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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A 13 September 2020

ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS Matthew 18 : 21 – 35

In this Gospel Jesus asks us to err on the side of forgiving 'seventy times seven.' This means forgiveness must be unlimited. When Peter asked this question he knew it was Rabbinic teaching that a man must forgive his brother three times: Rabbi Jose said "He who begs forgiveness from his neighbour must do so no more than three times." Rabbi Jose said "If a man commits an offence once, they forgive him; if he commits an offence a second time, they forgive him; if he commits an offence a third time, they forgive him; the fourth time "they do not forgive." Look to the book of Amos for the biblical proof of this (Amos 1: 3, 6, 9, 11, 13: 2: 1, 4, 6.) From this we can deduce that God's forgiveness extends to three offences and that God visits the sinner with punishment at the fourth.

Peter expected to be warmly commended; but Jesus' answer was that the Christian must forgive seventy times seven. In other words there is no reckonable limit to forgiveness.

We all need to forgive because at one time or another we all have been hurt. There are some steps we can take, which, with the grace of God, lead to forgiveness and healing of hurt.

We must recognise that a wrong had been done to us - no point pretending it didn't happen.

We must recognise that we have feelings about this – anger and hurt - these feelings are not sin - they are natural and healthy.

We can talk about these feelings - if not with the person who hurt us, then with someone else.

Then at some point we make a decision to forgive. Forgiveness is a generous action of the will - feelings of hurt and bitterness may not suddenly disappear - Healing takes time.

Finally, we have to make a decision about our relationship with the person who hurt us. We have three choices: To continue it, break it off for a while, or to discontinue altogether. Reconciliation is not always possible. It takes two to be reconciled. Unless we forgive others we ourselves will not be forgiven. It is not that God is vindictive. It is just that if we do not forgive others we make it impossible for ourselves to receive God's forgiveness.

It is not a question of forgiving if and when the offender repents. We are expected to forgive even if the offender does not repent – that is what makes it so difficult, and why we need God's grace.

My dear brothers and sisters: Pray for the gift of forgiveness – we must realise that unless we forgive, we will not be able to let go of any bitterness and resentment, and so we will forever not experience the richness of healing and peace. Forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting, it means that generously we may remember but unconditionally – let go:

In this instance alone – Forgiveness is a holy task! We need the Love of God in our hearts, for God alone is the one who can help us accomplish the gift of forgiveness fully.

When we forgive, we free ourselves of the burden of bitterness, and free the other person of the burden of guilt.

With every kindness and love to one and all : Keep safe through the pandemic: The Lord bless and protect you all : Dean Peter

**PRAYER FOR
BISHOP-ELECT GREG BENNET**

Eternal God, our Shepherd and Guide
We bless and thank you for the appointment
of your servant, Greg Bennet,
as the tenth Bishop of Sale.
May your Holy Spirit grace him
with the gifts of wisdom and strength,
gentleness and compassion,
as he prepares to take up his role as our pastor
and teacher.
May he be a shepherd after your own heart,
who will walk in your ways and, with loving care,
watch over your people.
May he be a leader of vision and a teacher of
your truth.
As Bishop-elect Bennet prepares to make his
home among us,
may we welcome him joyfully into our Diocesan
community,
now entrusted to his care and leadership.
May we, as the Body of Christ in the Diocese of
Sale,
through our work and prayer
together bear witness to Christ and the building
up of your kingdom.
We ask this through your Son Jesus Christ, in
the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, for ever and ever. Amen,

Our Lady of Perpetual Help pray for us
St Mary of the Cross MacKillop pray for us.



**DATE OF EPISCOPAL ORDINATION OF
BISHOP-ELECT GREG BENNET**

The Diocesan Administrator, Fr Peter Slater is
happy to announce the Episcopal Ordination and
installation of Bishop-elect Gregory Bennet as
Tenth Bishop of Sale will be held on **Tuesday
20th October in St Mary's Cathedral Sale
commencing at 11am.**
Mindful of the seriousness of the current COVID
pandemic, all arrangements will be planned with
due respect of restrictions concerning public
safety.
Further information such as the live streaming
details will be made available in due course.

**NATIONAL CHILD PROTECTION WEEK 6 – 12
September 2020** National Child
Protection Week is in its 30th year. This
weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks
Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for
those who have been abused, their families and
supporters. We recognise and apologise for the
harm done by priests, religious and lay people in
Church settings. The Church takes a
zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We
recommit to practices that support survivors and
make the Catholic Church and its ministries the
safest possible place for children and people at
risk. Find out more at: [www.catholic.org.au/
childprotectionsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday) and -
www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding
CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY 2020
St Mary's Cathedral Parish, Sale is committed to
the care, wellbeing and protection of children,
young people and people at risk in our communi-
ty. We uphold that child protection and the digni-
ty of every person is the responsibility of every
adult. Access prayers and resources at
www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday

PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD Please deliver a
bulletin to anyone you know who might like one.
It would be lovely if we could reach as many of
our parishioners as possible, so they too may be
aware of the changes happening in our Parish
life. Copies are available from the Parish Office
on Monday or Friday.

DAILY PRAYER Short daily Gospel reflections
with access to readings and prayers of the
faithful can be found at <https://www.pray.com.au>

ONLINE RESOURCES DURING COVID: Free
access to the following online music and video
resources Prayer: [https://www.cdsale.org.au/
news/prayer-resources-in-time-of-need](https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/prayer-resources-in-time-of-need)

31 CLUB REMINDER for 7 - 13 September.
Please pray for vocations.



PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father, we give you thanks
and praise for our Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily
Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit
of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we
journey through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming and
serving community,
always discerning and doing your will for
one another.
We make this prayer through
Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**PLANNED GIVING VIA DIRECT DEBIT OR
DIRECT CREDIT**

Parishioners who currently
give via the weekly, fortnightly or monthly
envelopes are asked to consider altering their
giving to **DIRECT DEBIT** giving to enable our
Parish to continue. Direct Debit Giving forms
are available at the office, please phone or
email and we can get one to you.

Anyone wishing to make a **DIRECT CREDIT** of
their planned giving or any **OTHER
DONATIONS** to our Parish can do so by
Electronic Transfer to St Mary's Cathedral
Church account:

BSB 083 879 Account Number 48916 8836.
Please let Clare know via email
(sale@cdsale.org.au) or by phoning 5144
4100 if you decide to do this. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS

will still be available for collection outside the
Chapter House all this week. Thank you to
those who have already collected their
envelopes. We would be grateful if you could
collect yours at your earliest convenience. We
have receipts available for all those who pay via
Direct Debit and Credit Card. Please collect your
receipts as well if you are a Planned Giver.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday 14 Sept: Mary Sheehy (A)

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon **First Friday of
the Month** 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month
9.30am-10.30am **RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** After the
9.30am Mass—10.30am **Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday
evening:** Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. **MARRIAGES:** Not less
than six months notice please.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$1,588.00
Presbytery: \$160.00
Credit Cards: \$0.00
Direct Debits: \$1,305.00
With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
13 September 2020**

Day/Date	Time	Place
NO MASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS		

PARISH MASS ON YOUTUBE we invite you to pray our Parish Mass at 9.30am each Sunday the YouTube link is <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCiD2hf8AlxPXAjVG3nEYTzQ>. Alternatively, you can find the link on our Parish website at: <http://www.stmaryscathedralsale.com.au/>
This week's livestreamed Mass:
Sunday 13 September at 9.30am - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

MARRIAGE WEEK 13 - 19 SEPTEMBER A fun date night from 8 – 9pm on **Saturday 19 September**. We are partnering with our friends at Focus on the Family Australia online date night event and will be hosted by Christian comedian Ben Price. Brett and Kate Ryan of Focus on the Family Australia will talk on 'Looking back to help strengthen your future'. Discussing how to grow your relationship when life throws you a curve ball...or two! The cost is \$10 a couple who on registering will receive details. Registration through: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/virtual-date-night-2020-tickets-117714763025>

Prayer for the Year of Laudato Si'

Loving God, Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.
Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.

Be present to those in need in these difficult times, especially the poorest and most vulnerable. Help us to show creative solidarity as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic. Make us courageous in embracing the changes required to seek the common good. Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and interdependent.

Enable us to succeed in listening and responding to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs of a more fraternal and sustainable world.

We pray through Christ our Lord, under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians, Amen.

We offer prayers for those who have died **Peter Edey, Geraldine Dillon, Teresa Beer** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Mary Sheehy**. We pray for those who are sick Daryl Leggett, Celie Smith, Carolyn Everard, Robert Hopkinson, Fr Brian O'Connor, Zita Sutherland, Kim Yacoub, Joan Whitford, Bill Harkin, Cynthia Freshwater, Angela Jones, Ercilia Tobar, Ann Formaran, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION - SUNDAY SEPT 13 2020

The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the closure of churches around the world during Holy Week because of the COVID-19 Pandemic, Pope Francis moved the date for this collection to **Sunday September 13** to coincide with the **Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross** on September 14. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages and medical centres throughout the Holy Land also rely on assistance from this collection. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Last year, Australian Catholics donated \$1.3 million to this cause, despite tough economic times, rural droughts and the increasing cost of living. This year, we are again facing great challenges due to COVID-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on **Sunday September 13th** and please also keep them in your prayers. Thank you. There is a video available on YouTube if you would like more information.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o62bhQoaCTw&feature=youtu.be>

If you would like to donate directly the account details are:

Holy Land Commissariat
BSB 062-267
Account No. 1001 4847

Prayer for Child Protection

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken.
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children, giving them the inner strength, peace and resilience to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

Amen

NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 27:30-28:7

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.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: 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:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9

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:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 18:21-35

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.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

AN ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus,
I believe that You are in the Blessed Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I long for You in my soul.
Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
As though you have already come,
I embrace You and Unite myself entirely to You:
never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Not being held until further notice

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

Not being held until further notice

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

First Reading: **Isaiah 55:6-9**
Second Reading: **Philippians 1:20-24, 27**
Gospel: **Matthew 20:1-16**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE

Cancelled currently due to Coronavirus restrictions.



SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE - No Public Masses until further notice.

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (1st Saturday of the Month)
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil
Sunday: Cathedral - 9.30am (Live-streamed)
Sunday: Rosedale - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st & 5th Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Briargolong - 9.30am (3rd Sunday of the Month)
Sunday: Cathedral - 5.30pm