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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time ~ Year A

Sunday 13 September 2026



Readings for
this week:

Sirach 27:30-28-7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35



Readings for
next Sunday:

Isaiah 55:6-9

Philippians 1:20-24,27

Matthew 20:1-16



Liturgical Catechesis IVa

We will continue our catechesis on the Constitution on the Liturgy (SC)

Dear brothers and sisters, when we participate in the Eucharist, we are invited to listen to the Word of God and to be nourished at the Lord's table, where He offers Himself to the Father. These two parts of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist, "are so closely connected with each other that they form but one single act of worship" (SC 56).

The Second Vatican Council called for the treasures of the Bible to be opened more abundantly, so that a richer fare from the table of God's Word might be provided for the faithful (SC 51). The liturgical reform translated this request into the treasure that is the *Lectionary*, the book that gathers all the biblical readings for liturgical celebrations. This richness has been drawn from the purest source of the living Tradition, which combines fidelity with tradition; with openness to legitimate progress (SC 23).

Pope Leo XIV, Rome 24 June 2026

Looking at the Readings

The Book of Sirach, also known as Ecclesiasticus because it was used in the church (Ecclesia) to instruct the catechumens, was written about 195 years before Christ but is as much relevant now as it was then. For we are confronted with selfishness, fierce competition, jealousy, brutality, resentment, and anger. The way we relate to one another is vitally important. Hence sorrow for wrongs and forgiveness of others and oneself are just as essential for good living today.

Peter thought he was being generous forgiving his brother seven times, but Jesus asked of him and us to forgive always. We pray the Lord's Prayer asking Our Father to forgive us as we forgive others. Yet we must pray it often and sincerely so that we have the gift of grace and cooperate with grace to keep on forgiving.

Prayer for the Week

O God most high, you are slow to anger and rich in compassion. Keep alive in us the memory of your mercy, that our angers may be calmed and our resentments dispelled. May we discover the forgiveness promised to those who forgive and become a people rich in mercy. Amen.

Sunday ClipArt

The image for this week may be applied to the first reading and the gospel: reconcile each other from your heart.

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Pope Leo's Message on the Season of Creation

Although the challenges before us are enormous, God does not leave us without the means of healing and transformation. In place of the weapons of war, the God of peace grants us the strength to heal, to reconcile and to build a civilization of love. In this way, we are called to safeguard the many "ecosystems" entrusted to us: the ecosystems of creation, of human relationships and of the human heart itself. Let us imagine a world in which the energies currently invested in war are directed toward integral human development, to overcome poverty, protect human dignity and reconcile divided peoples. Such a vision reflects faith in the coming of God's Kingdom.

Feasts During the Week

Exaltation of the Holy Cross 14 September

Our Lady of Sorrows 15 September

St Hildegard of Bingen, 17 September.

On the Lighter Side

Forgiveness is unlocking the door to set someone free and realising you were the prisoner! Max Lucado

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Sick: Michael Ianacone, Barbara Cameron, Shane Boyd, Pat Commons, Julie Kleinert, Noreen Gallardo, Kadyn Mitchell-Treacy, Olive McElroy, Philip Bowman, Millie Perry, Frances Corso.

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Constatina Palma, Lucy Mangan

(Please email or contact the Parish Office to add names to our prayer list)

ROSTERS

Sunday 20 September 8.30am

Commentator – B Elliott

Lector – P Jenner

Special Minister – J Chant

Saturday 26 September at 5pm

Commentator – J Harris

Lector – C Anderson

Special Minister – L Busch

Sunday 27 September 8.30am

Commentator – C Goode

Lector – C Cabaraban

Special Minister – N Livsey

PLATE AND ENVELOPE COLLECTION

Last weekend Collection: \$ 810.45

Thank you for your generosity and support for our Parish. May God bless you, always.

PARISH DETAILS

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PRINCIPALS

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MASS TIMES

KYABRAM

Week Day: Tuesday Rosary 4pm, Mass 4.15pm & Thursday 9.15am

Saturday: 2nd and 4th weekend of month: 6pm EDT (5pm EST)

Sunday: 8.30am

TONGALA: First Sunday of month 11.30am

RECONCILIATION: Second Saturday (Weekend) of month 30 mins before Mass in St Augustine's Church.

ANointing MASS: First Thursday of the month at 10am in St Augustine's Church.

BAPTISM

This weekend we welcome Leonardo Palma into our faith community. Leo will be baptised in St Augustine's church. Please keep Leo and his Mother Lucinda and his godparents in your prayers, as they continue on their faith journey.

150 YEAR JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

A meeting to start preparations for 150-year jubilee celebrations will be held on Wednesday 16th September 2026 at 4.30 in the presbytery meeting room. All interested parishioners are warmly welcome to attend and be part of the planning for this special milestone. For further inquiries contact Mary on 0427 190282.

OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th September at 5.30pm in the Presbytery. All welcome.

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

Children's sacraments of Initiation will be celebrated on Sunday 20th September at 8.30am Mass. Please pray for these children and their families.

ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is the spiritual practice of spending time in the presence of the exposed consecrated Host. Through this practice, we are invited to spend time alone with God in his real, physical form and to bring to Jesus all our cares, concerns, prayers, hopes and thoughts. Adoration will be held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 4-45pm. Next adoration will be 12th September. Please consider spending some quiet time in the presence of Jesus.

MASS TIME TABLE

Weekly Masses

Sat 12th September - 5pm Mass

Sun 13th September - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 15th September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 17th September - 9.15am Year 5/6 and Year 7&8

Sun 20th September - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 22nd September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 24th September - No Mass

Sat 26th September - 5pm Mass

Sun 27th September - 8.30am Mass

Weekly Masses

Tue 29th September - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Mass

Thu 1st October - 10am Anointing Mass

Sun 4th October - 8.30am Mass

Sun 4th October - 11.30am Mass Tongala

Weekly Masses

Tue 6th October - 4pm Rosary, 4.15pm Liturgy

Thu 8th October - No Mass

Sat 10th October - No Mass

WORKING BEE

OLOP working bee will be held on Monday 14th September at 9.00am. Please consider coming along even for half an hour. Every bit of help is greatly appreciated!

FATHER AWAY

Father will be taking leave during October. We wish him all the best for safe travels.

DAY LIGHT SAVING TIME

Please note that Daylight Savings time comes into affect on **Sunday 4th October**. Clocks move forward one hour.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross painted by Rev Patrick Negri are currently on display at the Eymard Centre at St Francis Church in Melbourne until 5 October before they head to St Peter Juliens in Sydney. Please see displayed flyer for more information.

TOLLE LEGE (SCRIPTURE DISCUSSION GROUP)

You are warmly invited to participate in a scripture discussion group which will be held monthly after 8.30am Mass. Next meeting is this **Sunday 13th September**. Please see Mary or Annette for further information.

RCIA INQUIRY EVENINGS

Inquiry evenings for the RCIA program will begin on **Monday 5th October at 5.30pm** in the presbytery. The **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is a process of Christian formation by which those who are seeking full communion with the Church. For more information contact Annette Ryan 0408 502 858 or Mary Zobec 0427190282.

ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH DEBUTANTE BALL 2027

St Augustine's Parish is seeking expressions of interest from young people wishing to participate in the **2027 Debutante Ball**. If interested, please register with the Parish Office by **20 September 2026** on 5852 1026 or email: kyabram@sandhurst.catholic.org.au. For more information, contact Alana Brennan at brenpk1@gmail.com. Event is subject to numbers.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA NEPAL APPEAL

The Caritas network is working alongside affected communities and local authorities to assess needs and ensure assistance reaches those most impacted. You can support the Appeal at www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.

MONTHLY EVENTS

- 1st Tuesday - Men's Group 6pm**
- 1st Thursday - Anointing Mass 10am**
- 1st Saturday - Monthly working bee 9.30am (church cleaning)**
- 2nd Wednesday - Ladies Cuppa and Chat 2pm**
- 2nd Saturday - Adoration 4pm**
- 3rd Wednesday - Prayer Meeting 5.30pm**

Please note these dates and times are subject to change, please check bulletin for updates, times and venues.

CHILD SAFE PARISH

We are a Child Safe Parish, we have a zero tolerance for child abuse and aim to provide a safe, supportive and welcoming environment to all visiting children, young persons and vulnerable adults. If you are concerned for any form of abuse that is immediate you should call 000; a significant risk or harm, whether or not you have formed this belief on reasonable grounds, you should immediately raise your concerns with one of our Parish Child safety officers Mary Zobec 0427 190 282 or Annette Ryan 0408 502 858.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

As we come to worship, we remember the Yorta Yorta & Bangerang People the original custodians of this land. We acknowledge the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples with deep respect. May the Elders, past and present, be blessed and honored. May we join and build a future based on compassion, justice, faith and reconciliation.

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"There are no difficulties except for those who worry too much about tomorrow."
— St. Rose Philippine Duchesne

Breaking Open the Word

'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.'

■ The Gospel of the Lord.

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FORGIVE FROM THE HEART

Have you ever been hurt by another? How do you act? Can you forgive? Hurts, misunderstanding and at times serious ruptures can occur amongst Jesus' members. The question which Peter asks Jesus is relevant: 'How often should one forgive another? Seven times?' Jesus replies, 'Seventy times seven,' meaning forgiveness is beyond calculation.

Jesus then offers a parable to highlight the essential truth about forgiving others 'from the heart'. The story involves two servants. One owes his king 1000 talents. In Matthew's day a talent was worth a year's wage. The servant owes the king 1000 years' wages! An impossible debt to honour, even though the servant promises to pay it in time. The king, out of compassion, cancels the debt. Whew! Leaving the judgement hall, that same servant comes across a fellow servant who owes 100 denarii. A denarius is a day's wage, so the debt is a hundred days' wages, a paltry sum by comparison. But in this second scenario, compassion and debt cancellation are absent. The king gets to hear of this and imprisons the first servant for his lack of forgiveness.

Meanness of spirit and forgiveness of heart will have their divine repercussions, the point of the final words of today's Gospel. Matthew's Jesus invites us to reflect upon our own forgiving and compassionate spirit towards those who have hurt or wronged us. As we pray in the Lord's Prayer, '...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.' The measure of our forgiveness is ultimately not God but our own hearts.

Fr Michael Trainor

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

FIRST READING

Sir 27:30-28:7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

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? 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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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.**

THE SAVING WORD

13 SEPTEMBER 2026



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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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.'