

In the eighteenth chapter of the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus talks directly to his followers to tell us what our fellowship is to be like. If a brother or sister in the faith hurts you, angers you, saddens you, or does you wrong in any way...you go and talk to them about it directly, one on one. Not only does this manner of working out difficulties lead to forgiveness, it also does so in a graceful way. The offended party isn't dragging the offender through the mud. If it gets worked out here, no one else needs to know. Forgiveness is available without fear of embarrassment in the fellowship. It can be done quietly, lovingly and gracefully. However, when that doesn't work, you bring another person or two with you. This "ratchets" things up a bit, but still provides for grace amidst discretion. And then, if things can't be worked out there, you bring it to the whole church. I've seen churches be totally undone by backbiting and whisper campaigns. It can be devastating-and not just to attendance and finances-but it's devastating to the Christian witness of that parish, and the Universal Church. For when that happens, the church ceases to be a place of forgiveness, grace, and mercy. One might say that it ceases to be a church in any discernible fashion. Forgiveness is meant to be at the core of who we are, and to be honest with you, if we can't do it between ourselves in the church, how can we ever be agents of reconciliation in the world? Right here, Jesus gives a clear blueprint for how our communities might be holy places where holy relationships might flourish. And, it's something that we need to practice until it is so ingrained in our DNA, we can't imagine living another way.

**ST MICHAEL'S INTERNATIONAL FEAST DAY COMBINED
CELEBRATIONS TOGETHER WITH:
FR JERZY'S 60TH BIRTHDAY AND FR ANTHONY'S GOLDEN
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SUNDAY 21st SEPTEMBER

PROGRAMME: ♣ 9AM: PROCESSION

♣ 9:30AM: THANKSGIVING MASS

♣ LUNCH CELEBRATIONS IN HALL – Please bring an international dish to share.

♣ LOTS OF GAMES AND PRIZES TO BE WON!

♣ HOMEMADE TIRAMISU CAKE COMPETITION (Contact Parish Office for entry forms. Registration required)

♣ MAGICIAN/CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Please come in costumes from your countries of origin.

Prizes will be awarded for best dressed!!

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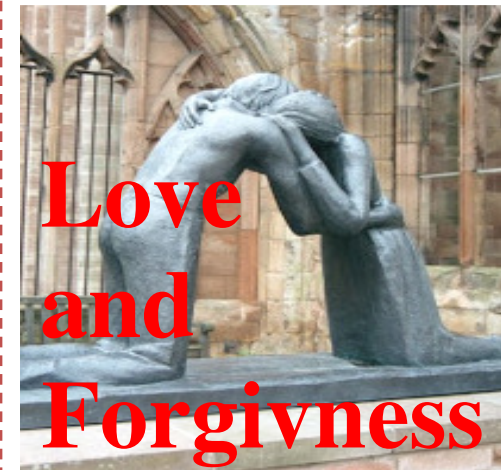
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www.vocationcentre.org.au



7th Sept. 2014 (A)

23rd Ordinary Sunday

1ST READING: Ezekiel 33:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

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

2ND READING: Romans 13:8-10

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: St Matthew 18:15-20

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Like a deer that longs for running streams, my soul longs for you, my God. My soul is thirsting for the living God.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES:

Sat. Vigil: 5pm

Sunday: 8am, 9:30am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:

Mon, Tues & Thurs: 7:30am

Wed: 6pm

Fri: 9:15am

Sat: 9:15am (Sthn Cross Hostel)

HOLY HOUR: Wed: 5pm

RECONCILIATION:

Wed: 5:15 – 5:45pm

Sat: 4:15 – 4:45pm

BAPTISMS:

Sundays 9:30am Mass

BAPTISMAL PROGRAMME & WEDDINGS:

By appointment

ANOINTING MASS:

Quarterly: 1st weekend

1ST SAT OF EACH MONTH:

11am Mass in honour of Our Lady.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAMME:

100% tax deductible. Please join by contacting parish office.

FAITH FORMATION:

Sundays 3:30pm (in presbytery)

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon, Wed & Fri 9am to 2:30pm

MASS INTENTIONS:

Sat 9:15am: †Francis & Michael White

Sat Vigil: †George & Alice Hagggar

Sun 8am: †John Archinal & Greg McShane

Sun 9:30am: †Jenny Yong (40days)

Mon 7:30am: Dantis

Mon 7pm: †Carmela Cicciari

Tue 7:30am: Dantis

Wed 6pm: Dantis

OUR SICK: Marie Busuttill, Pat Raby, Mollie Burgess, Patricia Flannery, Josephine Helback, Moira Butler and Alan Sargeant...

Foley Gardens Self-care Retirement Village – waiting list available. Please call Fr. Jerzy on 93491292 or 0411125357 for further details.

**Happy Birthdays to: Rose Pisani (9th).
Happy 1st Birthday to: Natalia Porter (2nd)**

Our deepest sympathies and sincere condolences to the family of our dear parishioner, † **JOY WILLIAMS**, who passed away on 3rd Sept. Eternal rest grant unto her O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace. Amen.

ANOINTING MASSES: THIS WEEKEND (6TH / 7TH SEPT)

**** PRF APPEAL:** Our retired priests have spent a great part of their lives in the service of others. They have given us compassion and selfless devotion and continue to serve us even after retirement. Your donation will go towards giving them the care and support they deserve after a lifetime of service. The Sydney Archdiocese will give \$2 for every \$1 donated which increases the value of your gift considerably. Thank you.

MINISTRIES ROSTERS for Oct 2014 – April 2015 are now ready for collection from Patricia in the church foyer. Thank you to all for your continued ministries and we welcome our new ministers for their kind volunteering.

PARISH SCHOOL NEWS: 1) Final Class Mass: Fri 12th Sept: Kind & Yr 6. 2) Last day of Term: Friday 19th Sept.

Interfaith and Ecumenical Prayer Service: Thur 11th Sept at 7pm at St Mary's Cathedral in thanksgiving for the Leadership and Dedication of Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Dame Marie Bashir AD CVO, Governor of New South Wales from 2001-2014.

This weekend: Vigil: J Hagggar (A) M Butler, V Hage (R) S Kim, S Boen (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) M Marshiella, T Long (R) A Burke, Sr Betty (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) H Evening, Volunteer (R) M Tjokrowidjaja (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), A Carino, J Chandra (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** B Dunn, H Morris

Next weekend: Vigil: J Hagggar (A) L Paquin, J Spora (R) F & G Hogan (C) Thomas W (M)
8:00am: G Diab (A) V Meyer, R Wijaya (R) P Chen, R Houghton (C) P Low (M)
9:30am: A Varghese (A) I Lie, J Lie (R) I Tjahjadi (C) A Burton (M)
5:00pm: R Yang (A), F Francis, K Kalapura (R), Volunteers (C) **Counters:** J De Andrade, M Wells

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION (PRF) APPEAL THIS WEEKEND**



In Australia, Father's Day is celebrated with much enthusiasm and joy. What is noticeable about Father's Day in Australia is its unique time of celebration. Unlike in US and several other countries where Father's Day is celebrated on the Third Sunday of June, Fathers Day in Australia is celebrated on the **first Sunday of September**. Hence, the date of Father's Day is never fixed. Fathers Day celebration in Australia takes place in the same way as in several other countries around the world. Taking opportunity of the occasion, people express gratitude for father and thank them for all their care and support. Most often children gift flowers, neckties, chocolates or other gift to honour their dearest dad. Though the occasion is celebrated privately in households, several clubs and societies take initiative to organize special programmes to encourage and entertain people. Breakfast meeting for families is a common feature of Father Day celebration in Australia. Various types of games and activities are organized to strengthen the bond of love between father and a child or children

There are several theories behind the origination of Father's Day. Some believe that the first Fathers Day church service was held in West Virginia in 1908. Others opine that the ceremony was first held in Vancouver, Washington. The president of Lions' Club, Chicago, Harry Meek is said to have celebrated the first Father's Day with his organization in 1915 to stress on the need to honor fathers. He selected third Sunday in June for celebration, the closest date to Meek's own birthday. In appreciation for Meek's work, the Lions Clubs of America presented him with a gold watch, with the inscription "Originator of Father's Day," on his birthday, June 20, 1920. Some historians honour Mrs. Charles Clayton of West Virginia, as the Founder of Father's Day. In 1957, Senator Margaret Chase Smith wrote Congress that, "Either we honor both our parents, mother and father, or let us desist from honoring either one. But to single out just one of our two parents and omit the other is the most grievous insult imaginable." In countries where Catholic Church holds greater influence Father's Day is celebrated on St. Joseph's Day (March 19).

