

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Rebecca Arden, Luke Jackowski, Dianne Hutchinson and those of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Repose of the Souls: Those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church Cleaning

Saturday 12th September — Island Community

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people.

St Dominic's Community holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of the church. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. A cultural of safety within the Church ensures that children can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realise their potential in a faith community. **We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.**

Sunday 13th September

Safeguarding Officer:

Laura Garland

Next Sunday at 9.00am Mass, we are having Laura from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to explain us the importance that is for all volunteers to register with the Department of Government Service and get the Working With Check Card and to those who are holding Church Keys to have the Police Check. It is our responsibility to provide a safe environment to young people and vulnerable adults.

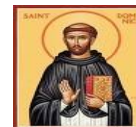
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The Parish has the facility of
**EFTPOS DEBIT, VISA CARD
and MASTER CARD.** This is a
good option for those who do
not carry cash and would like
to contribute to the church.
**The set up is of: \$5.00;
\$10.00; \$20.00 and \$50.00**

If anyone would like to support the parish financially through the **Thanksgiving Envelopes**, we have spare envelopes at the entrance of the church, please take one set and when you give your first donation, write down your name at the back of the envelope, so we can register your name in the system and provide envelopes every year.

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sundays: 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)
9.00am 1st & 3rd Sundays: Vietnamese Mass
9.00am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays: English Mass
11.00am: English Mass
1.00pm: Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am Mass
Morning Prayer of the Church: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.25am

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday before Mass.

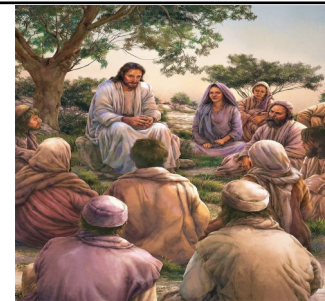
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Benediction: Every Friday following the 9.00am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday to Saturday before or after Mass.

Baptism Information/Preparation: Every First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Every Third Wednesday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

6th September 2026

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94: 1-2. 6-9

R/ O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 18: 15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Ecclesiasticus 27: 30-28: 7; Romans 14: 7-9; Matthew 18: 21-35

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships!

Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.

Historical Context – Tell the Church

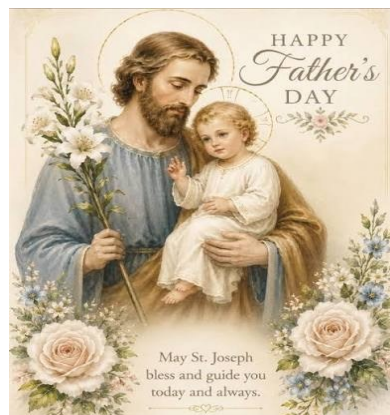
The idea of bringing a 'sinner' or offender before the church community to be confronted is one that the early Christians borrowed from the Jewish culture out of which they were formed. In Jewish society, the local synagogue was effectively a community centre. It was a gathering place, not only for worship and education, but also for meeting, debating and seeking solutions to problems. The synagogue community took on the role of mediator, witness, jury, judge and, if needed, punisher. The role of the scribes in Jewish society was to interpret the Law – the Torah – in resolving everyday situations.

Scriptural context – A Scriptural Sandwich

The placement of this discourse about confronting your brother within the gospel of Matthew helps to shed light on its meaning. Immediately preceding this passage is the parable of the Lost Sheep, about leaving the 99 to go out in search of the one lost sheep. Immediately following this week's passage is the parable of the unmerciful or unforgiving servant who, despite receiving forgiveness of his own debt from his master, throws a fellow servant in debtors prison for failing to pay back money owed. The three passages together give a detailed discourse on forgiveness and reconciliation – dealing with those who have sinned, even against you personally and the powerful call to compassion and mercy.

Living the Gospel – Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.



HAPPY
Father's Day

To our Fathers of our Community
May your heart be filled with joy and
your days surrounded by God's
endless grace.
Have a Blessed and Happy Father's
Day!



Tuesday 8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass at 9.00am

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary refers to the Christian feast day celebrating the earthly birth of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. Celebrated annually on September 8, this feast represents the theological "dawn of salvation" because Mary's arrival into the world prepared the way for the incarnation of Jesus, the Savior.

Sunday 20th September Sale of Sausages and other Foods

Led by Parish Council.

Please support this fundraising by donating food to sell.



PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—THURSDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER AT 6.00PM

Next Weekend Fr Octavian will be away and
Fr Trevor will be celebrating Saturday Mass at 6.00pm
Fr Gesner will be on Sunday at 9.00am and 11.00am Mass



COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2026

Please support our Fundraising by
buying tickets and taking books to
sell with your family and friends.
Tickets are on sale at the piety stall
after each mass.

All funds towards the
maintenance of the church.