

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time YrA 10 September 2023

PARISH BULLETIN

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**Whatever
you bind on
earth shall
be bound in
heaven.**

Matthew 18:18

Mass Times:

- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 9:15am
[1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS: 2nd & 4th Sunday
each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

After 9:15am Mass: Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE:
Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church.

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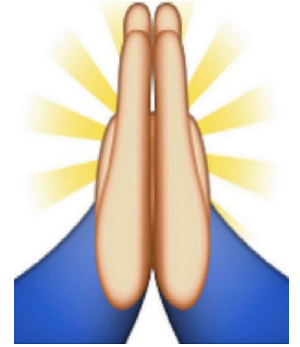
ALSO: at our regular YouTube link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCW8lyzEMe20DLyOppts0Fw/videos>

Upcoming Holy days:

- Wed 13th: St John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor
- Thu 14th: The Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Fri 15th: Our Lady of Sorrows
- Sat 16th: Sts Cornelius, Pope, Martyr and Cyprian, Bishop and Martyrs

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Poala Solvy, Geoffrey Lane, Terry Said, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Collen Steele, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest, Rhonda Vernon, Sinead Ryan and Sean O'Leary.



Death Anniversaries: Graham Caswell.

First Reading

Ezekiel 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.'

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 Meribah,
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

Romans 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.

Gospel Acclamation

2 Corinthians 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!

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

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 your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others 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.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

Living the gospel

Facing the issue

It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

Gospel Reflection

This week's gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two 'brothers' – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working

through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, then there would be no 'drama' to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn't make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships! Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.

Scriptural context – A Scriptural Sandwich

The placement of this discourse about confronting your brother within the gospel of Matthew helps to shed light on its meaning. Immediately preceding this passage is the parable of the Lost Sheep, about leaving the 99 to go out in search of the one lost sheep. Immediately following this week's passage is the parable of the unmerciful or unforgiving servant who, despite receiving forgiveness of his own debt from his master, throws a fellow servant in debtors prison for failing to pay back money owed. The three passages together give a detailed discourse on forgiveness and reconciliation – dealing with those who have sinned, even against you personally and the powerful call to compassion and mercy.

Pope at Mass in Mongolia: Christian faith is answer to thirst for love

In his homily during Sunday Mass in Ulaanbaatar, Pope Francis reflects on “the thirst” within every human being and “the love that quenches that thirst.”

By Christopher Wells

Mongolia, an “immense” country, “rich in history and culture”, is yet “marked by the aridity of the steppes and the desert” – an apt metaphor for the thirst for happiness and love that is found in the heart of every human being.

In his homily during Mass on Sunday in Ulaanbaatar’s Steppe Arena, Pope Francis dwelt on this “thirst within us” and “the love that quenches it,” taking his inspiration from the day’s responsorial Psalm: “O God... my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.”

Only Christ can quench our thirst

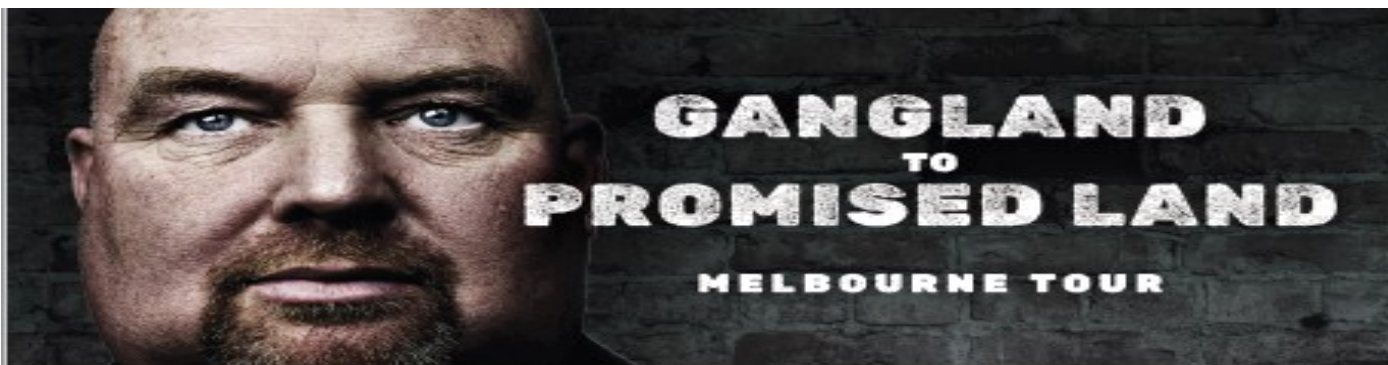
This verse invites us first “to acknowledge the thirst within us.” The Psalmist’s words “have a particular resonance in a land like with its traditional no-ture,” the Pope explained, “us are ‘God’s nomads,’ search of happiness, way- ing for love.” “Dear sisters,” Pope Francis said, “faith is the answer to this this thirst lies the great our humanity: it opens the living God, the God of comes to meet us and to children, brothers and sis- another.” The Holy Father said, “This is the heart of the Christian faith: God, who is love, has drawn near to you in His Son Jesus, and wants to share in your life, your work, your dreams, and your thirst for happi- ness.” If at times in our lives we “experience the desert of loneliness, fatigue, and emptiness,” the Pope said, citing St Augustine, God refreshes us with “the dew of His Word... He has opened for us a highway in the desert, Our Lord Jesus Christ.” God offers us consolation in the preachers of the word, and water in the desert “by filling those preachers with the Holy Spirit.”



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The heart of our faith

This Word, Pope Francis said, “always brings us back to the very heart of our faith: allowing ourselves to be loved by God and in turn to make our lives an offering of love. For love alone truly quenches our thirst.” Turning to the Gospel, which speaks of Peter’s inability to accept Jesus’ Passion and Cross, Pope Francis said the worldliness exemplified by Peter “leads nowhere; indeed, it leaves us thirstier than be- fore.” Only by denying ourselves and taking up our crosses, as Jesus did, will we be able to satisfy the thirst in our lives. This, the Pope said, “is the truth that Jesus wants us to discover, the truth He wants to reveal to all of you and to this land of Mongolia: You need not be famous, rich, or powerful to be happy. Only love satisfies our hearts’ thirst, only love heals our wounds, only love brings us true joy.” Pope Francis called on all of us to take to heart the Lord’s words to Peter, to become disciples of Jesus, to walk in his footsteps and stop thinking as the world does. “If we do this,” the Pope said, “we will be able, with the grace of Christ and the Holy Spirit, to journey along the path of love... when we lose our lives for the sake of the Gospel, the Lord gives them back to us abundantly, in the fulness of love and joy for all eterni- ty.”



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Parish Footy Tipping Competition



3 tippers scored the best result in the final round of the season with 7/9, Adam Lane, Jack Jansson and Myke Schultz.

Congratulations Teresa Lincoln, our top tipper for the season. She has finished 4 ahead of Michael Barden with one back to Peter Keightley and another one back to John Frank one ahead of Delina Frank and Pauline Peters. Prizes will be given out after the Grand Final. Our Finals competition began this week. Who will triumph? All current tippers are automatically entered.

DO YOU KNOW? When was the current Final 8 system introduced? Before that, 5 versions of the McIntyre Finals system had existed since 1931. The Argus Finals System existed to 1930. Do you know how those Systems were named and what were their differences?

Any competition queries or help contact [James: jflob@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jflob@bigpond.net.au) / 0418 491781, [Spencer: sanddmeier@bigpond.com](mailto:sanddmeier@bigpond.com) / 0448 602 288.

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- Fly to **Sydney** and spend three nights at Mary MacKillop Place where Mary lived and died. Visit her burial site in the Memorial Chapel.
- Extra cost for those who wish to spend a couple of extra nights in Sydney before they return home.

A full itinerary is attached to the application form.



Booking & Enquiries

For further information or to make an application, please contact the Australian Pilgrimage Co-Ordinator

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Where do you begin?

At the Parish of St Macartan's Mornington, new sessions begin with an **information night.**

There is no obligation – come and find out more:

Thursday 19th October

7:00pm in the Church Community House, 8 Drake Street, next to the Church

or ring the Parish office on 5975 2200 or Email: mornington@cam.org.au

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Fr Geoff



Supporting Safe Communities

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023
10 SEPTEMBER



CHILD PROTECTION WEEK (4–9 SEPTEMBER) AND SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY (10 SEPTEMBER)

Child Protection Week is a national campaign held each year to raise awareness of child-abuse prevention in our communities. In 2023, the overarching message that ‘Every child in every community needs a fair go’ will be complemented with the theme ‘Where we start matters’:

Where we start our lives in terms of where we live, the resources available to us and the opportunities presented to us makes a significant difference to our life outcomes.

Where we start as a Catholic community in offering children and their families support and assistance makes a significant difference to life outcomes.

Where we start as decision-makers in addressing large, complex problems such as child abuse and neglect also has a significant impact on personal, social and economic outcomes.

Child Protection Week is a good time for us to think about how we, as adults, can address some of these issues that affect children and to consider how we can change things to make a difference.

In the Catholic Church, Child Protection Week is highlighted through Safeguarding Sunday, which falls this year on 10 September. Safeguarding Sunday seeks to acknowledge the immense damage caused by the sexual abuse of children and adults at risk, including by priests, religious and lay people within Catholic contexts. It makes a commitment to practices and protocols that create and maintain safe environments for all people. It invites people to pray for those harmed by abuse directly and indirectly.

Child Protection Week and Safeguarding Sunday resources

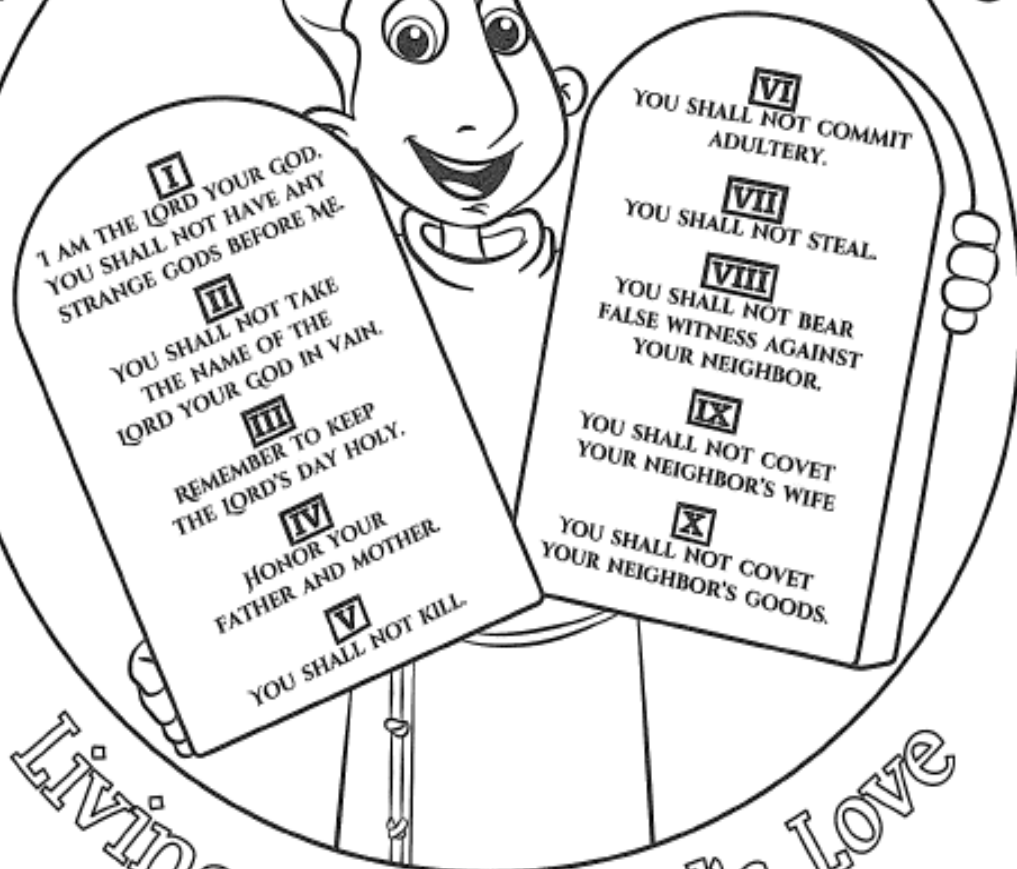
The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) have released [a suite of resources](#) to support parishes in their recognition of Safeguarding Sunday, which falls at the end of Child Protection Week.

The National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (NAPCAN) will run a [series of webinars](#) during Child Protection Week. They have also released a [downloadable children’s activity](#) with creative activities designed to foster conversations about safety, in addition to an array of other [resources and tools](#) to promote this event.



MINI MAC'S

The Ten Commandments



Living Within God's Love



Jokes of the Week



1: A pastor preached a wonderful sermon, saying we should love our enemies. And, when he got through he asked, “Is there anybody in the audience who can truthfully say that he or she has no enemies?” An old gentleman got up right underneath the pulpit, and he said, “Father, I ain’t got no enemies.” So, the Pastor tells the congregation, “Let’s listen. This man has the secret. He can teach us something. Go ahead, sir, now tell us how we do that.” “Oh,” he said, “it ain’t hard. You see, I’ve outlived all those rascals.”

2) **Grandma’s list:** There was the grandmother celebrating her golden wedding anniversary who told the secret of her long and happy marriage. “On my wedding day, I decided to make a list of ten of my husband’s faults which, for the sake of the marriage, I would overlook.” A guest asked the woman what some of the faults she had chosen to overlook were. The grandmother replied, “To tell you the truth, I never did get around to making that list. But whenever my husband did something that made me hopping mad, I would say to myself, “Lucky for him that’s one of the ten.”

3) One New Year’s Eve at London’s Garrick Club, British dramatist Frederick Lonsdale was asked by Seymour Hicks to reconcile with a fellow member. The two had quarrelled in the past and never restored their friendship. “You must,” Hicks said to Lonsdale. “It is very unkind to be unfriendly at such a time. Go over now and wish him a happy New Year.” So Lonsdale crossed the room and spoke to his enemy. “I wish you a happy New Year,” he said, “but only one.”

MOVIE NIGHT

The Sound of Freedom.

The Sound of Freedom is based on a true story concerning Tim Ballard, a former U.S. government agent who embarks on a mission to rescue children from sex traffickers in Colombia. It shows the lengths that traffickers go to, to kidnap children and the lengths that Tim Ballard and his associates go through to rescue them. It highlights a dreadful trade in children in this part of the world and although the subject matter is grave, it does have a positive vibe, and (spoiler alert) it has a happy ending.

By JK



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23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time – 9th & 10th September 2023

6.00pm Readers: Fay Murphy, Carmel McGrath

Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi and Kees Duyvestyn

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Crea, Christina Llopart

11.00am Readers: Gabriella Fialla, Joan Clements

Eucharistic Ministers: Shiela Goddard, Bridie Sexton

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 16th & 17th September 2023

6.00pm Readers: Louise Renshaw, Adrian Mitchell

Eucharistic Ministers: Alice Fisher, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Zinno

Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Thoppil, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Terry Roberts

Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Ensil, Sandra Barrett

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 23rd & 24th September 2023

6.00 pm: Readers: Marlene Tesmann, Brian Scantlebury

Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi Duyvestyn, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier

Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Trish Duryea

Eucharistic Ministers: Terry Roberts, Rosina Di Petta

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