

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

First Reading *Ezekiel 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. 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.’

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.**

Second Reading *Romans 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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**R. Thanks be to God**

Gospel Acclamation

*2 Corinthians 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 *Matthew 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.’

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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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TWENTY THIRD  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR A



Upcoming  
Events

Choir Practice  
1PM Mondays

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays  
after Mass, and 1st Saturday of  
the month @ 9.30am

ENJOY THE GOOD NEWS  
Wednesdays after 9am Mass

First Eucharist Celebration Mass  
Sunday 10th September 9am

Cuppa with Mary MacKillop  
Tuesday 12th September @ Mary  
O'Neill's home  
10-11am All welcome

Wrap With Love  
Tuesday 12th September @  
10am B/Bay Library All are  
welcome

PPC Meeting Thursday 14th  
September 5pm Meeting Room

Carroll College Graduation Mass  
Wednesday 20th September 5  
pm

Craft Group Thursdays 10am

ADORATION TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after  
Mass  
Venue: Corrigans Cove  
All are welcome

...‘I shall be there with you’ (Matthew 18:20) ...

This weekend the Gospel of Matthew further develops the theme of discipleship and our understanding of the community of the Church. In August tens of thousands of young people and those not so young, gathered in Lisbon Portugal for World Youth Day – the largest, inclusive expression of Church in the world in one place, people are able to choose themselves to attend.

In the midst of the preparation for the Synod on Synodality in Rome in October which signals a change in the culture of the Church – inviting participation by all the baptised – and which has elicited varying responses across the Church, Pope Francis gave the following address to the young people in Lisbon...

*In the church, Pope Francis said, "there is space for everyone, and when there isn't, please, let's work so that there is — also for who makes mistakes, for who falls, for who it is difficult." Departing from his prepared speech, he asked all the young people to "repeat with me: 'Everyone, everyone, everyone!'" before waves of "todos, todos, todos"—"everyone" in Spanish and Portuguese—spread throughout the crowd.*

*"That is the church," he said, "the mother of all; there is room for all."*

*Throughout the crowd there were flags from countries with large Catholic populations such as Spain and Brazil, but also proudly displayed banners from countries where Catholics represent a small portion of the population. After a greeting from Cardinal Manuel do Nascimento Clemente of Lisbon, young people read messages in various languages sent to the pope asking for advice and sharing the personal challenges they face in life and in the faith, from migration problems and hunger to hopelessness and a loss of faith.*

*But rather than give direct responses, the pope told the young people that asking questions is "often better than giving answers, because one who asks remains restless, and restlessness is the best remedy for routine, which is sometimes a form of normalcy that numbs the soul."*

*Pope Francis urged them to ask never stop asking themselves questions and to bring them before God in prayer. "Life goes on giving answers, we just have to wait for them," he said. "I invite you think—this is so beautiful—that God loves us as we are, not how we would like to be or how society wants us to be, as we are," he said looking up from his prepared text. "He loves us with the limits we have, with the defects we have, and with the desire we have to keep moving forward in life! God loves us like that."*

**So let us each reflect personally on what Pope Francis challenges us in his statement:**

**"That is the church," he said, "the mother of all; there is room for all."**

**Is there indeed room for all in our Church?**

**Phil Billington**





## MASS THIS WEEK

**Monday 11th September**

**Sunday 17th September**

**Monday 11th:** No Mass

**Tuesday 12th:** Mass 5pm  
Adoration 4pm

**Wednesday 13th:** Mass 9am

**Thursday 14th:** Mass 9am

**Friday 15th:** Mass 9.15am

**Saturday 16th:** Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30pm

**Sunday 17th:** Mass 9am

### MASS TIME CHANGE

Please note Saturday Mass will revert to 6pm on Saturday 30th September. Also Reconciliation will change to 4.30 pm  
**PLEASE NOTE IN YOUR DIARY**

### Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Mass First Wed of Month @10.30am Denhams Beach Community Care (Opal)
- Mass 2nd Wed of the month @10.30am The Glen
- Mass 3rd Wed of month @2pm The Manor
- Mass 4th Wed of month @2pm Maranatha Lodge

### ROSTERS

#### 9/10 SEPTEMBER

**Cleaning**  
11-15 D & L May

#### 5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: M Devine  
Commentator: S Ebejer  
Reader: J Mackay  
Eucharistic Ministers  
K Lovering, M Bridges  
Computer Screen  
J O'Sullivan

#### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer School  
Commentator: School  
Reader: School  
Eucharistic Ministers  
J Wain, S Beashel  
Computer Screen  
D May

#### MORNING TEA:

J Barroman/G  
Berryman

### 16/17 SEPTEMBER

**Cleaning**  
18-22 M deSmet/J Maher

#### 5.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder  
Commentator B Maynard  
Reader P Nolan  
Eucharistic Ministers  
M Devine, L Rodwell  
Computer Screen  
K Conway

#### 9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M deSmet  
Commentator L Page  
Reader: T Jackson  
Eucharistic Ministers  
C Schor, A Scicluna  
Computer Screen T  
Priest.

#### MORNING TEA:

N & L Page

## CONGRATULATIONS

to the boys and girls celebrating their First  
Eucharist this Sunday 10th September.

Many thanks to the parents and teachers who  
participated in their Sacramental  
Preparations.



### Cuppa with Mary MacKillop

will be at the home of Mary O'Neill on Tuesday  
September 12, 10am – 11 am  
All welcome.

**Enquiries:** Mary 0403 147 242

**Need transport:** Ring Marie 0405 028 057

### Thank you Convent Working Bee Team

WHO WEEDED AND TIDIED UP THE CONVENT AREA: John K,  
Christian D, Matthew C, Lisa & Vaughan N, Tonnie  
**Your help was really appreciated.**

### St Vincent de Paul needs translation help

with a letter from St Margaret's Conference in Sth  
India whom we support.

The letter comes from Govada Amarthaluru  
Guntur -Andhra Pradesh and the  
language is Telugu.

**Please phone Marie Weatherall if you can assist.**  
(M) 0405 028 057

Carroll College Graduation Mass will be held at St  
Bernard's Church on Wednesday 20th September at 5 pm

## Baptism

**This weekend we welcome Beaudine Keen into our faith  
community through the waters of baptism. May God's love  
and blessings be upon her on this baptism day and  
always.**

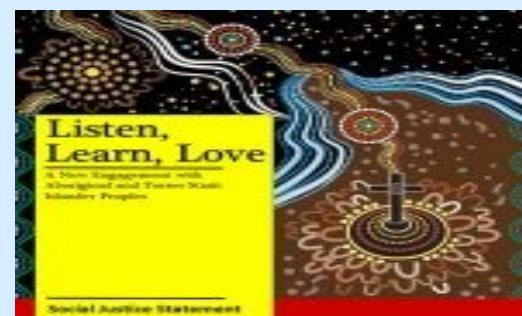
### SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2023

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding 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. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church  
requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will  
help the Church be a place that builds and supports safe communities for all  
people. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

[www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023](http://www.catholic.au/s/article/safeguardingsunday2023)

**WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS OF  
THE LAND THE WALBUNJA PEOPLE OF THE YUIN NATION.  
WE PAY OUR RESPECTS TO THEIR ELDERS, PAST,  
PRESENT AND EMERGING**



THE AUSTRALIAN BISHOPS  
CONFERENCE HAVE RELEASED THE 2023  
-2024 SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT:  
**"LISTEN, LEARN, LOVE – A New Engagement  
with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander  
Peoples"** last weekend on Social Justice Sunday.  
Copies are in the Church Foyer . Online link is:  
[Social Justice Statement 2023-24 - Office For  
Justice, Ecology and Peace \(catholic.org.au\)](https://www.catholic.org.au/social-justice-statement-2023-24)

Prior to the call for a Voice referendum, the  
decision was made to address how the Church  
might initiate further engagement with our  
Indigenous brothers and sisters. In releasing the  
Statement, Bishop Vincent Long, Parramatta  
Diocese, noted *"Whatever the outcome of this  
year's referendum, we ask the Church in  
Australia to make efforts to lead the way for our  
fellow Australians. Our attitudes and actions  
towards First Nations Peoples need to be  
grounded in justice, love, and humility. 'Doing  
justice, loving kindness and walking in humility'  
as the prophet long ago urges us."*

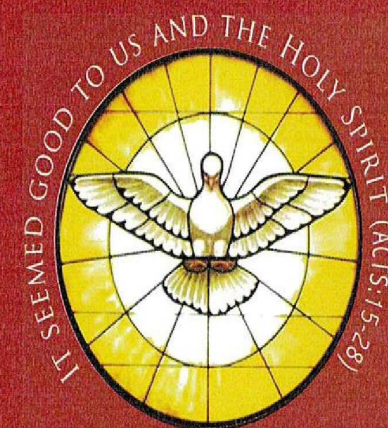
For people wishing to know more about the  
Referendum on The Voice , NATSICC (the  
peak Advisory Body to the Australian Bishops)  
& Caritas Australia have launched [One Journey.  
Together \(indigenousevoice.church\)](https://www.onejourney.together.org.au) - a hub for  
Catholic support of the Voice to Parliament  
which empowers Catholics to make an informed  
decision at the Referendum. The site contains a  
collation of statements from Bishops, Religious  
Orders and agencies, Catholic Social Services  
Australia, Catholic Religious Australia, Caritas  
Australia, and other communities and agencies.

### Remembering the Sick:

Maria de Rocco, Pam Wilson, Laurence Foran, Julie Morgan, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean,  
Ann Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse ,Tony Vogel,  
Suzanne Hughes, Trent Fisk, Carolyn Burns, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Beverley  
Biglia, Fr John Walter, Lola, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan Rogers, Pam Wilson, Antony and  
Andrew, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Femia and Mark, Vince Burns, John Dillon, James  
Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane Lanzon, Marion  
O'Grady, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Dawn Robinson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew  
Morton, Ken Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, Jeanette Clarke, those in  
hospital and nursing homes.

**Death Anniversaries:** are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names  
can be added to it if dates are provided.

**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Krsto Jarnjevic, Julie  
McDonald, Tony Plascak, Janet Thornbury, Michele (Mick)Ferrante, Barry O'Neill, Frank Belsa,  
Henry Thomas, Rosa Spano, Geza Markovits, Del Bateman, Kayleen Mortlock, Dan Quigley, Maree  
O'Brien, Rees De Winter, John Dunne, Maria Ivelja, Stjepan Matasin, Peter McGann, Dante  
Pasqualin, Loretta Jones, Filomena Dela Torre, Christopher Horsfall, Dawn Millman, Mara Pranjic,  
Travis Basevi, Judith Dewick, Nita Gorzalka, Linda Russell



## YEAR OF THE Holy Spirit

PRAYER TO THE HOLY SPIRIT  
FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE

O God, who by the light  
of the Holy Spirit,  
did instruct the hearts  
of the faithful,  
Grant that by the same  
Holy Spirit we may be  
truly wise and ever rejoice in his  
consolations.  
Through the same  
Christ Our Lord

AUGUST 2023 - AUGUST 2024

Pope Francis  
Monthly Prayer  
Intentions

## September

**For people living on  
the margins**

We pray for those persons  
living on the margins of  
society, in inhumane life  
conditions; may they not  
be overlooked by  
institutions and never  
considered of lesser  
importance.

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