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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YR A

**12TH & 13TH SEPTEMBER,
2020**

WEARING OF MASKS FOR MASS

On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services.

We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern.

We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

WEEKEND MASSES

You are now invited to attend Mass every week at the time you were allocated by Fr Chris.

THERE IS A CAP OF 100 PEOPLE AT ALL RELIGIOUS SERVICES HELD AT PLACES OF WORSHIP.

Online Masses are still available so if you are feeling unwell
you are advised not to attend Mass.

WEEKDAY MASSES

TUESDAYS & WEDNESDAYS AT 6PM (NO ADORATION)

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS AT 9.10AM

You are welcome to attend any of these Masses without a phone call or email invitation.

Fr Chris will record attendance at these Masses as per government guidelines.

**DUE TO COVID-19, THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF PARISHIONERS
PER MASS IN OUR PARISH CHURCH IS**

100

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As per government regulations, please observe the
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(Principal - Mr Michael Pate)

The Living Word

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

13th September, 2020

First Reading

Sir 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

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.

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.)*

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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

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 mas-

ter'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.'

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



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REFLECTION *by Fr Michael Tate*

Forgiveness

I don't like the phrase: 'Forgive and forget'. Remembering can be an important part of healing. Forgiving is about giving up the desire 'to get even', making sure that the 'punishment fits the crime'. It is that sort of forgiveness which we dare to ask of God for ourselves. But here's the catch: it is that sort of forgiveness which we must practise towards others.

When we don't, we are like the principal debtor in Jesus' story. In harshly dealing with a minor debtor, he refused to share his king's quality of forgiveness. If we don't pass on this aspect of God's life to others, then we are warned that we will end up in a hellish situation unable to share in the fullness of Divine life.

It is easy to talk 'Big Picture' forgiveness. It is much harder within the family or circle of acquaintances. It seems impossible to simply will it. But we have to ask for the grace to do it.

We could pause for a moment to pray:

'Our Father who art in Heaven . . . forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.'

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.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September



Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



REFLECTION FOR ADULTS AND ADOLESCENTS

Questions for Adolescents

- * Which character in the parable is most like God / least like God?
- * In the parable of the unforgiving servant, which character do you identify with? Why?
- * When have you been forgiven for something you did wrong? What did it feel like to be forgiven?
- * Have you ever truly forgiven someone and tried to forget about what happened? Is it difficult?
- * What gets in the way of forgiving someone when they have hurt you?

Questions for Adults

- * In the parable of the unforgiving servant, which character do you identify with? Why?
- * What aspect of the gospel passage do you find most challenging / interesting?
- * Have you ever truly forgiven someone and tried to forget about what happened? Is it difficult?
- * How might it be possible to forgive someone who has committed a crime against you?
- * In the light of the gospel passage, what is the role of 'punishment'?

This is an opportunity for parents to discuss today's Gospel with your children. The following questions and worksheet are a beginning point to assist with the discussion.

- * How much did the first official owe the king?
- * What was the king's reaction when the official wouldn't pay?
- * How did the king show mercy?
- * How much did the other person owe the official?
- * What did the official say when the other person couldn't pay the debt?
- * What did the king do when he heard what the official did?
- * Why was the official unfair?
- * What does Jesus mean when he tells us to forgive not seven but seventy-seven times?



We forgive others as God forgives us

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus told the following story to show how we need to forgive others. Use the words below to fill in the blanks.

One day a _____ gathered his officials to find out how much _____ they owed him. One official owed the king fifty million _____ coins, but could not pay back what he owed. The king ordered that he, his family and _____ be sold to pay back the debt. The official _____ for mercy. The king felt sorry for him and set him _____. As the official left, he met a man who owed him one hundred silver _____. He grabbed the man and said, "Pay me back what you owe me!" The man begged for _____ but the official had him thrown in prison. When the other officials found out they told the king. The king was so _____ he called the official back and ordered him to be _____ until he paid back everything he owed.



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Show Forgiveness

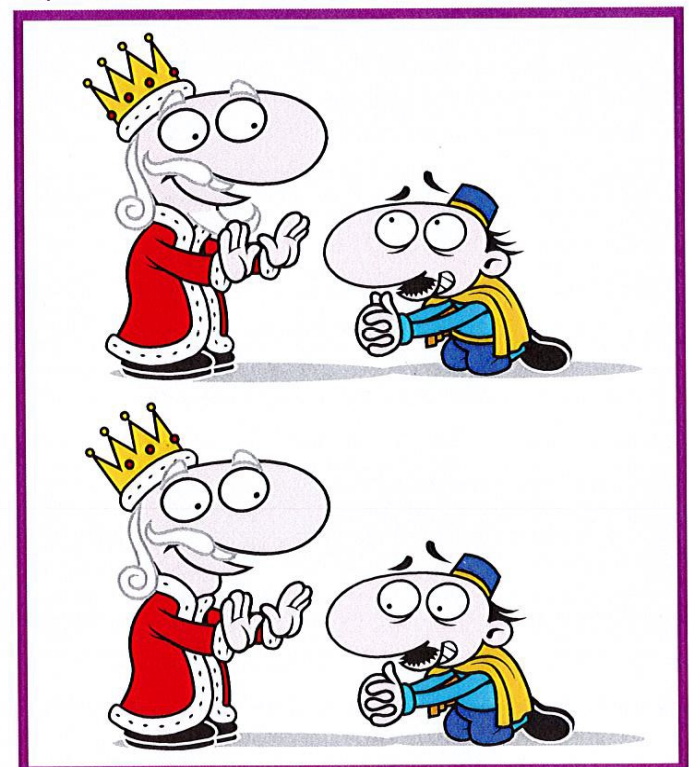
How does God forgive us when we do wrong things?



How can we show forgiveness to others?



Spot the 7 differences between these pictures



Congratulations Sacrament Children...



Over the past two weeks 76 children of our parish received the Eucharist for the first time. Thank to our parishioners who were group facilitators: **Moreno Faccin, Sharon Hader, Josie Monteleone & Joanne Hocking.**

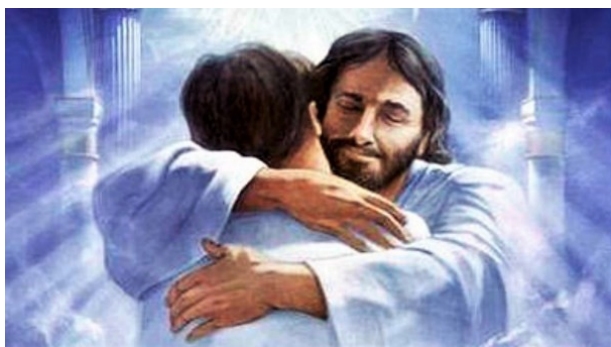
Our parish Sacramental programme works closely with the teachers and staff of Corpus Christi Primary school, and we thank **Mrs Sarah O'Rourke, the Principal, Mrs Sharon Shahoud, Religious Education Coordinator and the class room teachers.**

We would also like to thank **Paul Hocking, our photographer, the musicians, acolytes and altar servers.**

We congratulate all our children and their parents and we warmly encourage them to be active in their faith by receiving Jesus often in this most wonderful Sacrament.

Parish Office Hours

Parish Office operating hours have not yet returned to normal. If you need to visit the office please call first to ensure that someone is there. Please leave a message if we don't answer and we'll get back to you. You are also welcome to email. In the case of an emergency please contact Fr Chris on his mobile, 0415 505 594.



Thank You dear parishioners for your ongoing financial support to the parish. Your generosity is helping with the ongoing running expenses of our parish.

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IF YOU CONTRIBUTE TO THE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM VIA THE ENVELOPE SYSTEM, NEW ENVELOPES FOR OCTOBER – APRIL 2020 ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR COLLECTION FROM THE FOYER.

Planned Giving...

Could you please contact the Parish Office if you are:

- ♦ contributing to the Planned Giving Programme via the envelope system and would like to change to credit card or direct debit;
- ♦ or if you would like to join the Planned Giving Programme.

Your gift to Planned Giving does help cover the running of your parish and also contributes towards outreach in our parish community and beyond.

Let us Offer Gifts of Prayer:

Anniversaries:

Carmen Attard (26/09/14), Kevin Hennessey, Margaret & James Vella, Anthony Azzopardi (08/08/15),

Recently Deceased:

Renato Rosales Snr, Paul Xiberras

And for those who are sick:

Joan Schneider

If any parishioner would like Fr Chris to offer Mass for someone who is recently deceased, a loved one's anniversary or if someone is sick, please email the Parish Office. We can also include the person in The Net so everyone can pray for them.

PARISHES OF THE DIOCESE WHO ARE STREAMING MASS

PARISH	LOCATION	LINK TO LIVESTREAM
PADRE PIO PARISH	Glenmore Park Parish	Streaming through Facebook – https://www.facebook.com/gsk2223
ST JOSEPHS CHURCH	Kingswood Parish	Recording/streaming through YouTube - https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCIjip15JI6H8TrHkEB6ISdw/featured
ST ANDREW THE APOSTLE	Marayong Parish	Streaming through Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/standrewsmarayong/
ST NICHOLAS OF MYRA	Penrith Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - https://www.facebook.com/SNOMPenrith/
THE GOOD SHEPHERD	Plumpton Parish	Streaming through Facebook Live - https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/ https://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton/videos/163690304720839/
OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	St Marys Parish	Streamed to Facebook https://www.facebook.com/OLRparishstmarys/

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus,

I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment, receive you sacramentally, please come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you now as if you were already there and I unite myself wholly to you.

Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen



Parramatta Diocesan News

Blessing of the Bells of St Patrick's Cathedral

The 167-year dream of a peal of bells in St Patrick's Cathedral has been realised. On 8 September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv blessed the bells in a pontifical ritual from the 16th Century. You are invited to re-watch the momentous occasion via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal

Catholic Outlook Magazine September Edition

Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early September. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as 'Netflix for Catholics', *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, 'on-demand' inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

What Will Be Your Legacy of Faith, Hope and Charity?

During *Include A Charity Week* (7 – 13 September), we invite you – after providing for your loved ones – to consider leaving a Gift in your Will to our Parish, or a ministry in our Diocese. Legacy gifts advance Christian works of faith, hope and charity for future generations. For information on remembering the Church in your Will, visit www.yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/giftsinwills

Diocese of Parramatta celebrates the Season of Creation

The Diocese of Parramatta is celebrating the Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October) by creating a video to be released on 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We invite all parishioners to be involved. Send your photograph, video, art or poetry of your favourite nature spot in the Diocese to comms@parracatholic.org by 25 September. Details can be found at <https://www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice/>

Catholic Youth Parramatta

Engaging Young People in New Ways

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

Pastoral Planning Celebrating and Sharing Our Gifts: 9th – 23rd September

The Pastoral Planning Office are offering an opportunity for prayerful discernment about the spiritual gifts God has given us to bring to life God's mission. Join us for 3 Wednesday evenings of prayer, input and discussions beginning on 9 September from 7.30pm to 9pm. You can register at www.tinyurl.com/celebrate-and-discern.

Pastoral Planning Plenary Council

Engagement Sessions: 12 – 24 September

You are invited to join with others online to be informed about the next steps for the Plenary Council 2020. You will experience how to use a simple guide to animate your local community to engage with the Thematic Writing Papers, and to develop Good News Stories in the spirit of Plenary. Please register for one of the following sessions:

Saturday 12 September at 2.30pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary12september1430>

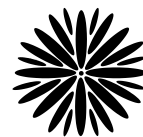
Monday 14 September at 7pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary14september>

Saturday 19 September at 2.30pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary19september>

Monday 21 September at 7pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary21september>

Thursday 24 September at 7pm: <https://tinyurl.com/plenary24september>

Office For Worship RCIA Workshops



The Office For Worship will be running RCIA workshops for RCIA coordinators & teams and anyone who might be interested in understanding the RCIA process. The workshops will run with limited numbers due to social distancing measures on four Monday evenings between 14th September and 19th October at the Institute For Mission, Blacktown. To RSVP by 7 September, or if you would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on 02 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org.

Social Justice COVID-19

Food and Toiletries Drive

Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. For more information, contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or, House of Welcome office@houseofwelcome.com.au or JRS amelia.savage@jrs.org.au

Position Vacant:

Sacramental Coordinator – Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes – Applications close Wednesday 16 September. More details at: parracatholic.org/employment


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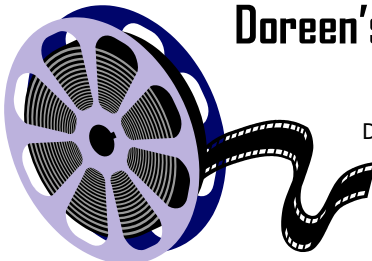
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Solutions

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Jesus told the following story to show how we need to forgive others. Use the words below to fill in the blanks.

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