



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A, 17 September 2023

First Reading

Sirach 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 com-
mandments.

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

Romans 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 ex-
plains 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

John 13:34

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I for-
give 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 hun-
dred 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 mas-
ter 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.'

Announcements



In Brief...

NO Riverview Mass Sun 24/9—Sun 8/10 incl. Resumes Sunday 15 October.

Men's Spirituality group: Thurs 14 September, 8pm:

Topic: "Carrying your cross"

FR EMMANUEL LUBEGA providing ministry whilst Fr Sam is on holidays: Friday 8 September—Friday 6 October (incl.). Thankyou for making Fr Emmanuel feel so welcome!



St Michael's Monster Garage Sale, Sat 14 October, 8am-3pm

The **Parish Garage Sale and Cake Stall** has been moved to October in the hope of more favourable Spring weather.

We will start accepting donations at the Parish Hall on **Mon 2 Oct, then Wed 4 ; Fri 6, Sun 8 after Mass, Mon 9 & Wed 11 between 8.30 - 9.30am and 2.30 - 3.30pm.** We accept all clean, quality saleable items **except :**

outdated electronics, cots, soft toys, clothes , large furniture items.

At this stage we are still unable to collect furniture unless it fits in a hatchback car. **If you have a ute or trailer and are able to help with pickups we would love to hear from you.**

We are also looking for a new Cake Stall Coordinator. If you are able to take on this job **please contact:**

Racquel Joyner : **0412 829 866.**

If you would like to assist in any way with the Garage Sale or have enquiries please contact Frances de Jong Sdejongs@tpg.com.au or **0420 289 057**



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ADULT CONFIRMATION (18+)

At St Mary's Cathedral, there are one or two special celebrations of Confirmation each year for adults who have not yet received Confirmation. If you did not have the opportunity to be confirmed as a child , please register with our Parish. Attn: Jo Tabuteau

PASSING ON THE FATH

PLEASE HELP US to continue our religious education programmes, specifically:

Catechists for the children in our community who don't attend Catholic schools are urgently needed.

1. **Support once a week** during Term (not school holidays) to run a **30-40 minute religion lesson**; and / or
2. **Leaders for our Children's Liturgy programme** on Sunday mornings 9.30am – 10am—parish hall (approx. 4-5 times per year). **Much NEEDED !**

We find many of our volunteers blend successfully working from home with delivering the SRE program. They find these experiences as enriching for them as they are for their students!

Training, lesson plans, activity books, other materials are provided and no prior experience is necessary.

Please contact :admin@lanecoveparish.org.au

or T: 9427 2034 Jo Tabuteau, Parish Secretary

Mass Intentions

We pray for our sick: Richard Martin, Roque Langkay Jr., Ann Ryan, Rebecca Shields, Bishop Peter Ingham, Jeanette Sharp, Eszter Kalotay, John Tesoriero, Caroline Simmonds, Pam and Paul Lenehan, Val Oberle, Mary Ng. Vanderlita Alves.

Anniversaries: Moawad Abuahab, John Harvey, Igor Araujo-gigo, Kathleen Holohan, Fr Liam Holohan

Recently deceased: Jackie Sherwood