

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Sunday 06 Sep 2020  
Twenty-third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time A

**First Reading** Ez 33:7-9  
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

*If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.*

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.’

*The Word of the Lord*  
**R Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm**  
Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**  
1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.  
2.Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.  
3.3.O that today you would listen to his voice! ‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.’  
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**Second Reading** Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans  
*Love is the fulfilment of the Law.*

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, 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.  
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**Gospel Acclamation** 2 Cor 5:19

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** Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew  
*If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.*  
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 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.’

*The Gospel of the Lord*  
**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**REFLECTION**

**by Fr Michael Tate**  
**Boundaries and Juries**

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries? In today’s Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision.

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage. Pope Francis has not suggested that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he has suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive ‘the Eucharist . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.’

Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step? We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: ‘Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.’

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

THEY THAT  
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IN TRUTH AND  
IN  
SPIRIT

- Ernest Agyemang



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**WEEKLY MASS TIMES**

**Tues 08 :** 5.30 Mass  
**Wed 09 :** 9am Mass  
**Thurs 10:** 9am Mass  
**Fri 11:** 9.15am Mass  
**Sat 12:** 9am Rosary /Mass  
9.30am Recon  
6pm Mass  
**Sun 13:** 9am Mass  
5pm Mass

**ROSTERS 5/6 SEPTEMBER**

Church Cleaning  
R & K Ison (3-7))  
Welcomers  
6pm Sr Marie McAlister  
9am L Page  
5pm M deSmet  
Commentator  
6pm M Weatherall  
9am B Basevi  
5pm M O'Neill  
Readers:  
6pm J Mackay  
9am A Skinner  
5pm K O'Sullivan  
Eucharistic Ministers  
6pm A Rogers  
9am K Corbin  
5pm L Favetta  
Computer Screen  
6pm K Conway  
9am T Priest  
5pm J O'Sullivan

**REGISTRARS**

6pm P Billington  
9am B Basevi, G Norris  
5pm N Beatty

**ROSTERS 12/13 SEPTEMBER**

Church Cleaning  
B Favetta/J O'Neill (10-14)  
Welcomers  
6pm B Wilson  
9am J McClelland  
5pm D Ebejer  
Commentator  
6pm P O'Kelly  
9am L Page  
5pm K O'Sullivan  
Readers  
6pm P Billington  
9am N Beatty  
5pm S Ebejer  
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**23rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—A**

**Happy fathers day to all the dads, grandads and father figures!**  
**You do an awesome job and we love and appreciate you for all your efforts.**

**On being a father....** Being a father of 5 is having 5 best mates that let you relive your own childhood, the only catch is that you have all the responsibilities. You get to mould your sons into men And your daughters into young ladies and it also brings you closer to your own Father, because a man learns what it is to be a Father from his Father. And finally ,it brings you closer to our Creator, Our Heavenly Father because only as a father can you truly understand the love of a Father. - Kieran

**A message of hope....** With all the fun and laughter and perhaps a little sadness, being a father of three and a grandfather of five, I have also found a much clearer understanding of God’s message of Love, Kindness and Tolerance—and from a more personal view, one of hope, because I hope one day, all dads the world over, will have the same freedom as us Aussie dads have. - John

**Reflecting on being a father...** Being a father is a challenge to do the best you can for your family. Giving your time and love is necessary. Having fun, being a good teacher, understanding the world we live in, know how your on parents raised their family, gives you an insight into life itself. Choose security mixed with some adventure, aim for success and be happy with the challenges and rewards life has to offer as a family. - Brian

**One of God's gifts...** To be a father is without doubt the most rewarding of all of god’s gifts. To see the absolute joy on Nick and Gigi’s faces and hear their laughter just because I arrived home is my favourite moment of the day. - Elliot

**The rewards of fatherhood....** Being a dad is the most wonderful and rewarding gift. I am awed and humbled by the great privilege and responsibility of fatherhood. Becoming a father has meant many changes, with the biggest change being the biggest reward- our daughter. She is truly a gift from God. What a wonderful Father’s Day present! - Bernie

**Reflection on being a parent ...** I didn’t want children. As a “liberated” student of the 1960’s children seemed like an invasive and unnecessary complication to professional life. However, my wife persistently wanted to be a mother. I finally agreed, providing she would take full responsibility of the child while I completed my studies, which she did. The first diaper I changed happened to be the last diaper that my twelve-month-old daughter had. At that moment I realized and regretted what a loss I had experienced; the loss of a year of precious parenthood. "You, idiot", was my instantaneous reaction. Our second child was at my encouragement, with the accompanying promise of doing more than my share the second time around. My children transformed my life; they opened a chasm of caring and love that just continues to grow. - Pat

**Fathers Day...** Being a dad is one of the most important jobs we will ever have in life! As important as it is however, it is the one job we are least prepared for. As fathers, we only have our own fathers to learn from. It most cases this is a good thing. In the past I believe fathers were called to be the strong one in the family and did not show or express emotions outwardly. Thankfully times have changed and fathers are much better at expressing love and affection for their children. It is important that never shy away from telling our children that we love them; and tell them often. - Mick

**HAPPY FATHERS DAY!!!**





## Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

### SEPTEMBER

#### Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.



### OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS

O Immaculate Mary, Help of Christians, Queen of heaven and earth, and tender Mother of humanity, at this time when a pandemic threatens all your children, we entrust to you our nation, Australia, and all who live in this country. We commit to your intercession all the members of our community,

beginning with the weakest ones, from the unborn to the sick, the disabled and the elderly. We commit to you our families, our young and old, and all who are vulnerable, those who are quarantined or anxious.

We entrust to your Immaculate Heart those who have lost their livelihood or employment, our pastors and other essential service workers, and our leaders at this time. We implore your intercession especially for the protection of doctors and nurses and those who minister to the contagious sick in this crisis.

Reign over us, Mother of God, and teach us how to make the Heart of Jesus reign and triumph in us and around us, as it has reigned and triumphed in you!



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Wrap With Love**  
Tues 8th 10am  
**Bible Study/Faith Formation**—Wed 9.30am  
**Craft Group**—Thursday 10am--12pm

**Adoration**—Friday 5.30 pm  
**Reconciliation**—Saturday 9.30am  
**E-Activity Singalong** Mon 1pm

## September 8th Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Like all parents, Mary's parents—we call them Joachim and Ann—probably took one look at their newborn daughter and knew that she was special.

Joachim and Ann loved God very much, and they were filled with gratitude to God for the gift of a child. They raised Mary as a child of God, teaching her to love and serve God. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that she had been chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, she already had great faith in God. Her strong faith and trust allowed her to say yes to God's plan for her.



We cannot be certain what the future holds for any newborn infant, but we do know that the life of each person has meaning and purpose. When Mary was born, the world did not know who she was. Sometimes others—and maybe even you—don't see how special you are. Maybe you forget that God is calling you, too, right now, to do what Mary did—to bring Jesus into the world.

When we celebrate His mother's birth, we honor Jesus too. Today thank God for the gift of life, and give honor to both Mary and Jesus by showing respect and concern for one another—

remembering that God has created each person with love and with a call to something very special in life.

On Our Lady's birthday the Church celebrates the first dawning of redemption with the appearance in the world of the Savior's mother, Mary. The Blessed Virgin occupies a unique place in the history of salvation, and she has the highest mission ever commended to any creature. We rejoice that the Mother of God is our Mother, too. Let us often call upon the Blessed Virgin as "Cause of our joy", one of the most beautiful titles in her litany.

## Pope Francis: Pandemic is a 'Wake-Up Call' to Care for Creation

Pope Francis released a message Tuesday for the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation in which he called for repentance for humanity's broken bonds with God's creation and with others.

"Today we hear the voice of creation admonishing us to return to our rightful place in the natural created order -- to remember that we are part of this interconnected web of life, not its masters. The disintegration of biodiversity, spiralling climate disasters, and unjust impact of the current pandemic on the poor and vulnerable: all these are a wake-up call in the face of our rampant greed and consumption," Pope Francis wrote in the message published Sept. 1.

"For the world was made to communicate the glory of God, to help us to discover in its beauty the Lord of all, and to return to him," the Pope said. Pope Francis suggested that the coronavirus pandemic presented a "decisive moment" for people to examine their habits of energy usage, consumption, transportation, and diet, to eliminate the superfluous and destruction aspects of our economies in favor of "life-giving ways" to trade, produce, and transport goods.

The Pope added that he was pleased to learn that the theme for this year's "Season of Creation" is "Jubilee for the Earth," because a jubilee is a time to "remember, return, rest, restore, and rejoice." For more information: <https://seasonofcreation.com/>



The Season of Creation is the time to focus on what matters.

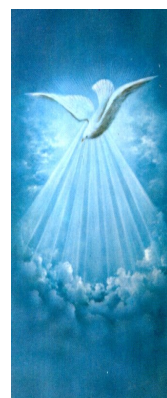
## Gathering: "Strengthening Wellness and Self Care in a Challenging Year"

This invitation is extended to all parishioners, family and friends who have been impacted by the many events of this year. **Date:** Tuesday September 15th at St Bernard's Church, 9 am Registration for 9.30am start—12.30pm.

**Guest Facilitator:** Bruce Chan BA (Psych) Bruce has over 13 years experience in counselling. Cost is Free—sponsored by Baptist Care Fire Relief Funds.

Health Protocols will be in place. Please wear a mask.

**RSVP:** September 8th to Parish office, notice in foyer of church or Marie Weatherall 0405 028 057 email: [mariet51@bigpond.com](mailto:mariet51@bigpond.com). Please bring a plate if you are able to. We have extended this invitation to other churches.



## CONFIRMATION 2020

Twelve boys and girls have enrolled for the Sacrament of Confirmation this year.

Preparation is on-going with the celebration to be held on Thursday, 24th September at 5 pm. Prayer cards are being given out at all Masses this weekend.

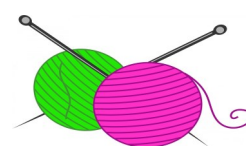
Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

## Feasts of the Week

**8th -Birth of Blessed Virgin Mary**

**9th - Saint Peter Claver**

**12th—Holy Name of the Blessed Virgin Mary**



## WRAP WITH LOVE

Help is needed to sew up squares. Batches of squares are available on the shelf in the meeting room, or contact Jenny on 0414 664 077. Thankyou

## PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

If you would like to join the Parish e-platform giving, the details are as follows:

**1st Collection** Acc. Name: Central Presbytery Fund Bank Acc: 000029248 BSB: 062-786 Ref: TOWN & SURNAME. Eg: Batemans bay Jones

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You may also contribute using this link: <https://www.bpoint.com.au/pay/CATHOLICDEVELOPMENTFUNDARCHDIOCESEOFCANBERRA>.

## Remembering the Sick:

Daniel Coffey, Pio Liberale, Vince Burns, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, James Lee, Mary Henderson, George Fitzgerald, Diane Lanzon, Marion O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Margaret Harris, Bill Giust, Allan Odium, Luke Ward, Rosemary Cooley, Andrew Morton, Ken Evendon, Janet Thornberry, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Glenda Gallagher, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, Maureen Kinross and those in our local Nursing Homes and Hospital

## Death Anniversaries:

Stanley Crowther, Lorna Vella, June Bowditch, Trevor Latta, Egidius Post, Kata Katic, Emilia Marszalek,

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:**

Tilly Conway, Jan Schor, Dennis Mayer, Regina Mass, Kathleen Brown, Mary Carter, Joe Johnson, Noni Boyce, Rose Lambert, Tony Craddy, Terry Parsons, Anne Bevern, Sylvia Mayer, Veronica Holmes, Barbara Simpson Anacoria Villanueva Sencio, Janette Gosman, Evert Ordelman, Mato Katik

## Parish Coffee Club

You are invited for coffee and chat Thursdays after Mass

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