

The Living Word

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

13 September 2026

First Reading Sir 27:30–28:7

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.*

1. 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.)
2. 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.)

3. 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 Rom 14:7-9

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

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



Reflection *by Nick Brodie*

Twice in today's gospel we hear indebted servants cry 'Give me time'. Through this parable Jesus shows us that patience and forgiveness are high virtues. These inform the Church's teaching on what Pope Francis calls an 'integral ecology', which basically insists that human progress should be sustainable and compassionate. All human beings exist as part of nature and in relation with each other. God too is part of this dynamic by virtue of the mystery of Creation, but also in a special way through Jesus in the Incarnation and through the Spirit in the Church. We Christians are called, therefore, to be patient and forgiving with nature and with each other as part of God's transcendent plan.

Our opportunities to do this come in many forms. We can reconsider whether our consumer habits are too burdensome on our planet, extracting resources more quickly than they can be replenished. We can choose to buy foods that are sustainably produced, and which justly supports small farmers. And we can encourage our political leaders to be like the good master, supporting debt relief for impoverished countries, abiding by international climate agreements, and taking other such actions that might give our world and its people time to heal.

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.'

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

13th September 2026

Congratulations!

Congratulations Fr. Jossy, on your 16 Year Ordination Anniversary

On this special anniversary of your ordination, we extend our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude for your faithful service to God and His people.

Through your ministry, you have shared the Gospel, celebrated the Sacraments, offered comfort in times of sorrow, and brought joy to countless lives. Your dedication, compassion, and spiritual leadership are a blessing to our parish community.

As you reflect on the day you answered God's call to the priesthood, may you be filled with renewed joy, strength, and peace. We thank you for your generous commitment and for the many ways you inspire us in faith.

May the Lord continue to bless you abundantly, guide you in your ministry, and grant you many more years of faithful service.

With prayerful best wishes and gratitude,

The Parish Community

Safeguarding Sunday 2026: 'Love Protects'

Catholics around Australia will mark Safeguarding Sunday on September 13.

The 2026 theme "Love Protects" recognises that safeguarding is a practical expression of Christian love.

When communities prioritise the safety, dignity, and wellbeing of children, young people and vulnerable adults, they embody the love and care that is at the heart of the Gospel.

"'Love Protects' reminds us that genuine love is demonstrated through action," said chair of the Bishops Commission for Professional Standards and Safeguarding, Bishop Greg Bennet.

"Safeguarding is an essential part of our mission and ministry. It calls each of us to be attentive, accountable and committed to ensuring that every person can participate in the life of the Church safely and with confidence."

Safeguarding Sunday also provides an opportunity to acknowledge the work of clergy, staff, volunteers and safeguarding leaders who work to foster cultures of safety and trust throughout church communities.

Their dedication strengthens the Church's commitment to preventing harm, responding appropriately to concerns and promoting the dignity of every person.

The Church is showing national leadership in safeguarding through:

- Professional development that strengthens the capacity of Catholic organisations
- Reviews, audits and assessments of Catholic organisations
- Management of the Australian Catholic Ministry Register
- Safeguarding awareness, education and communications initiatives

As faith communities gather to mark Safeguarding Sunday, they are encouraged to reflect on the example of Jesus, who welcomed and protected the vulnerable and marginalised. His ministry inspires the Church's commitment to care, respect, and justice.

"Love protects when we listen. Love protects when we act. Love protects when we place the wellbeing of others at the centre of our decisions and our ministry," Bishop Bennet said.

"Together, we can build communities where every person is valued, respected and safe."

(Source: <https://www.catholic.au/>)

CHURCHES

St. Patrick's, Kilmore
Our Lady Help of Christians, Broadford
Our Lady of the Way, Wallan
St. Michael's, Wandong

SUNDAY MASSES

Sat (Vigil) 5 pm, Broadford
6.30 pm, Kilmore
Sun 8.45 am, Wallan
10.45 am, Kilmore

WEEKDAY MASSES

Tue, Thu-Sat 9 am, Kilmore
Wed 9 am, Wallan
(Please note: out of school terms, Wednesday Mass will be at Kilmore)

CONFESSION

9.30 am, Thursday morning during Adoration

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction

Thu 9.30 am, Kilmore

Divine Mercy Chaplet

15 minutes prior to each weekday Mass, Kilmore

Rosary

after each weekday Mass, and Sunday 8.20 am (Wallan) & 10.20 am (Kilmore)

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St. Patrick's Parish is committed to safeguarding the safety, wellbeing, and dignity of children, young people, and adults.

PARISH DIARY:

Sat, 12 Sep: WEEKDAY, 23RD WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
12.30 pm Confirmations, St Patrick's School Stadium
2.30 pm Confirmations, Our Lady of the Way Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 13 Sep: 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
12.30 pm RCIC Baptisms, St. Patrick's Church

Mon, 14 Sep: THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

No Mass
7 pm St Vincent de Paul Meeting, St Patrick's Presbytery

Tue, 15 Sep: OUR LADY OF SORROWS

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Wed, 16 Sep: ST CORNELIUS & ST CYPRIAN

9 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
7.30 pm RCIA Session, St Patrick's Parish Centre

Thu, 17 Sep: WEEKDAY, 24TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Fri, 18 Sep: WEEKDAY, 24TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sat, 19 Sep: WEEKDAY, 24TH WEEK ORDINARY TIME

9 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
11 am Baptisms, St. Patrick's Church
5 pm Mass, Our Lady Help of Christians Church
6.30 pm Mass, St. Patrick's Church

Sun, 20 Sep: 25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8.45 am Mass, Our Lady of the Way Church
10.45 am Mass, St. Patrick's Church
3 pm Wedding of Madeline & Mark, St. Patrick's Church

Live Your Best Life in Love...A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest

Every married couple and priest deserves to experience this very special weekend. Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep it alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome.

We have just one weekend remaining for 2026 - don't miss this opportunity to nurture your most precious relationship. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: November 6-8th, 2026 St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.

Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm.

Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

Website: wwme.org.au

VOLUNTEER ROSTERS:

	<u>12/13 SEP</u>	<u>19/20 SEP</u>
BROADFORD 5pm (Sat):	12 Sep	19 Sep
Reader	I. Ross	C. Stokes
EMHC	TBA	J. Dixon
KILMORE 6.30pm (Sat):	12 Sep	19 Sep
Reader	R. Emmanuel	J. O'Callaghan
EMHC	J. Jain	C. Clancy
PowerPoint	P. Duff	P. Duff
WALLAN 8.45am (Sun):	13 Sep	20 Sep
Reader	C. Aguinaldo	M. Carocci
EMHC	C. Banon	M. Hoban
EMHC	G. Pannuzzo	M. McGowan
PowerPoint	F. Thompson	R. Quinn
KILMORE 10.45am (Sun):	13 Sep	20 Sep
Reader	S. Ramganathan	T. Wilson
EMHC	TBA	K. Archer
PowerPoint	W. Reece	K. Curry
FLOWERS:	C. Eid	E. Ferraresi
HOME EUCHARIST:	TBA	H. Clancy
	TBA	P. Duff
CLEANERS KILMORE:	G. Pereira &	L. Beaumont &
	B. Collier	C. Eid

LET US PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING

Recently Deceased

John Edward Hennessy

Anniversaries

James McKeogh, Sr. Aquin, Ronald Ring, Catherine McKeogh, Tracy Stankard, Frank Scollo, Anne Cronin, Julian Camelleri, Hiddadura Philip Benedict Mendis, Frances Cecilia Preston and all anniversaries which occur at this time.

The Sick

Fr Prakash Cutinha, Pina D'agostino, Theo Aitchison, Bernadette McWhinney, Pa'i Su'a, Liam Heffernan, Nancy Ryan, Joan O'Brien, Michael Bourne, Arthur Donovan, Faye Vandenberg, Annette Jacovou, Kylie Alexander and all people who are in need of our prayers.

ARTICLES FOR THE SHAMROCK MAGAZINE:

The Editors of "The Shamrock" are looking for articles for the Christmas edition. They are also very keen to find some family photos of Christmas celebrations that they could add to the cover of the Christmas edition which is currently being worked on. Please (with permissions of those in the photos!) send us any photos of family celebrations.

Please email articles to: stpatssparishmagazine@gmail.com

Synod Corner: *Synodality and the Holy Spirit*

At the heart of synodality is trust in the Holy Spirit. Without prayer, synodality becomes mere strategy. With prayer, it becomes a path of grace.



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St. Patrick's Parish is a Child Safe Environment. All children are to be supervised by a parent/guardian at all times.