

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between you two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.



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Breaking Open the Word

SEEK RECONCILIATION

Last Sunday reminded us that following Jesus is not free from struggle. Challenges, even misunderstandings, will be part of the disciple's vocation. This Sunday, the evangelist moves deeper to highlight further concerns that beset the community of disciples—internal struggles, tensions, even rejection.

The evangelist draws on the wisdom of Jesus to address these realities and suggests a three-step process towards reconciliation. It begins with personal dialogue. The one wronged seeks to invite the wrongdoer to reconciliation. If this fails, witnesses to what has happened verify the authenticity of the issues and encourage resolution. If this fails then the whole faith community, the *ekklesia*, witness to the wrong that has created the division, inviting the wrong doer to a change of heart and reconciliation.

Even if this third step fails then Matthew advises to treat the wrong doer 'like a pagan or tax collector.' In other words, as Jesus welcomed strangers and invited a tax collector to become one of his disciples, the door must always be left open. The final words of the Gospel contain Jesus' assurance that he is always present to even a small discipleship gathering, of even two or three, no matter what they are dealing with.

Today's Gospel is as relevant for our day as it was in the time of Matthew. No faith community is tension free. Disagreements arise and, sometimes, are not easily resolved by faith leaders. Rather than gossiping or character assassination, personal approaches that invite conflict resolution and community building are essential. In everything, Jesus is present.

Fr Michael Trainor

THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

6 SEPTEMBER 2026

FIRST READING

Ezek 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

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

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

■ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Menibah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

■ The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

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



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THIS WEEK: 6 September 2026 - Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Milo P Gynn D Alister R	Richelle C Aaron A Jeslie M	James J Kathleen T Divina N	Julie Ann M Shiela D Nonie G	Gloria T Diana T Arlene P	Celine T Frances R Samantha D G
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Choirs	MWF with LIHM Sisters	Butch Eleazar	Butch Eleazar	Emmaus	CFCA	Samoan DVM

NEXT WEEK: 13 September 2026 - Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time- A

	7:00pm	7:00am	8:30am	10:00am	12:00pm	6:00pm
Commentator 1st Reader 2nd Reader	Diana T Grace S L Jennifer S	James J Richelle C Susan C	Dulce T Kathleen T A Huang	Roger S J Rency C Marilou S J	Vernon A Evelyn N Maria Sulfaro	Andrea C Cyril V Raphael V
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ADORATION CHAPEL

"The Master is here and wants to see you" John 11:28

Adorers are needed for these

hours:

Sunday: 1pm; 2pm; 9pm

Monday: 2am; 11am; 11pm

Tuesday: 10am

Wednesday: 6am; 1pm; 2pm

Thursday: 12 am

Friday: 11am

Saturday: 11am

Contact: Lucy Sgro 0424056823

Fr Alex Gobrin, CMF. Let us welcome

Fr Alex, a visiting Claretian Missionary from the Philippines, Fr Alex will be here for one month.

Come, Listen, Learn and Grow with us

In faith! With great joy, we would like to invite you all to join us for a series of Formation teachings with Fr Alex. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as one parish family, deepen our understanding of our Catholic faith. All Welcome. Commencing next **Sunday, 13 September, 3PM- 5PM until 27 Sept.**

Feast Day. Our Lady of Vailankanni
(Our Lady of Good Health) and **Feast Day, The Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Feast Day mass on Tuesday, 8 September at 7pm followed by fellowship and light Refreshment in the foyer of the church. Please bring a plate to share.

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Come and Join. SPC Bible Study
SPC Evangelisation Team would like to invite you to an online Bible study. Every Wednesday, 7:30pm
Contact Hilda 0450 006 316

We would like to thank those who has been faithfully attending the Bible study group. God bless you all.

SPC Bible study group. We warmly invite you to join the SPC Youth and Young Adults Bible Study group. Come along for prayer, Scripture reflection and meaningful discussion in a welcoming and supportive community. We look forward to journeying faith with you.
Contact: Parish office 03 93633132 or Email: deerpark@cam.org.au

SPC Sunday School every Sunday
11am-12pm, Marian House.
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SPC "ANIMO" Youth Meeting every Tuesday, SPC Hall. Contact: Sr Pierre, LIHM 0415306389

Happy Father's Day. Happy Father's Day to all amazing Dad, Grandfather, Uncle and father figure. Thank you for the love, sacrifices, inspiration, guidance and hard work. May the Lord continue to bless you with strength, wisdom and a heart filled with love.

Happy Father's Day!

A VOCATION VIEW

How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!