

PIUS VOICE

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Mass Times

Tuesday , Wednesday &

Friday 9.15 am

Thursday 9.30 am

Saturday 6.30 pm

Sunday 9.30 am & 5.30 pm

Daily Morning Prayer

Tues, Wed, Fri 8.40 am

Thurs 8.55 am

Rosary: Tues, Wed,

Fri 8.55 am & Thurs 9.10 am

Reconciliation

Saturday 11.30—12.00 noon

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Dear Brothers and sisters in Christ,

Our readings for this Twenty-Fourth Sunday concern forgiving our offenders and getting reconciled with them. All three readings today remind us of the path to forgiveness, mercy and reconciliation and challenge us to walk this, the only Way to Life.

Forgiveness is a Christian virtue and is the hallmark of our Christian faith and practice. Forgiving the other in the full sense is a form of loving and caring. It is the miracle of a new beginning. It is to start where we are, not where we wish we were, or the other person was. It is to hold out a hand; to want to renew a friendship; to want a new relationship with husband, father, daughter, friend, or indeed the enemy. It may not take away the hurt and it does not deny the past injury. It does not ignore the possibility and the need for repentance and a change in the relationship. It means being willing to take the initiative in dealing with any barriers that I may be raising towards a restored relationship. It implies that I am willing to have a relationship with the other person that is based on Christian love and not on what has happened in the past, if the response of the other person makes that possible. Christ from the cross showed what forgiveness is and how far we can go.

The first reading from the Book of Sirach tells us that if we forgive our neighbour, we ourselves will be forgiven. In the gospel of today Jesus tells us in response to Peter's limited generosity that there is no limit to forgiveness. We are a people in need of forgiveness and we are endlessly called upon to forgive. Jesus tells us that we must be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate. Summing up in the context of faith, St Paul says that Jesus is Lord, both of the living and the dead and is the master of the Universe.

If God has shown mercy to us in granting us pardon for our sins, then we, in turn, must show mercy and forgiveness towards every person who has offended us. The willingness to forgive those who offend us is a sacred duty.

If we expect God to pardon us and show us his mercy when we sin and disobey his commandments, then we must be willing to let go of any resentment, grievance, or ill-will we feel towards our neighbour. Jesus teaches us to pray daily for the grace and strength to forgive others in the same measure in which God has forgiven us (Matthew 6:12,14-15). If we do not show mercy and forgiveness to our fellow human beings, how can we expect God to forgive us in turn? The Apostle James says that "*judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy*" (James 2:13).

We shall pray, Lord Jesus, you have been kind and forgiving towards us. May we be merciful as you are merciful. Free us from all bitterness and resentment that we may truly forgive from the heart those who have caused us injury or grief.

God Bless... Fr. Mathew

Musical Evening

The Modbury SVDP conference is hosting a musical evening by The South Australian Police Band at 7pm on Friday 20th October at St John 23rd Centre, Reservoir Road, Modbury. Cost \$8

Ukes4charity

UKULELE Group putting on a concert for charity Friday 22nd September at 7pm, at St John 23rd Centre, featuring the magic duo, The Tricksters. Tickets \$7 which includes a light supper – no b.y.o. Tickets available from the Modbury parish Office on 8264 7590

Ladies Fellowship Evening

Ladies Fellowship Evening this Wednesday marks the first anniversary of our ladies evenings. I would like to encourage every lady who has attended or who has thought about attending come along 7pm this Wednesday 20th Sept in the Church hall. Together let us get to know and support each other in our catholic faith.

Saint of the Week: St Matthew

Matthew, or Levi, was a Jew, a despised tax collector who converted from his sinful life when Christ addressed him at Capernaum. He is credited with the authorship of the first Gospel. It is said that he wrote first in Hebrew, the language of his people. Matthew begins his Gospel with Jesus' genealogy, revealing him as a scion of David, and he takes pains to show how the teachings of the law and the prophets have culminated in Christ. Tradition assigns Matthew the symbol of the winged man, one of the four mystical creatures from the Book of Revelation. He is believed to have died a martyr's death in Persia or Ethiopia.

Welcome

This weekend we welcome Fr Bernie O'Brien back to the parish. Fr Bernie was assistant priest 1991-1995.

Nominations for 2017 Archbishops Awards – closing October 19

Archbishop Philip Wilson wishes to recognise current or recent outstanding service by an individual in each of the three categories: 1. For outstanding service to the Archdiocese; 2. For outstanding service in parish life within the Archdiocese. The recipient of the 2017 Archbishop's award for outstanding service to parish life within the archdiocese will: – have provided faithful service to the liturgical life of the parish community; – have made an outstanding contribution to parish life; – have set a personal example of a faith-centred vocation; 3. Award to young people for outstanding contribution to the life and mission of the Church.

Forms for nomination are available from Fr Mathew or the office.

Postal Plebiscite on "Same-Sex Marriage" Announced

The Australian Government has announced there will be a postal plebiscite on whether the definition of marriage in the Marriage Act 1961 should be changed to include "same-sex marriage". Ballot papers will be sent out to households on Tuesday September 12 and **all votes must be received back by Tuesday November 7.** The Catholic tradition on marriage is based on the belief that God blesses as a sacrament the unique relationship between a man and a woman which gives witness to God's enduring love for all humanity. Have your say by voting in the plebiscite. For more information and statements on this issue, visit www.adelaide.catholic.org.au and www.catholic.org.au

PLEASE REMEMBER THE SICK OF OUR PARISH IN YOUR PRAYERS

Alison Hellams, Charlie Bell, Cynthia Edwards, Denzil Simmons, Elisabeth Burns, Graham Smith, Frank, Fr Pat Moroney OMI, Helen Durkin, Ian Wallace, Margaret Baughn, Mary Meatheringham, Maureen Simmons, Pam Tully, Roger Price, Tony Petrie and Vic.

Parish Prayer Network:

Prayers for any need. All you need to do is call one of the following: Marie 8264 9569, Maureen 8261 6906 or Beth 8396 2079

Adoration

Adoration is held 10am-12pm and 6pm-9pm every Friday of term time. Everyone is encouraged to come and spend some time before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for their needs and the needs of the world.

Mass Intentions this week

19th Anthony Livera Anniversary, 20th Mychalyna Dankiw Anniversary, 23rd Bob Wyles 8th Ann, 24th Doris Warren Ann of death

This Week's Saints

19th St Januarius, 20th Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Han-sang & Companions, 21st St Matthew

Next Week's Readings 25th Sunday of Year A:

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1`20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

Vinnies Food Bank

This week— WEETBIX, BREAKFAST CEREAL, TINS SPAGHETTI, RICE, FULL CREAM LONG LIFE MILK, PASTA, PASTA SAUCE, Cans of Tomatoes, Milo, Vegemite. Items for baby layettes: cotton vests, socks or booties, nappies, nappy pins, disposable nappies, cotton blankets, cotton sheets, towels, soap, wipes, wash cloths, baby shampoo, bibs, onesies, wool.

Diary Dates for October 2017

Sat 7th October— Our Lady of Rosary, the Rosary begins at 9.10am followed by Mass at 9.30am in the church.

Sat 14th October— Centenary of the Fatima Apparitions, Mass in the church at 9.30am and at 2pm Rosary will be recited in the Park at Balmoral Reserve—Balmoral Road, Dernancourt. Come, let us glorify God through our Blessed Mother.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

If you have a member of the family or a friend that would like to know about the Catholic Church, please contact Kay on 8261 8501 or parish office on 82612428. The course is commencing on Wednesday 20th September at 7pm.



Melbourne Cup Luncheon

Oblate Melbourne Cup Luncheon Tues Nov 7th – keep the date free. More information and bookings available soon.

Ministry Roster 23/24 September

- 6.30pm** C Patricia Beaven, R1 Jean Canil, R2 Martyn Pearce, E1 David Lloyd, E2 Jim Kelly, E3 Roman Szczepanik, E4 Anna Szczepanik, M James Lloyd.
- 9.30am** C Dorothy Nappa, R1 Bernadette Davies, R2 Roderick Essery, E1 Joe Colangelo, E2 Brigitte Colangelo, E3 Jos Hensing, E4 Annette Stone, M Peter Roberts
- 5.30pm** C Amy Bartjes, R1 Philip Matthews, R2 Kathy Healey, E1 Michael Wright, E2 Stuart Feirclough, E3 Judith Mohan, E4 Jijimol Poulose, M

Church Cleaners: Team D: Griffith/Fameli/Laping/Winkler

Altar Linen: Trish

First Reading Sir 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

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.) 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

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

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.'