



# THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

17 SEPTEMBER 2023

## FIRST READING

Sir 27:30-28:7

A reading from the Book of Sirach.

*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?

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.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 102: 1-4, 9-12. R. v. B

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

1. 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.**

2. 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.**

3. 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.**

4. 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

Rom 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.

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## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 13: 34

Alleluia, alleluia! / I give you a new commandment: / love one another as I have loved you. / Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

Mt 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.'



# OUR LADY of MT CARMEL CHURCH BULLETIN

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary - 17 September 2023 - Year A

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### PARISH OFFICE HOURS

**Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday:** 9am – 3pm  
**Thursday:** 9am – 12.30pm

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### MASS INTENTIONS



#### 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary, 17 September

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Bill & Alcinda Nagel (RIP)

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Mara Puljic (RIP Recently)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Dianne De Olival & Maria Jose Da Silva (RIP) + Holy Trinity Thanksgiving for Gift of Life + John Tenda (RIP) + Maria Villamagna (RIP) + Michele Mario Di Tulio (RIP 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**10.30am Baptism** of Giana Pereira Anderton

#### Monday 18 September

**7-9pm** Holy Trinity Prayer Group + **7.30pm Mass**



#### Tuesday 19 September – Our Lady of La Salette

**9am Mass** for Dorothy & George Leach (RIP)

#### Wednesday 20 September – Sts Andrew Kim Tae-Gon + Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions

**9am Mass** for St Joseph Honour & Protection of Family  
**5.30 – 6.30pm** Eucharistic Adoration



#### Thursday 21 September – St Matthew

**9am-4pm** Church Open for Prayers

#### Friday 22 September

**9am Mass** for Paul & Elisabeth Burstinghaus (Intentions)  
**9.30 – 10.30am** Eucharistic Adoration



#### Saturday 23 September – St Pius of Pietrelcina

**NO 9am Mass**

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary, 24 September

**Saturday 6pm Mass** for Isabel & Leonel Dias (Health Intentions)

**Sunday 7.30am Mass** for Andrew De Sousa (RIP) + Ana Divic (RIP Recently)

**Sunday 9am Mass** for Idalia (Birthday Intentions) + Horace Thompson (RIP & 88<sup>th</sup> Birthday) + Mary Theresa Edwards (RIP 16<sup>th</sup> Anniversary)



### HOLY TRISAGION (Thrice Holy) TO THE MOST HOLY TRINITY:

Make the triple sign of the cross and bless yourself... By the sign of the Holy Cross (forehead), deliver us, O Lord our God (mouth) from our enemies (heart) ... In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



### WELCOME TO OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL PARISH

If you are a new parishioner, we extend a warm welcome to our Parish of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and ask that you introduce yourself to Fr Paul.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK PARISHIONERS

Christine Rhow, Veronica, Maria, Consiglia Ciavatta, Irwin Beachell, Isabella Da Cunha, Martin, Norma Elliott, Rudi Tassell, Steven, Davina, Elisabetta Paddon, Dermot McKernon, Edward Fortune, Zdenka Mravljinc, Beatrice Fernandez, Lisa Bubb, Maria Villamagna, Romilda Marinelli, Aaron LoCicero, Jacqueline Paul, Lou Collova, Edward Forster, Maria De Sousa, Anne & Justine Tonti, Greenville Paul, Christine Schwarten Henry ...



### 2024 SACRAMENT DATES

TBC



### RECONCILIATION

Saturday  
 9.30-10am and  
 5.15-5.45pm  
 Or by appointment.



### MASS INTENTIONS

Suggested Offering **\$15 per Mass**. Please give Mass Intention Envelopes to Fr Paul or Parish Office.



### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

#### 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary, 24 September

**1<sup>st</sup>:** Is 55:6-9  
**2<sup>nd</sup>:** Phil 1:20-24, 27  
**Gospel:** Mt 20:1-16



**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:** Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.



**COMMUNION ANTIPHON:** How precious is your mercy, O God!.

**UNITY PRAYER:** My Adorable Jesus, May our feet journey together. May our hands gather in unity. May our hearts beat in unison. May our souls be in harmony. May our thoughts be as one. May our ears listen to the silence together. May our glances profoundly penetrate each other. May our lips pray together to gain mercy from the Eternal Father. Amen.





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**STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship and Capital Campaigns.** 4. **Trainingt** – Their pledge will serve as an important witness to those they solicit of their own belief and commitment to the campaign.



Charismatic Renewal, is conducting two Healing / Deliverance and Teaching events in Perth, with international guest, Stanley Joseph. The first on **Friday 29 September**, from **7:30pm - 10pm**, at **Orana Catholic School Hall**, 37 Querrin Avenue, Willetton. The second on **Saturday 30 September**, from **9:30am - 4pm**, at **Queen of Apostles parish hall**, 55 Tudor Avenue, Riverton. Both events are free entry; Saturday includes a free light lunch. For further information contact Varghese 0425 807 434.



**2023 HOLY FATHER 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”.



**OLMC HILTON FUNDRAISING:** We are Fundraising for Repairs to the Presbytery and Airconditioning. Parishioners are encouraged to support us by bringing prizes and buying tickets for \$5 each. **Fr Paul.**



**POPE FRANCIS & SYNODALITY:** Since the beginning of his Pontificate, Pope Francis has been highlighting the importance of cultivating synodality in our Church. In his own words, synodality is the path “which God expects of the Church of the third millennium” because it is “a constitutive element of the Church.” That is why Pope Francis has called for a Synod on Synodality, happening from 2021 to 2024... Pope Francis’ call for us to focus on synodality is a call to restore and deepen our roots as the People of God journeying together in a common mission as followers of the Way, Jesus Christ. Inspired and motivated by this journey that our Church is undertaking at this time, Laudato Si’ Movement has also gone through a synodal process during 2022 to evaluate and deepen its own synodality in communion with the Catholic Church. Since our start, synodality has been a central part of who we are, as reflected in our identity statement... Laudato Si’ Movement’s 2022 synodal process Throughout 2022, Laudato Si’ Movement has been reflecting on how we can deepen our synodal journey as a movement and in communion with the wider Church engaged in the Synod on Synodality. As part of this year-long reflection, we developed a public consultation process and reflection that resulted in a submitted paper to the Synod on Synodality. A wider process has been set in motion as a result of this synodality journey along with the initiatives from the Board of Directors and the Secretariat to improve LSM by further embedding synodality in our leadership bodies... **How you can take part:** This process that took place in 2022 was made up of listening sessions, organized by Laudato Si’ Circles and Laudato Si’ Movement Chapters in all the regions where this movement is active, as well as five online sessions



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**LAURA FIRTH**      **FR CHRISTIAN IRDI**      **JACINTA WALSH**

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**REVIVE SRM RETREATS with Br Stanley Joseph:** Spiritual Renewal Ministries, supported by Catholic



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organized by the Global Secretariat in English, Spanish, Italian and Portuguese This process allowed for the experience of synodality to be lived by all movement members who had the opportunity to participate in encounters for reflection on their experiences and expectations regarding the mission of LSM in communion with the Church... In the same way, our members will be able to express themselves through the online survey open to our entire network that will assess how they view synodality in relation to LSM's strategic goals: ecological conversion, prophetic advocacy, and sustainable lifestyles. Stay tuned to know when the online survey will be available so you can let us know your thoughts on synodality and be a part of official communications from Laudato Si' Movement to the Synod on Synodality... The results from our 2022 synodal process will also be reviewed in the light of the post-synodal exhortation by Pope Francis, expected to be released after the Synod on Synodality. In this way, LSM seeks to continue on its journey of deepening its synodality, improving the capacity of listening and journeying together to care for our common home, always at the service of and in communion with the Catholic Church... Synodality throughout Laudato Si' Movement Synodality has been present within Laudato Si' Movement from the beginning, and it grows at the same pace that our movement seeks to deepen its capacity for listening and journeying together. Learn more how synodality has shaped the story of Laudato Si' Movement... We warmly ask you to take part in this incredible synodal process. Read more about synodality related to our movement and take time to reflect on how you can live more synodally as well:

- LSM Synodal Contribution here (in English and Spanish only).
- Living synodality as the Laudato Si' Movement.
- Walking together – Embedding synodality in LSM's leadership bodies.
- Listen to the Voice of Creation! Reflections on the LSM Synod contribution... The importance of listening to all its branches of Laudato Si' Movement is recognized as a fundamental need for this movement to continue its work and mission. This has concrete effects on how LSM structures itself internally, being composed by the Board of Directors, the Advisory Council, staff and the Global Membership Council, as well as externally through Laudato Si' Animators, Laudato Si' Circles and Chapters, and Member Organizations.

**FEAST of ST PADRE PIO of PIETRELCINA 23 SEPTEMBER:** St Pio of Pietrelcina aka Padre Pio, a most extraordinary saint! A Capuchin priest, he suffered - as a "stigmatist" for fifty years (1918-1968). In that time, he heard over a million confessions, and wrote thousands of letters. St Padre Pio, pray for us!



**MORNING TEA CELEBRATION OLMC HILTON for RCIA CANDIDATES WELCOMED into CATHOLIC CHURCH**



**ALWAYS PRAY FOR OTHERS WHO CANNOT PRAY FOR THEMSELVES, BECAUSE OTHERS PRAYED FOR YOU WHEN YOU COULD NOT ...** Dear God, wrap your arms around the hurt, the lost, the sad and the broken. Show them your love and light. Amen!



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Supports the Archdiocesan Priests

**Ac Name:** Hilton Park Presbytery Account  
**BSB:** 086 006  
**Ac Number:** 181363950  
**Reference:** Parishioner Name

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Supports the Parish

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**Ac Number:** 695605996  
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<p><b>OUR LADY of MT CARMEL NOVENA:</b> God our Father, prompted by Your Spirit the order of Carmel has from the beginning dedicated itself to the Mother of Your Son. As she unites her prayers with ours, look with favour upon us and bless our families, keep each of us from harm And bring us to the joy of heaven. We ask this through Jesus the Lord. <b>Amen.</b></p>	<p><b>SOULS in PURGATORY PRAYER:</b> Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Thy Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the universal church, for those in my own home, and in my family. <b>Amen.</b></p>	<p><b>OUR LADY of ALL NATIONS PRAYER:</b> Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the Father, send now Your Spirit over the earth. Let the Holy Spirit live in the hearts of all nations, that they may be preserved from degeneration, disaster and war. May the Lady of All Nations, the Blessed Virgin Mary, be our Advocate. <b>Amen.</b></p>
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	COMMENTATOR	READERS	ACOLYTE
<b>WEEK 3</b> 16-17 Sept 24 Ordinary			
Sat 6pm	Loretta Masnada	Carmel Collova	Gerald Farrell
Sun 7.30am	Mark Ryan	Maureen Cooper	Frank Cooper
Sun 9am	Toni Kalat	Jason Rozario	Joe De Ornelas
<b>WEEK 4</b> 23-24 Sept 25 Ordinary			
Sat 6pm	Volunteer	Katie Hughes	Enrico D’Alessandro
Sun 7.30am	Diane Richards	Jenny Troy	Gerry Miller
Sun 9am	Franca Kalat	Elizabeth Sabella	Gerald Farrell



<p>Through Him, with Him, in Him In the unity of the Holy Spirit, All glory and honour is Yours, Almighty Father, Forever and ever. <b>Amen.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRAYER TO OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS:</b> Lord, you place deep in our hearts the love of Mary, help of Christians. Through her prayers grant wisdom to our leaders and integrity to our Citizens. Under her protection may Australia be granted harmony, justice and peace. We ask this through Christ our Lord. <b>Amen.</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday Evenings</b> <b>5.30 – 6.30pm</b> <b>Friday Mornings</b> <b>9.30 – 10.30am</b> Come Visit Jesus <b>For One Hour</b> Jesus is Waiting for You</p>
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'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.

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# Breaking Open the Word

## THE CALL TO FORGIVENESS

A well-balanced life is something worth striving for, but human nature being what it is, balance is not always easily achieved. Today the readings deal with the question of balance and consistency regarding how we expect God to treat us and the ways we deal with each other. Resentment, vengeance, and anger can all find their place in the human heart and Ecclesiasticus advises that a more tolerant approach is more beneficial. If we cannot forgive each other, how can anyone expect God to forgive our failings?

Matthew approaches the question from the other direction. Rather than looking at what we will receive from the Lord, the striking parable of the two debtors teaches us to look at what we have already received. Since God has already looked kindly and mercifully on us this should lead to a corresponding degree of forbearance with one another.

While it is not stated in today's reading from Romans, Paul is dealing with a community where there was some tension regarding eating meat left over from temple sacrifices. For the more liberal members of the community eating this meat was not a problem. Others in the community were scandalised and thought it was idolatry. Paul's approach is to remind both groups that whatever we do influences our brothers and sisters. As Christians, the way to find a sense of balance is to remember that we are called to live for the Lord. Sometimes this calls us to die to ourselves to preserve peace and unity. Christ gave his life for us all, should we not do the same for each other?

**Christopher Monaghan CP**