

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
33:7-9

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

R/: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Romans
13:8-10

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, and 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

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 READING

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew
18:15-20

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 along 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.'

SCRIPTURE READINGS for Daily Mass (Australian Liturgical Calendar) are accessible online:
www.universalis.com/Australia/1000/mass
Navigate the daily Scripture readings for the week ahead using the right-hand column



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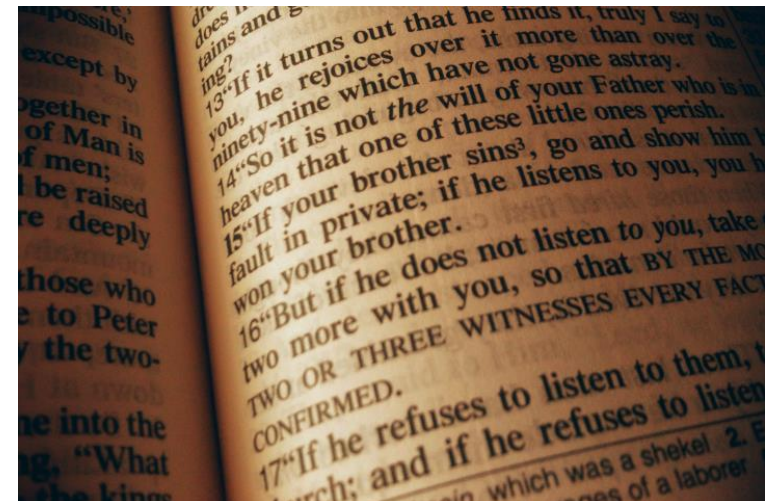
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23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time **Year A – 5th / 6th September, 2020**



The gospel readings for this week and next week come from a section of Matthew that deals with ways the community might regulate its behaviour. Clearly there were some in the group who were behaving in ways that brought the community into disrepute and were contrary to the teaching of Jesus. The question was how the community should confront such issues of human sinfulness and help each other in the spirit of love that Jesus professed. Matthew recalls the words of Jesus to suggest a way forward in this dilemma. This text comes immediately after the parable of the lost sheep, where the shepherd expends all possible effort to find the lost one and bring it back to the fold. For Matthew, the main point of that parable is the joy that the master expresses when the lost one returns. That point is emphasised in this text when Matthew again suggests that all possible effort must be made to correct those in the community who err before taking the final step of exclusion from the group. Even then, all is not lost, and Matthew reminds his community that they should pray together and that their prayers will be heard.

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MASS TIMES:
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MASS TIMES:
Saturday 6:30 pm
Sunday 9:00 am, 11:00 am
Tuesday 6.00 pm
Wednesday 9.15am
Thursday, Friday 9.15 am
Saturday 9.00 am

COMMUNION SERVICE:
Monday 9.15 am

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RECONCILIATION:
Saturdays: 9.30am & 6pm

BAPTISMS: SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
Either during a weekend Mass or at 12.30pm on the 2nd Sunday of the month. 6 weeks' notice required. Please refer to our Guidelines for Infant Baptism and Application Form available on our parish website.

WEDDINGS: CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR MORE INFO
By appointment, 6 months' notice required. Saturdays or weekdays (not Sundays).
Contact the Parish Office: 9583 6161

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PRAYING FOR:

Bernard Hoy, Norma McGrath
...and all those who died recently.

We also remember:

Mary Meyer, Shane Savage,
James Andrews, Diane Smiles, Jim
Sullivan and Paul Rak
*...and all whose anniversaries occur
about this time.*

COVID RESTRICTIONS: Stage
Four (4) restrictions now apply. General
Guidelines from the Archdiocese:
https://cam.org.au/wp-content/uploads/14-4August20-UPDATE-COVID_19-GENERAL-GUIDELINES_.pdf

Broadcast & Online Masses:
**11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's
Cathedral** continues to be **televised
live (free to air) on Channel 31**
(Ch. 44 on Digital TV).
This Mass is also live-streamed on the
Melbourne Catholic website:
melbournecatholic.org.au/Mass

**Pre-recorded Masses available
online:**
cam1.org.au/Greensborough/Spirituality/Mass-Online or
stsimonsparish.com.au/mass-videos or
holyfamilydoveton.org.au/
Mass can also be heard on **Light FM
(89.9 FM) every Sunday at 7am.**

A Blessing Prayer for Father's Day

God of Kindness and Compassion,
we are your children and you are
Father to us all.

We give honour and thanks to those who
reflect your fatherly example:
those who are dads and granddads;
step-dads, foster dads, godfathers and
fathers-in-law;
those who are coaches,
leaders and mentors;
and those who are elders and
wisdom-men of our communities.

We look to these men for strength of body
and strength of character.
We look to them to pass on skills
and pass on stories.

We look to them to protect and provide.
We look to them for care and compassion.

We look to them to be co-creators and
stewards of the world.
For all those who embrace their role as
father, we give thanks.
For those who struggle with being fathers,
give them strength.

For those who are distanced from their
children, give them comfort.

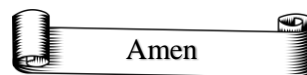
For those who have passed from this
world, give them peace.

Bless these men that we call father.

Bless them in their strength and
in their weakness.

Bless them in their joy
and in their sorrow.

Bless them in their work and in their play.
And bless them, Father, for being fathers.
We make this prayer through the one who
taught us to call you Our Father:
Your Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ.



- Greg Sunter

Wednesday 9th September is the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam who is the founder of the St Vincent de Paul Society and you are invited to view a special online Mass that will be recorded at St Louis de Montfort's and celebrated by Fr Peter Matheson. This year our very own Cheltenham Conference celebrates their 50th Anniversary, as does the Mordialloc Conference. The special Feast Day Mass can be viewed via a link on the Mordialloc & Aspendale Parish website:
www.cam.org.au/mordiallocaspendale

SEASON OF CREATION: On the eve of the ecumenical Season of Creation, Pope Francis forcefully spoke out against acts of "plundering" against God's creation and called on all people to take action to protect God's gifts "today, not tomorrow, today."

His Holiness, speaking in his monthly Pope Video for September, said countries and companies in the Global North exploit "natural gifts from the [Global] South, generating an 'ecological debt.' His message calling on all people to act comes as Christians around the world are preparing to start the Season of Creation, the annual celebration of prayer and action for our common home. The ecumenical celebration starts Tuesday 1 September, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, and concludes on 4 October, the feast day for St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

Amid crises that have shaken our world, thousands of communities on six continents will heed the words of Pope Francis and other Christian leaders by participating in the Season of Creation.

Go to: <https://thepopevideo.org/> and share the Pope's message about how we as people of the earth can spread the word.