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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 13 September 2020

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am, 10am

6pm, 12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 8.00am

Friday - 8.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home Masses

NIL

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

Polish Mass

6 pm - 1st Friday of every month
plus every Friday during Lent, May,
June, October and November.

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction:

Tuesday 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Saturday 7.00am - 8.00am

Vietnamese Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please
call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Ring for an appointment

Holy Land's Appeal

The official Good Friday collection is taking place this weekend throughout the world after it was postponed due to COVID-19 restrictions earlier in the year.

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. 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 this weekend and please also keep them in your prayers.

Thank you.

Penitential Act

I confess to almighty God and to you,
my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned,
in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

Amen.

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**
Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**
Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

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PLEASE TAKE IT HOME
TO STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you,
we bless you,
we adore you,
we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King,
O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

First Reading - Sirach 27:30 - 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven..

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.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

**R. 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 - Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

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.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to
Matthew

*I tell you that you forgive not seven times but
seventy times seven.*

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
He came down from heaven
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin
Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius
Pilate, he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the
right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of
life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and
glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic
Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness
of sins and look forward to the resurrection of the
dead and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

First Reconciliation 2020

Registrations for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation are now open to all baptised children in Year 3 or above. The Sacrament will be celebrated this year on 4th November and *completed registration forms must be returned to the Parish Office by Monday 12th October*. Blank registration forms may be found in the Church foyer.

New Adoration time

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be held each Tuesday night from 7.30pm-8.30pm. Exposition on Saturday morning from 7.00am-8.00am has also resumed

Altar Society Volunteers

New volunteers are needed to help with the cleaning of the Altar and Sacred Vessels. You would be required for approx. 1 hour once a month. We particularly need someone to help in the second week each month. Cleaning is generally done after the 8am Mass on Saturday mornings but you can be flexible. Please contact the Parish Office if you are available to help.

Return & Earn Container

The Parish has a new Blue bin at the side of Church. You are welcome to place your **uncrushed, unbroken** Aluminum cans, plastic bottles, cardboard poppers and drink containers for recycling. The Parish gets 10 cents for each container returned. A small way to support the Parish and protect the environment at the same time.

Priests' Retirement Foundation Appeal

Please remember to return your donation envelope to the Parish Office by the end of this week.

Mass Intentions:

Anniversary: Bernard Danh; Eugenie Thien Tai Tran; Phaolo Minh Truc Le; Antonietta Martino; Nguyen Thi Bach Tuyet

Deceased: Jacques Seklawy; Mary Mun; JB Nghi; Mary Ngo; Therese Nga; Rose Nguyet.

Sick: Marie Abi-Saab, Tom Quilty, Jason Timbs & Bart Hennely, Dau (Xuan); Gerard Go; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Catherine & Lourdes Raspanti; baby Alan Dien Quan Nguyen; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Rose Nuner; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Maria Kovatsun; Frannie; Madelyn Nicole; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Vo Van Kiet; Maria Bui Thi Don; Josette Ackad; Nivea Wani; Diana Emilie Perez; Billy; Ginette Sharok.

Reflection

Forgiveness

Children learn to trust God's mercy and forgiveness when they experience forgiveness from those closest to them. We hope that we model God's love and forgiveness within our family life. Today's Gospel reminds us that forgiveness is measured by its quality more than its quantity.

Invite your family to consider some recent times when family members sought the forgiveness of another. Ask if there were any statements made that put conditions on our forgiveness such as "I will play this game with you if you apologize for knocking over my blocks" or "I will accept your apology after you clean up your room." Do we sometimes "keep count" or put conditions on our forgiveness of one another? This is something we may be doing without realizing it.

Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35. Ask if we sometimes find ourselves sounding like Peter, concerning ourselves with quantity of forgiveness rather than offering forgiveness abundantly and unconditionally. Reflect upon the parable that Jesus tells. What does the servant do that makes the king so angry? He refuses to forgive his fellow servant the debt that he owes. Because we have all received God's forgiveness, God expects that we will also be forgiving toward others. Jesus' answer to Peter's question is found at the end of the parable. The number of times that we forgive one another is less important than the depth of our forgiveness. We must forgive one another from the heart.

Conclude in prayer together that God's love and forgiveness is evident in your family life. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 103, or the Lord's Prayer.

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The NSW Government has recommended parishioners wear face masks when attending religious services as an additional safeguard to help combat the spread of COVID-19.



ROSTERS

	Sat 6pm	13 SEPTEMBER	8am	10am	6pm
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Philip Castillo	Henrietta Owusu	Nhung Bui	
Reader 2	Jessica Vujevic	Ligaya Castillo	Emanuela Viner	" "	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Thong Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	Youth 1	
20 SEPTEMBER					
Reader 1	Emmanuel Icard	Kiara Asuzu	Thu Ha Kim	Anthony Tran	
Reader 2	Gabrielle Nguyen	Maxwell Asuzu	Anthony Rowe	" "	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Anthony Joseph (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	Youth	Youth 2	
	13 September	20 September	Notes: <u>SSOG</u> : Singing Servants of God <u>SDMG</u> : Samoan Divine Mercy Group <u>SMMC</u> : St Mary Mackillop's Choir <u>Group 3</u> : Youth Group, Samoan Divine Mercy Group, Tram Vu (<i>Florist</i>)		
Altar Society	Group 2	Group 3 (<i>see notes</i>)			
Church Cleaners	Charbel Karam	Vinh Nguyen			
SVDP	D Rodrigues	Andrew Nguyen			

A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org.

You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187; **Youth:** Aurora Doueihy 0428 755 022; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993; **St Vincent de Paul:** Diago Rodrigues 9791 5209 ; **Bankstown Josephite Associates:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292; **Children's Liturgy:** Marie El-Chaar 9709 3451; **Cemetery Committee:** Maureen Vincent 9790 4217; **Sacramental co-ordinator:** Gloria Booby 0413 294 224; **Safeguarding Officer:** Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933; **Polish Priests:** 8783 0533; **De La Salle Brothers:** 9708 2692; **St. Felix Primary School:** 9796 7875 Frances Bonanno - Principal; **LaSalle Catholic College:** 9793 5600 Mr Michael Egan - Principal; **Archdiocesan Website:** www.sydney.catholic.org.au