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ST MARY'S BASILICA & OUR EUCHARISTIC CHAPEL REMAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC AT THIS STAGE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED PATIENCE. PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE IF YOU REQUIRE INFORMATION.

**ST MARY'S PARISH OFFICE
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(Monday - Friday).
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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A - September 13, 2020

Readings for this week:

Sirah 27: 30 - 28: 7; Romans 14: 7 - 9; Matthew 18: 21 - 35

Reflection on the Gospel

By Greg Sunter

This gospel passage follows directly from last week's passage. It concludes the whole of Matthew Chapter 18 that deals with sin, forgiveness and reconciliation. Peter's question to Jesus and suggested answer is a reflection of the view that there is a limit to the number of times we should forgive someone. Seven is a significant number in scripture and implies a 'perfect' amount. Even though by his use of seven, Peter is suggesting that he should forgive someone many, many times, Jesus quickly corrects Peter and says not seven, but seventy-seven times (or seventy times seven). Jesus plays on the use of the number seven and multiplies it to indicate that one should forgive as many times as is required - without keeping count; without keeping score.

The story of the unforgiving servant is a familiar one of forgiveness and mercy being shown but not passed on. The sting in the tail of this parable is Jesus' final warning that, 'So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.' This is an unsettling statement, as we believe God's forgiveness to be without measure and without end. Jesus warns that unless we seek to imitate God's forgiveness and forgive others 'from our heart' (with compassion) then we are not going to recognise the forgiveness of God and will cut ourselves off from it.

The whole idea of forgiving from the heart is a powerful contradiction of a popular concept: 'I can forgive, but not forget.' Is it really possible to forgive but refuse to forget? Surely holding on to a memory of hurt is holding on to the hurt itself and does not display that any forgiveness has occurred at all. To forgive but not forget is to keep count. How many times should I forgive the one who has hurt me? As many times as it takes!

This weekend, on Sunday September 13, 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 online at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding

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A REFLECTION from Fr Joseph & Fr Jim

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

Christianity is unique among religions in our belief in the intensity of God's love and God's closeness to us and God's desire to forgive us. In some religions there is no personal relationship with God. In some, God is not forgiving, or if God is forgiving there is no personal relationship, or there is a limited belief in God as a forgiving God. But Christianity is unique among religions in our belief in the intensity of God's love and God's closeness to us and God's desire to forgive us. That is not surprising since God revealed himself in Jesus and revealed his closeness to us and desire to forgive us.

This Sunday Gospel Jesus Speaks to us about the importance of forgiving one another. At the time of Jesus some rabbis taught that there was a limit to the times you would forgive. They said you should forgive three times but not after that. When Peter asked Jesus if he should forgive seven times he was being generous, more than double what was expected at the time. Jesus responded, not just seven times, but seventy-seven times. In other words, there is to be no limit to our forgiveness. To teach us Jesus then proceeds to tell a parable. A king forgave a servant a huge sum owed. Our translation of Matthew's Greek doesn't bring out the size of the sum owed, it was 10,000 talents. One talent was 6,000 times the daily wage, so 10,000 talents is 60 million times the daily wage. This amount was so huge that servant could never pay it back. The king forgave this servant. This servant then meets a fellow servant who owes him 100 denarii. A denarius was one day's wage. He is owed 100 days' wages, which is nothing by comparison with the 60 million days' wages that he has just been forgiven by the king. Nevertheless he doesn't forgive and is then punished by the king. The point of Jesus' parable is that the debt of our sin is beyond what we can humanly pay back to our heavenly Father. Jesus paid that price for us on Calvary. When someone offends us Jesus asks us to forgive, not just seven times, but seventy seven times, i.e. to forgive always. We have been forgiven 60 million days wages by God through Jesus and when someone offends us we are asked to forgive the paltry sum of 100 days wages by comparison.

Jesus himself leads us in forgiving and is for us a model in forgiving those who have hurt us. We see this above all during Jesus' Passion. When Jesus was being crucified he prayed for those crucified him. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." (Luke 23:34)

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Jesus is our model in forgiveness. Many times during his Passion we see Jesus forgiving those harming him. What we see most of all in Jesus is his forgiveness. Everyone knows forgiving is not easy and may be difficult depending on the person and events involved but it is the only way forward. As long as we do not forgive we are not free. Forgiveness is freedom. In life we make so many errors, many mistakes... We learn to recognize our mistakes and apologize. Asking forgiveness and giving forgiveness does not mean someone is wrong or someone is right. It just means we value relationships more than being right and we want let things go.

PARISH NEWS UPDATE:

Mass from St Mary's is broadcast locally on Radio at 10am - PULSE FM 94.7 every Sunday.

The Parish Office is open, and attended, Monday to Friday from 9.00am - 5.00pm for enquiries, or a caring chat. Call: 5222 1977.

We encourage you to drop in your **Thanksgiving envelopes** to keep your pledges up to date - or call the Office to make other arrangements. Thank you to all who have already made the effort.

If you wish to add a name to the 'Recently Deceased', 'Anniversaries of Death', or 'those in our Parish who are unwell' section please contact the Office or email rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

Printed copies of the Bulletin, Daily Reflections and Weekly Mass Sheets are available from outside the front of Parish Office each week.

SPIRITUAL SUPPORT – COMFORT & CARE

Thursdays from 10.30am – 5.00pm via Zoom. Email details to Fr Joseph Panackal to book your time: j.panackal@stmarysgeelong.com.au Please book your time by 4.00pm on the Wednesday before/prior. **You may also call the Parish Office 5222 1977 to make a "phone call" booking on this same day.**

ST MARY'S PARISH ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

We invite you to join in this weekly Rosary group. We get together via Zoom every **Friday at 10.00am**. Please contact us during the week with your **email address** if you are interested and would like to be a part of this reflective prayer group. You can call the Parish Office on: 5222 1977 or email details to the host rhay@stmarysgeelong.com.au

"TO BE CHRIST-LIKE" A reflection written by Anna Demetriou (St Mary's Pastoral worker) can be accessed on our parish webpage or by using this link [http://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/files/Reflection%20To%20Be%20Christ-Like%20Anna%](http://www.stmarysgeelong.com.au/files/Reflection%20To%20Be%20Christ-Like%20Anna%20)

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You are invited to email prayer requests to Cheryle Douglas: cheryledouglas50@gmail.com **The chain is completely confidential.** People can use just first name and/or initials. You can also call the Parish Office during the week with your request and we will pass on your prayers/details.

“The Swag” MAGAZINE – SPRING EDITION 2020

Due to COVID-19 restrictions the Spring edition of “The Swag” will be brought to you via PDF on the Swag website – www.theswag.org.au.

Those interested are advised to access the Swag homepage using the site address provided. Then click on the green ‘button’ which states “**Parishes and Schools with a bulk print subscription. Please Click Here**”. You will be directed to a page which says “**CLICK HERE to view the PDF Page Turner**”. Click on that box and you will be taken to the PDF of “The Swag”. Use the side arrows to turn the pages and read.

Or you can link directly to the magazine PDF by clicking on this link: https://issuu.com/ncp2020/docs/the_swag_-_spring_2020?fr=sMGE2MTEzNzc0ODU

REFLECTION FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

by Lisa-Marie Calderone-Stewart

Jesus is pretty clear about forgiving people. Seventy times seven is a lot of times – four hundred and ninety times, to be exact!

Can you imagine forgiving someone that many times, if they hurt you that many times? Why or why not? Can you imagine Jesus forgiving someone that many times? Why or why not?

Forgiveness of a crime doesn't mean that it was okay for that crime to have been committed. It means that the forgiver is no longer going to spend energy on hatred and anger related to the crime and to the person being forgiven. It actually frees up the forgiver as much as it does the forgiven, for anger and hatred are a very heavy burden that drains a person and affects the person's whole life.

Because you forgive someone, does it necessarily mean that you trust that person again? If you have to forgive someone seven times for a crime, is it healthy or smart to continue to trust that person? Would Jesus want you to continue a close relationship with that person, or would he just ask you to give up on the anger and hatred and get on with your life?

**ST MARY'S TECHNICAL SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

There are plans to establish the St Mary's Technical School Alumni Association. Any interested old Collegians - “old boys” are invited to call Daryl Kelly on: 0488 225 767

**PARISH PANTRY OPEN TIMES
Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays
from 1:00pm to 3:00pm**

(except for public holidays observed in Geelong).

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PASTORAL HEALTHCARE NETWORK

AUSTRALIA INC. continue to offer their Pamper days via Zoom on Saturday mornings with guest presenters. Their next Pamper day will be on September 26th between 11am-1pm. The health topic will be 'Social isolation and its effects on health' and the guest presenter is Aunty Bronwyn Razem demonstrating Weaving within a Yarning Circle. All are invited and most welcome to join in. To be a part of the virtual Pamper day contact Rod Bush on mobile: 0410 471 005 or email: rodnbush@gmail.com for the zoom link.

QUOTE OF THE DAY



Healing is a process; Forgiveness is the beginning

Forgiveness is a funny thing, it warms the heart and cools the sting. - William Arthur Ward

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THOSE IN OUR PARISH WHO ARE UNWELL: Linda Looney, Fr Brendan Dillon, Fr Michael Richardson

Loving God, we pray that you will be comfort in their suffering, and lead them to know your healing grace, As they place their trust in you, grant them peace of mind, body and spirit. Amen .

St. John of God Hospital Chapel Mass: **CANCELLED** until further notice

RADIO MASS BROADCAST: SUNDAY 7am on Light FM 89.9 and 10am on The Pulse FM 94.7



Televised on Channel 10 at 6.00am on Sunday September 13, 2020



Televised on Channel 173 at 6.00am on Sunday September 13, 2020.

Repeated at: 8.00am; 10.00am; 1.00pm; 3.00pm; 6.00pm & 8.30pm

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - Year A - September 20, 2020

Readings for next week:

Isaiah 55: 6 - 9; Philippians 1: 20 - 24, 27; Matthew 20: 1 - 16

Sunday Mass at Holy Trinity Parish - Queenscliff

Live on their Parish Facebook Page at 11.00am Sundays

<https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Trinity-Queenscliff-105514061120399/>

Local Sunday Mass Live on Facebook from **St Thomas' Parish, Drysdale** Sunday Mass @ 10.30am

<https://www.facebook.com/stthomasdrysdale/>

NO 6.00pm VIGIL MASS

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<https://www.facebook.com/St-Mary-of-the-Angels-Parish-103118478011107/> 'Follow' the page and like our updates & articles.

You can also visit our regularly updated and very informative webpage: www.stmarysgeelong.com.au and scroll down till you find the FB link.

On the webpage we include updates & current information sent out to us from the Government and Melbourne Archdiocese, Daily Reflections, Prayers, images, links and even something for the kids.

We continue to encourage you to be active in growing your faith, through personal and family prayer, reflecting on the Scriptures, or participating in a Mass online - either through local parishes or other online sources. Thank you for your patience and understanding, as you await the opening of our worship centres. May God bless you and keep you safe and well. Take care of yourself and others. Peace be with you.

DAILY Mass at St Joseph's Catholic Church - Meredith

Live on their Parish Facebook Page at 11.00am **EVERYDAY**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Religious-Organization/Catholic-Parish-of-Meredith-St-Josephs-217771215762342/>

St Michael's Parish, Bell Park has established a Facebook page to live stream and record Sunday Mass.

The link for St Michael Parish is:

www.facebook.com/michaelparish.st

The Mass will be live-streamed via Facebook each Sunday at 10.00am.

A video of the Mass will remain available to view at a time that suits until the following Sunday.

St Bernard's Parish Belmont

Fr Sang is recording Sunday Mass each weekend for parishioners.

It is available as a **link** sent to your **email** (on request). For a copy of the Mass you can contact the Parish via

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