.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Abundance Youth Website. It's still being worked on, but I wanted to share a featured blog on their focusing how crazy life is at the moment. Read the blog here:

www.abundanceyouth.com/mayhem

Have a great week! God Bless.

Nick Kelly



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