

**FIRST READING:** Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

*A reading from the Book of Sirach*

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.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 102:1-4, 9-12

**The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:** John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

Love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL:** 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 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 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.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

First Reading: Isaiah 55: 6-9

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144: 2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Second Reading: Philippians 1: 20-24, 27

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1-16



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**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturday 4.30pm or by appointment

**PARISH MISSION STATEMENT**

We follow the words of our patron,  
St John Vianney, who said "He is here".

We recognise Christ is in the Word,  
the Eucharist, and in us His people,  
with a special reverence for Him  
in the poor and marginalised.

We are called to make Christ present  
through our prayer and charity.

We seek to grow in our spiritual lives and  
create a community

where everyone is welcome;  
the young and the old, together to  
experience the loving presence of God.

We believe He is here amongst us  
and we joyfully go out  
to make Him present to all.

**16/17 September 2023**

**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A**

**Let Us Pray:**

My Father, I ask You to grant me the grace of having a deep and sincere relationship with You. May Your love start bearing fruit in me, forgiving others and being merciful to them. Amen.

**The freedom of forgiveness**

Jesus' message in this Sunday's Gospel reading explains a line from the "Our Father" prayer he had taught earlier (*Matthew 6:12*): "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

The strongest word here is "AS" – the same as, just like, in equal measure.

If there is anyone we have not forgiven, if there is anyone we cannot pray for with love, we'd better keep our mouths shut during this part of the prayer to our Father, who is the Father of all.

Sometimes, it's difficult to forgive because we think "forgiving" means "forgetting". Jesus never said that we must forget what the debtor owes. Forgiveness means remembering – and learning from the memory – without demanding repayment or retribution.

Unforgiveness is a form of punishment: it's payback time. For example, if we remain angry, we hope that our anger or coldness will somehow punish the sinner into repentance. Well, guess what. That never works.

Here's something else we do that never works: holding a grudge to protect ourselves from getting hurt again. Grudges do not free us from the pain of bad memories. It chains us to them.

When we free others from the debts they owe us for hurting us (whether they seek it or not, whether they're still alive or not), we free ourselves and our healing begins – *OUR* healing!

It's the most loving gift that we can give to ourselves, *as* it's a gift of love to others. Even when they don't recognise our gift, God does.

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## FOR YOUR DIARY SEPTEMBER

18 Mon	No Mass
19 Tues	No Mass
20 Wed	9:00am Rosary No Mass 7:30pm Rosary on-line via ZOOM
21 Thurs	No Mass
22 Fri	No Mass
23 Sat	4:30pm Reconciliation
<b>25TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME</b>	
	5:00pm Mass (Manly)
24 Sun	7:00am Mass (Gumdale) 9:30am Mass (Manly) Children's Liturgy

## RCIA INFORMATION SESSIONS

**6.30PM TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER**

**10.30AM SATURDAY 30 SEPTEMBER**

During this session we will outline the proposed program dates and requirements/expectations of the program candidates. There is **no obligation** to join the RCIA Program if you attend the Information Session.

**Register your interest with Zoe in the Parish Office.**



The **Season of Creation** held in September, is an annual Christian celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home.

The theme for 2023 is **"Let Justice and Peace Flow"** and the symbol is **"A Mighty River"**.

## KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS SILVER CIRCLE DRAW 8 OF 10

The winner of Draw 8 in the current Knights Silver Circle with **ticket #75** is **Roz Thomas!**  
Congratulations again Roz and thank you to those supporting the charitable works of the Knights through this fundraising Silver Circle.

	Welcomer	1st Reader	2nd Reader	EMHC	Screen	Counter
<b>Sat 16 Sept</b>	Maureen B	Laura F	Laurent F	Alison G	Pam	E
<b>Sun 17 Sept</b>	Helen C	TBC	June M	Donna R	Emma	
<b>Sat 23 Sept</b>	Jen B	Jane O	Denise D	Mikaela A	Irene	F
<b>Sun 24 Sept</b>	Mark E	Trish E	Margaret P	Margaret H	Donna	

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## OF YOUR CHARITY, PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brian Eather, Selwyn Norrish, Candelario Iquin, Michael Maguire.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Gertrude Anderson, John Brian, Judith Brennan, Kathleen Carter, Peter Carter, David Cootes, Edna Dillon, Val Fagan, Bernard Foster Alan Gill, Cecily Graham, Frank Grainger, Luigi Gregori Luzette Hageraats, Gilda Hankins, Victoria Hardy, Maureen and Margaret Harrison, Annie Horswill, Keith Joseph Imeson, Andrew Jones Michael Kearney, Mary Laracy, Diane Larkins, Lance Lawes, Pat Little, Margaret Murphy, Margaret McIntosh, Peter McIndoe, Lisa Orford (Argent), Jessie Platt, Clem Raine, John Ryan, Florence Schmid, Paul Skillender, Leo Smith, Joyce Starkey, Ray Tranter, Josephine van Daalen, Bob Ward, Sharon Watson, Madge Wiese and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

**WE PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Jack and Mary Beard, Jocelyn Barron, Lorraine Bourke, Stephen Burrows, Dell Chapman, Emily de Looze, Anne Dixon, Rose-Marie Dickson, Pat Ellis, Irene Gavrilla, Maureen Handcock, Ian Lennon, Richard Pook, David Schilling, Leesa Scott, Natasha Skitmore, Joanne Small, Barry Smith, Peter Smyth-Kirk, Emma Walters and Violet Maureen Phillips.

*To include a name in our 'Of Your Charity' list, the Privacy Act requires the personal permission of the nominee or a close relative. Names on the recently deceased, anniversaries and our sick parishioners lists are reviewed at the end of each month.*

## URGENT - HELP NEEDED!

We need your help to keep our Children's Liturgy of the Word program running during the 9.30am Sunday Mass. All materials are provided and no previous experience is required. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Nola at [sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:sjvsacramental@bne.catholic.net.au)



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Australia's Catholic Bishops have called upon us all to listen to the voices of First Nations peoples, and to make an informed decision at this referendum.

As Catholics, we have a responsibility to listen to the voices of First Australians and to work towards a more just and equitable society.

The **One Journey, Together** website by NATSICC, Caritas and Catholic Social Services Victoria was created to facilitate this listening process. Their mission is to educate and inform fellow Catholics on this pivotal moment in Australia's history. They have collated and created statements and resources – grounded in the principles of Catholic Social Teaching – to help us on our process of discernment.

The **Voice to Parliament Referendum** provides all Catholics with a unique opportunity to come together as a community and draw upon our faith and moral grounding to make an informed decision.



Feature articles with relevance to SJV include:

Synodality: 'Why did you doubt?'

The Voice - It's time for the church to proclaim Yes!

A view from the pews

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# For the Children

## 24<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

### Be forgiving

Jesus taught us that if we wanted God to forgive us, then we must first learn to forgive each other. In today's Gospel, he tells a parable about a forgiving King and his unforgiving servant.

### LET US PRAY

Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## Save the date! International Morning Tea Sunday 29 October



Help us celebrate the multiculturalism of our parish by joining us for our International Morning Tea.

♦ **Dress in your national costume**

♦ **Bring a dish to share that represents your culture**



## EMERGENCY APPEAL

In recent months there has been over 35% increase in demand for assistance from The Romero Centre. A real crisis is unfolding amongst those who have fled war and famine. Without any government support and not being allowed to work and earn income, asylum seekers are desperately seeking help from Romero's food pantry and emergency relief funds to survive. Please help by providing:

• **\$25 Food Gift Cards or Cash Donations.**

Place cards or cash in the weekend collection, in a **sealed envelope** marked **The Romero Centre**. If you donate via their website a tax invoice will be issued.

<https://romero.mercycommunity.org.au>

Many thanks for your support for this very worthy cause

Small act  
= BIG IMPACT



## CHILDREN'S LITURGY NEXT SUNDAY 24/9

