

Twenty-fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A, 13 September 2026.

PRESIDER

Dear sisters and brothers in the Lord, the Scriptures today have reminded us that if we desire God's forgiveness, then we must be prepared to forgive others from the heart. We also pray for children, youth and all vulnerable people on this National Safeguarding Sunday.

READER

We pray for the Church: that Pope Leo, celebrating his 71st birthday on Monday will continue to proclaim the compassion of God in word and action, with a special concern for the protection and care of children and teenagers. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Christian communities around the world. May the Season of Creation deepen our gratitude for nature and spur us to care for the earth, our common home. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Nepalese people in Australia, especially those who have lost loved ones in the terrible flood or do not know their fate. May they comfort one another and be given every support by their local community and civic authorities. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray that all of us may work towards safety and care for children and vulnerable people. May today's Safeguarding Sunday give us the impetus to reflect and take positive steps in all of our relationships. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for children and teenagers, whose lives and education are being severely compromised through wars, natural disasters, in refugee camps and in lives of poverty, will be a concern to us all, and especially in regard to their mental health, moral and physical safety. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently, Helen Benkovic, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, especially Denis Rowe. May they know the fullness of God's mercy and live in peace for ever. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER

God of infinite mercy, you never cease to offer us forgiveness. Open our hearts to receive your gift of pardon and share it with all we meet. We ask this through Christ our Lord.