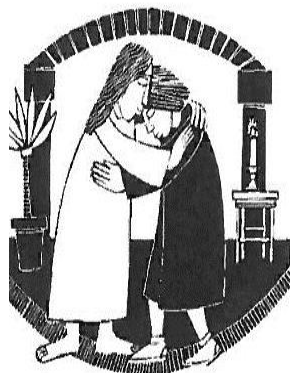


Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

17 September , 2017

Rom. 14:7-9; Mt. 18:21-35



“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us”. Jesus tells a parable today of an unforgiving servant. He has amassed a huge debt, and begs the king’s forgiveness. The king even grants him forgiveness. But the servant very quickly forgets how he has been forgiven. He forgets all about what he owes, and pays attention only to what he is owed. Except that the king has just assumed the servant’s debts, so whatever another servant owes to him is really owed to the king. If the servant had taken a moment to appreciate how his debt had been taken up, he would not have treated others as he did. The proper response would have been to say “your debt is no longer to me, but to the king - but just as he forgave me, so he might also forgive you.” The servant had been bought - his life was not his own, and his debts were not his own.

We have been bought, too. We were bought by the Paschal Mystery - the Passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. The more we consider the Passion of Jesus, the more we can see what a price was paid for us. Jesus made up for our disobedience with His perfect obedience. He made up for our evilness by putting it in touch with His goodness. Other people may have done us wrong, but we’re no angels ourselves. We have done God wrong, who only wanted what was best for us. As we think about the obedience we owe to God - but cannot give - we should see Jesus giving it for us. Our debt is not our own. Any feeling we may experience, that we somehow have a right to hold a grudge against another, should melt away when we think about how God could have held a grudge against us, but gave it up. We racked up a pretty substantial debt ourselves, and God not only forgave it, but raised us up to even greater glory by sending His Son. Given what has been done for us by God, we are not in the best position to complain about what has been done to us by humans.

No matter how much of a debt someone else racks up against us, it will never really compare to the debt we racked up against God. Thus Jesus tells Peter to “forgive not seven times but seventy-seven times” (Mt. 18:22). In other words: we do not keep score when we forgive, because it is really not our score to keep. If we remember this and show mercy, God will show mercy to us. If we insist on treating offenses like a matter of accounting, God will take us to account. But God does not want to take us to account. He wants to take our accounts on Himself. He wants to take the debts and the anger and the grudges onto Himself. Through the Cross, God not only set us free from worrying about any debt we might owe to Him, but from worrying about any debt another might owe to us. If we remember what the Cross has done for us, we can forgive and be set free. Forgive one another from the heart.

Leeanne Human

St. Joseph the Worker Church
44 Imperial Parade, Labrador

Sunday Masses
Sunday 7:00am & 8:30am

Weekday Masses
Monday & Wednesday
7:00am

**Gold Coast University
Hospital**
Friday 10:30am

Guardian Angels’ Church
99 Scarborough St., Southport

Sunday Masses
Saturday 6:00pm
Sunday 7:00 & 10:00am
Mass in Korean
Sunday 5:00pm

Weekday Mass
Friday 12:30pm

Reconciliation
Saturday 4:30pm

Mary Immaculate Church
31 Edmund Rice Drive,
Ashmore

Sunday Masses
8:30am & 6:00pm

Weekday Masses
Tuesday 9:00am
Thursday 5:30pm

**1st Thurs of the Month,
Holy Hour 4:15pm**

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Feasts and Saints of this Week

Sunday 17 Sept	Monday 18 Sept	Tuesday 19 Sept	Wednesday 20 Sept	Thursday 21 Sept	Friday 22 Sept	Saturday 23 Sept
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Feria	St Januarius	Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions	St Matthew, Apostle & Evangelist	Feria	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

Liturgy of the Word for Next Sunday: Isaiah 55:6-9, Philippians 1: 20-24, 27, Matthew 20 : 1-6



Ministers of the Word it is time to place your order for **Break Open the Word, Daily Mass Book, and Ordo 2018**. Please call the parish office to place your order before the end of September after that you will have to purchase your own from Liturgy Brisbane.

We celebrate Social Justice Sunday on 24 September. This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'Everyone's Business: Developing an inclusive and sustainable economy'. The Statement calls for an economy that is founded on justice and offers dignity and inclusion to every person. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) or call (02) 8306 3499

Venire Youth Group To nurture and support young people of the Catholic tradition in the context of their everyday lives. An opportunity to meet like minded friends and create an opportunity to lead Mass.

Who: Grade 7-12 Students

What: Prayer, Talk, Discussion, Food and Games

When: Sunday 17th September 4-5:30pm (before 6pm mass)

Where: Mary Immaculate, RSVP southport@venireyouth.com

Any questions please contact Catherine on 0466512811

The monthly meeting of the Gold Coast Lay Carmelites will be held at **Surfers Paradise Parish Hospitality Centre, Clear Island Waters at 10:30am Sunday 17th September, 2017**. All are welcome especially those enrolled in the tradition of the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mt Carmel. Please contact Norm Harding 0421 125 575 (ave.olmc@outlook.com) to either confirm your attendance or to make enquiries generally.

Video Volunteers are requested to help in the recording of the Mass for De Paul Villa Aged Care every Sunday (Based on the Roster). If interested please send a text message with your phone number to Janet Ferguson on 0437 644 768 and she will call you back. (Training will be provided).

Towards the Marriage Vote The Archbishop has penned a new letter on the issue of **Same Sex Marriage**, you will find a copy of this letter on the table at the back of each church today.

The Fijian Community of the Brisbane Archdiocese which includes the Gold Coast is extending an invitation to a Fundraiser Island Night at the Marist College Champagnat Centre in Ashgrove on the **23rd of September 2017**. Funds raised will be directed towards the Pacific Regional Seminary where candidates from various dioceses of CEPAC (The Episcopal Conference of the Pacific) that includes the bishops of several islands in Oceania are trained to Priesthood. Tickets are \$60.00 includes dinner, entertainment and dance to live Island band. For bookings contact Arthur 0466 947 888 or Fiona 0466054555. email : fijipacificclub@yahoo.com.

Found is a pouch with rosary beads in it.

Money was also found at **Labrador on Wednesday** Please call the parish office . 5510 2222

International Evangelist, Aneel Aranha, takes us through a provocative, light hearted journey to examine **"JESUS, THROUGH THE LENS OF PETER"**. Different talks (see website for topics) at various venues below:

Sun., 17 Sept 5.30pm at Young Adult Ministry, St. Stephen's Chapel.

Tues., 19 Sept 7pm at St Rita's Church, Victoria Point.

Wed., 20 Sept 7pm at St Bernard's Church, Upper Mt Gravatt.

Thur., 21 Sept 7pm at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kenmore.

Fri., 22 Sept 7pm at Our Lady of the Way, Petrie.

Sat., 23 Sept 10.00am-3.00pm at Unity College Auditorium, Caloundra West.

Sun., 24 Sept 11am-3pm at St Joseph's Church, Hervey Bay.

ALL welcome. No charge - voluntary love offering. For more details: 3103 2400, email: secretary@ccrbrisbane.org.au or website: www.ccrbrisbane.org.au

**Sponsored by Catholic Charismatic Renewal Brisbane*

Four Week Retreat in Daily Life - In Friendship With Jesus. A structured program of daily prayer from Monday to Thursday and a Sunday exercise. Retreatants meet weekly to share their experience in spiritual conversation facilitated by a Spiritual Director. **Monday 18th, 25th Sept, 2nd, 9th Oct- 10am - 11:30am** at St Monica's Church, 485 Golden Four Drive, Tugun. or 7:00pm-8:30pm Sacred Heart Church, Parish Hospitality Centre 50 Fairway Drive, Clear Island Waters Contact Helen Goldsmith on 5572 5433 or helenpastoral@bne.catholic.net.au

Thank you to all those who helped with putting out the leaflets, pencils, envelopes and helped with the Archbishops message. Without your help the Campaign would not have been as a success.

Your gift is the answer to someone's prayer

Thank you!

It's a great joy to see the support coming in from generous people like you all across the Archdiocese. You are helping to grow those ministries that are central to the Church's mission of mercy.

On behalf of all those who will benefit from your generosity, we hope that your life is enriched, knowing your gift is far greater than your donation.
Your prayers and your gifts are a shining light to others.

A special thank you to those who were able to make an ongoing commitment at this time - your faith in the future of the Church will bear fruit for many.



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Today We Welcome Into God's Family

Samuel Nicholas John Muir son of Daniel & Kristie Muir

Mylene Suchada Provoost daughter of Manuel & Warisara Provoost

Your Prayers Are Requested For Those In Need And Who Have Journeyed To The Father

Recently Deceased: Sam Zammit, Patricia Keever

Anniversary: Michael Murray, Edward Maloney, John Fitzpatrick, Valerie Malone, Sheila Crotty, Nathalie Busuttill

Sick and in Need: Kathleen Peters, Lee Kozanic, Patrick Sullivan, June Doherty, Teresita Adrid, Jean Smith, Barbara Raymont, Orlean Subramanian, Michael Ward, Jim Kiely, Michael Skinner, Dulia & Lucio Dumas Debbie Poulton, Stephanie Alijahn, Douglas Bateman, Robin Bourke, Christopher Browne, Jan Buttigieg, Matthew Byrne, Albert Chandler, Anne Chandler, Amado Dizon, Ely Deganos, Clare Dobozy, Bernadette Douwes, Narelle Dwyer, Patricia Ferguson, Candy Guillon, Patrick Guillon, Shirley Harris, Freda Lyall, Evelyn Martinac, Maureen McCabe, John Morgan, Mariel Nicdao, Maria Pal, Yvonne See, Angela Taylor, Mladen Topic, Joe Tuesley, Fr Vince, David Walters, Alison, Marg Pullen, Harry Hunter, Bill Phillips, Victor Williams, Emily Valenzuela, Andrei James Celes, Mary Achilles,

*Immaculate Heart of Mary we trust to your gentle care and intercessions
those we love and those who are sick or lonely or hurting.*

Help all of us Holy Mother to bear our burdens in this life until we share eternal life with God.

Sacraments - Calendar 2017

Children's Liturgy

Anyone interested in assisting with Children's Liturgy can contact Stephen Lunn on email at: StephenL@scp.org.au

Marriage Preparation For parishioners who are going to marry in the coming months, please contact Abas Supeli in order to obtain the **Marriage Preparation Course**. Contact by phone on: **0450 221 088** or email: asupeli@gmail.com as the Registered Facilitator for the Ministry of Marriage Preparation in the Southport Catholic Parish.

Baptismal Preparation Classes Parents planning to baptise their children in our parish, note that the next Baptismal Preparation Classes will be held on **Thursday 26th October at 7pm**, in the hall next to **Mary Immaculate Church**, Ashmore.

Parish Bus Trip Thursday 21st September to "Emmos Pub" Malgowie round trip through the Lockyer Valley. A few tickets will be on sale at Guardian Angels Church at the 10am Mass on this Sunday 17th September. For bookings please call Pat on 55 395 849.

Holy Rosary at St Joseph the Worker, October is the month of the Holy Rosary. On Monday mornings in St Joseph the Worker church at 9am Fr Vince will explain and lead the prayer of the Holy Rosary according to the method endorsed by Saint John Paul in his "Apostolic Letter" on the Holy Rosary. It is a way of praying the Rosary, Christ centred, scriptural, relevant, contemplative and a great help in concentration. All are Welcome.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass Couples celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary (or longer) and their family and friends, are invited to the annual Mass with Bishop Brian V. Finnigan at the Cathedral of St Stephen. The Mass will be celebrated on **Saturday the 7th October 2017**, commencing at **10am**. Light refreshments will be served in the Hanly Room, following the Mass and for catering purposes you are asked to RSVP to cathedral@bne.catholic.net.au or telephone 3324 3030 by Friday 29 September. The Cathedral car park will be available.

Parish Date Claimers

Holy Hour. First Thursday of the month at 4:15pm Mary Immaculate, Ashmore.

Bridge. Every Wednesday 9:30am to 12:30pm in the Meeting Room at Mary Immaculate. Beginners are most welcome.

Craft. Every Tuesday 9:30am to 11:30am in the Annex of St. Joseph. Beginners welcome.

Morning Tea. On the First Sunday of each month at the "Annex" after 8:30am Mass at St. Joseph the Worker.

Rosary and Novena. At 6:00pm every Wednesday at St. Joseph the Worker. On the **First Wednesday of the month**, they are followed by **Mass at 7:00pm.**

Walking Group. Our parish walking group meets each Saturday at Gold Coast Aquatic Centre Car Park, Marine Parade, at 6:30am. The walks are not strenuous and are followed by a fellowship breakfast. Interested persons wishing to join us should ring Janeece on 0408 763 772 for further details.

The Catholic Leader Newspaper can be purchase at any local parish Cost \$2.00.

Name Badges please call the parish to order your name badge. There are 72 badges waiting for names. These badges will expires at the end of November.



Please come to Marian Valley on Saturday the **30th of September 2017** and help the Filipino Community celebrate the rededication of the Shrine of Our Lady. The bus will pickup at 7 Lind Ave, Palm Beach, at 7:45am and then pickup again at Sacred Heart Church, Clear Island Waters, at 8:15am. The cost for the bus is \$20 return. Please book your seat early with Paula on 0402 930 918 or 5582 7950 or Madeline on 0405 252 367 or 5529 1573.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Gather Together

Refrain:

**Gather together, gather as one,
Come as the body of Christ.
Gather to share in the Spirit of love.
Gather together as one.**

Open to all, we gather as one.
Drawn by the light of Jesus the Son. **R**

Called to be bread,
now broken and shared.
Called to be one in the Spirit of love. **R**

Come with your gifts,
the fruit of your lives.
Share in this life, the family of God. **R**

Glory to God in the highest,

Refrain:

*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. **R**

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. **R**
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.

*Glory to God in the highest and on earth
peace to people of good will. Amen*

GIFTS PROCESSION

Strong and Constant

I will be your God who walks with you!
You will be always within My hand!
Take your heart and give it all to Me!
Strong and constant is My love!
Strong and constant is My love!

Should you wander far away from Me
I will search for you in every land!
Should you call, then you will truly
know:

Strong and constant is My love!
Strong and constant is My love!

When you know sorrow within your life,
I will come I will embrace your heart!
Through your pain you will discover me!
Strong and constant is My love!
Strong and constant is My love!

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

***The Lord is kind and merciful slow
to anger and rich in compassion.***

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION (ICEL)

When we eat this bread and drink this
cup we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again.

COMMUNION PROCESSION

Prayer of St Francis

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring
your love.

Where there is injury, your pardon,
Lord

And where there's doubt,
true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace
Where there's despair in life,
let me bring hope
Where there is darkness, only light
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Oh, Master grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console
To be understood as to understand
To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned
In giving of ourselves that we receive
And in dying that we're born to eternal
life.

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Heart of Jesus, Heart of Mercy

I will take you from the nations,
And gather you from the world:
I will bring you in to your own land
and you shall be my people
and I will be your God,
and in mercy, my love will hold the
world.

Refrain:

***Give us new hearts, O Lord
Give us new hearts O Lord
Give us hearts of flesh;
Remove our hearts of stone***

Through your Spirit, deep within us,
We become your loving face,
and our grasping hands will open in
compassion
and our frowning eyes will widen to see
and know again all the beauty in every
human heart. **R**

Heart of Jesus, heart of mercy,
loving face of God revealed.
You proclaimed the word "not sacrifice
but mercy"
For in you we see the Father who longs
for our return,
Ever faithful, His covenant of love. **R**
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RECESSIONAL HYMN

Lord, the Light Of Your Love

Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining:
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth you now bring us.
Shine on me. Shine on me.

Refrain:

***Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with
the Father's glory;***

***Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on
fire.***

***Flow, river, flow. Flood the nations
with grace and mercy:
Send forth Your Word, Lord, and let
there be light.***

Lord, I come to your awesome presence,
from the shadows into your radiance;
By the blood I may enter your brightness.
Search me, try me, consume all my
darkness.

Shine on me, shine on me **R.**

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