BULLETIN

St Pius X Church

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

17th September 2023



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Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

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Scripture Commentary by Dianne Bergant CSA



passage from Sirach sentiments of the 'Golden Rule', as well as the 'Lord's Prayer', specifically, 'forgive us as we forgive others'. The basis of this teaching is our own need to be forgiven. We have all offended others, and so we are all in need of forgiveness. If we are not willing to forgive others, how can we hope to be forgiven? Sirach appeals to human frailty and mortality. The certainty of death should prompt us to set aside any anger that we might experience. Life is too short to bear attitudes that can undermine our spirits. More importantly, we should be willing to extend to others the same gracious compassion that God has extended to us.

The responsorial psalm begins with a summons to bless the Lord because of God's willingness to pardon, to heal, and to redeem or save. These are all acts that flow from God's lovingkindness and compassion (vv.3-4). It is out of this mercy that God acts, not requiring the harsh punishment that sin would warrant. Two images denoting immeasurable distance describe the breadth of God's devotion:

the expanse between the heavens and the earth; and the area between east and west. Using these images the psalmist claims the same limitlessness for God's lovingkindness. God puts our transgression so far from us that the distance cannot even be imagined.

In this short reading, Paul maintains that Christ, by virtue of his death and resurrection, exercises power over life and death. Because of this, nothing - neither life not death - can separate those who are joined to Christ from the love of Christ (see Rom 8:38). Here Paul is speaking about the total lordship of the risen Christ. He insists that in every aspect of life and even in death, Christians are under the lordship of Christ. Whether they live or they die, they belong to Christ and are accountable to Christ. Their lives and their deaths must demonstrate this. This understanding is the bedrock of Paul's ethics. For Christians there is no radical individualism self-fulfilment independent of Christ.

In today's gospel Peter seems to have thought that he was being extraordinarily generous if he forgave seven times, a number that carried overtones of completeness. However, Jesus indicates that not even this was enough for members of his community. Jesus' parable illustrates the extent to which his followers must be willing to forgive, and the consequences that will befall them if they are not. With one simple statement Jesus draws a connection between the generosity of the king and that of God. If God is willing to forgive the exorbitant debt we owe God, surely we can forgive the paltry debts owed us. However, if we are unwilling to show mercy, the mercy already shown us will be taken back and a severe retribution will be exacted.

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Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday 9am to 12 noon

SCHEDULES

Confession

Saturday 5.00 to 5.30pm
Or anytime by appointment

Normal Weekend Masses

Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am Mass & 11.00am Chinese Mass

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	Sun 7.30am	B Molony	B Molony
	Sun 9.00am	Nancy Eliezer	Nancy Eliezer
Readers	Sat 6.00pm	Carlos Sivalingam	Volunteer
	Sun 7.30am	David Jenaway	Pauline Joseph
	Sun 9.00am	Sandra McLlheney	Corrie Barnes
Counters		Sharon & Ryan Moore	Elizabeth Noronha, Terry Scanlan

Parish Calendar			
Sept Mon 18	8.00am	Communion Service - Church	
Tue 19	8.00am	Mass (Week 24 in Ordinary Time 1) Church	
Wed 20	8.00am	Mass (Week 24 in Ordinary Time 1) Church	
Thu 21	8.00am	Mass (St Matthew) Church	
Fri 22	8.00am	Mass (Week 24 in Ordinary Time 1) Church	
Sat 23	8.00am	Mass (Week 24 in Ordinary Time 1) Church	
	6.00pm	Vigil Mass (25th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church	
Sun 24	7.30 am	Sunday Mass (25th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church	
	9.00am	Sunday Mass (25th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church	
	11.00am	Sunday Chinese Mass (25th Sunday in Ordinary time Year A) Church	



Mondays and Wednesdays
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Tai Chi Group

Mondays in Parish Hall except holidays Starts 7:30pm and finishes at 8:30pm All parishioners are most welcome For more information, please contact or text Maurice on 0408 782 224 or Stephen on 0403 167 838

First Reconciliation

10.30am-12.30pm Saturday 28 October 2023

Parent/Child Workshop 5.30pm 12 October 2023

REVIVE SRM events

Spiritual Renewal Ministries, supported by Catholic Charismatic Renewal, is conducting two Healing/Deliverance and Teaching events in Perth, with international guest, Stanley Joseph.

Fri, Sept 29, from 7:30pm - 10:00pm Orana Catholic School hall 37 Querrin Ave, Willetton

Sat, Sept 30, from 9:30am - 4:00pm Queen of Apostles Hall 55 Tudor Ave, Riverton.

Both events are free entry; Saturday includes a *free* light lunch.

For further info see flyer on noticeboard or contact Varghese 0425 807 434."

Columban Calendars 2024

If you wish to place an order for a copy of the Columban Calendar 2024 at a cost of \$10 each, please put your name and number of calendars required, on the form provided in the foyer.

They will be available for payment and collection from the weekend of 23 September 2023 onwards.

This year we have ordered more calendars as we did not have sufficient last year and we encourage all parishioners to purchase a calendar to have in their homes.

Divine Mercy Sunday



Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Divine Mercy prayers, Rosary and Benediction every 3rd Sunday of the month at 3 pm.

Please join us this Sunday at 3.00pm.

Catholic Faith Renewal

Weekend Retreat

Fr Gino Henriques. "Set Our Hearts on Fire"

Friday, 27 October, 5.00pm to Sunday 29 October, 1.00pm. Venue: Advent Park 345 Kalamunda Rd Maida Vale. Perth WA 6057

Registration: 5.00pm on Friday 27 October 2023 Cost per person live-in \$130.00 Includes shared accommodation and all sessions & meals. Non live-in \$70.00

Booking & Payment must be made by 15 October 2023

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Contact Charles 0413 755 799

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Seniors Gathering

Thursday 28 September 2023 12.00pm to 2.00pm Lunch & Bingo

Please print your Name, Contact clearly and number attending on the list provided in the foyer for catering purposes

There will not be any lunch in October but we are planning a trip and lunch out somewhere. If we can get a driver for the bus we will put out a list

Next luncheon will be Melbourne Cup & Christmas

First Reading

Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

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 yur 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.
- 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.)
- 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.)
- 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

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

John 13:34

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 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.'

Reflection for Young People By Lisa Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus is pretty clear about forgiving people. Seventy times seven is a lot of times – four hundred and ninety times, to be exact!

Can you imagine forgiving someone that many times, if they hurt you that many times? Why or why not?

Can you imagine Jesus forgiving someone that many times? Why or why not?

Forgiveness of a crime doesn't mean that it was okay for that crime to have been committed. It means that the forgiver is no longer going to spend energy on hatred and anger related to the crime and to the person being forgiven. It actually frees up the forgiver as much as it does the forgiven, for anger and hatred are a very heavy burden that drains a person and affects the person's whole life.

Because you forgive someone, does it necessarily mean that you trust that person again? If you have to forgive someone seven times for a crime, is it healthy or smart to continue to trust that person?

Would Jesus want you to continue a close relationship with that person, or would he just ask you to give up on the anger and hatred and get on with your life?

Next Sunday Readings

Weekend 23/24 September 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9 Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24, 27 Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Draw a picture of Jesus talking to Peter about forgiveness.

