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***GROWING IN FAITH, INCLUSIVITY & OUTREACH,
THROUGH OPENNESS.***

24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME (17th September)

First Reading

Sirach 27:30-28:7

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? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his 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.

Responsorial Psalm:

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

Second Reading

Rom 14:7-9

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 18:21-35

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. '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.'

- In the foyer are small laminated cards (containing the Confiteor, Gloria, Apostles Creed and the Invitation to Prayer) and large Mass cards, to help you better participate in the Mass should you need these as an aid. There is also a reflection on the four Sacred Silences through the Mass. We ask that you please leave all the cards in the Church.

Next Week's Readings (Year A)

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

**Parish Masses & Devotions
18 September - 24 September**

Monday	<i>10.00am</i>	<i>Rosary Cenacle</i>	<i>St. Joseph's</i>
Tuesday	9.00am	Mass	St. Joseph's
Wednesday	9.00am	Mass	St. Joseph's
Thursday	<i>8am-4.50pm</i>	<i>Adoration</i>	<i>St. Joseph's</i>
	5.00pm	Mass	St. Joseph's
Friday	<i>11.00am</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>	<i>St. Joseph's</i>
	<i>11.30am</i>	<i>Reconciliation</i>	<i>St. Joseph's</i>
	12 noon	Mass	St. Joseph's
Saturday	<i>5.30pm</i>	<i>Reconciliation</i>	<i>St. Joseph's</i>
	6.00pm	Mass	St. Joseph's
Sunday	9.00am	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay
	<i>5.30pm</i>	<i>Reconciliation</i>	<i>Our Lady of the Bay</i>
	6.00pm	Mass	Our Lady of the Bay

REFLECTION

The spirit of unforgiveness lurks in Peter's question about "how much" forgiveness is required. What he's really asking is: *When can I reasonably refuse to forgive those who offend me?* Surely there's a limit to how much forgiveness is strictly necessary. Jesus won't play this game. Jesus paints God as a king willing to forgive an outrageous sum owed him, not because it's necessary – a king has no obligation to forgive anything – but for compassion's sake. Peter, in the guise of the first servant, sees his anger against his brother as actually justifiable. In the world of gospel parable, that attitude is destined for destruction. Holding others bound to their sin poisons our love. Our forgiveness reveals how far short we fall of the mercy God shows to us. When I'm in opposition to a sister or brother, I know it's for my sake, as much as for theirs, that I find my way to forgiveness. To the extent that I choke my neighbour with my wrath, that's how far the embrace of sin has choked the love out of me.

Whom do you find hardest to forgive? What makes it hard, and what price do you pay for unforgiveness? (GPBS eNews)

SEASON OF CREATION - THIRD WEEK

Are you among those who believe in God who creates all things, inviting our contemplation, wonder, and awe at their rich diversity, beauty, and goodness in the unimaginable vastness of space and time?

Are you among those who believe in God who entrusts Earth in all its richness, diversity, and goodness to the care of the Earth community and is patient and forgiving of our failures and sins against its health, survival, and flourishing?

Are you among those who believe in Jesus, who reminds us of God's patient, faithful love & forgiveness for us each and calls us to unfailing forgiveness toward each other?

Are you among those who believe in Jesus, God become flesh and blood, a human part of Earth, who lived and breathed, worked, prayed, and preached among us, who taught us in the Sermon on the Mount to live non-violently, who suffered, died on a cross, and rose again, glorified, to show clearly the extent and power of God's forgiving love?

Are you among those who believe in the Holy Spirit who renews life in creation, groans in unity with a suffering creation, and waits, working with us, for the rebirth of creation?

This is our faith. Through it we see God's revelation emerging in new ways among us. Through it we embrace the promise that our deepest spiritual longings will come to fulfillment through the Spirit in the ages to come. **Amen.** (seasonofcreation.org)

THANK YOU

In past years it has been our practice to send letters of acknowledgement to all our Planned Giving contributors. However, at our last Parish Finance Committee Meeting, Fr. Jaybee pointed out that we were overlooking the equally valuable gifts we receive by way of the loose collections. Rather than letters this year, he has asked that we express our gratitude for every offering we received.

In total, for year ended 30th June 2023, that amounted to \$125,584.00. This represented approximately two thirds of our total income of \$205,863, which excluding the transactions that were related to the presbytery sale and build, produced a small surplus for the twelve months of some \$1,988.

When Fr Jaybee returns from his current Long Service Leave, we will present a more detailed account, including the final presbytery outcome. In the meantime, he was anxious that we express heartfelt appreciation for the generosity that allows our Parish to look forward to the years ahead.

Again, thank you all and should anyone require a summary of their planned giving, please contact the Parish Office. *Tony Wheeler for the Parish Finance Committee*



**Parish Priest
Fr Jaybee**
(on long service)

**Presbytery Mob:
After Hours &
Emergency only**

0417 005 615.

Assistant — Fr Nathan
0420 711 769

Deacons

Rev Barry Cruickshank
0409 116 809

Rev Greg Dudley
9754 8665



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF COUNTRY**

We acknowledge the Wadandi people of the Noongar nation as the traditional custodians of this land on which we gather. We recognise their continuing connection to the land and waters, and thank them for protecting this coastline and its ecosystems since time immemorial. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and extend that respect to all First Nations people who might be present today.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

Please introduce yourself to Father and our greeters. They will be able to give you our Parish **Census Form**, and **'Welcome Booklet'** which will help you to know what is happening in and around the Parish. **Carol D'Costa (0413946917)** our Welcome Co-ordinator can further assist you in settling into Parish life. Please feel free to drop into the Parish Office on Kent Street (next to St Joseph's Church) when next you pass by. Trish, the secretary, would love to meet you.

SEPTEMBER INTENTION

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.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St Vincent de Paul conference thanks you all most sincerely for the very generous response to our Winter Appeal. Please continue to support us with donations and food items during this ongoing time of great need. *With grateful thanks - Maria Parkinson*

PRIESTS WELFARE FOUNDATION "FATHER'S DAY" APPEAL *"For the care of our Spiritual Fathers"*

All priests of the Diocese wish to thank those who contributed most generously to the annual Priests' Welfare Foundation "Father's Day" Appeal. Your donation is gratefully appreciated. **Donations can be made at any time using the Donation Envelopes at the back of the Church and placing these in the collection basket** or sending them directly to the Foundation. Receipts for claiming Tax Deductions will be forwarded to your nominated address as soon as possible.

BREAK OPEN YOUR OLD PHOTO ALBUMS

The Parish Pastoral Council is setting up a display area for the 20th anniversary celebration for Our Lady of the Bay Church. The office has a big box of this and that pertaining to the planning and building but no sequence photos of the various stages can be found. Perhaps you can help?? We would love to get copies so we can keep them in the archives, and all can marvel at how much was achieved by tireless workers and a Parish Community that believed this mammoth task was possible. So too would we like photos of the Priests who have served here so wonderfully during the last 20 years. If you have any photos, information or funny stories please contact Tim Murphy on 0418 932 170 or timpaulamurphy@gmail.com or drop in at the Parish Office. Let's gather and keep our history together!

CARITAS

Caritas agencies are responding to flooding in Libya where at least 5300 lives have been lost and more than 10,000 people are missing, as Pope Francis appealed for the international community to come to the aid of the hard-hit nation. **To support Caritas' work in Libya, visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/libya>**

After the earthquake in Morocco, where more than 2600 lives have been lost and thousands have been injured, Caritas Australia's humanitarian emergencies associate director said, "people are just trying to survive but have no access to shelter, food, medicine or water. We are working with our partners on the ground and across the region to ensure help gets to those who need it most." Donations: [caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/Morocco-earthquake](https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/Morocco-earthquake)

SEDE VACANTE PRAYER

Lord God,

We pray for the Diocese of Bunbury as we await and prepare for the appointment of a new Bishop. Send your spirit on our Church and open our hearts and minds to your will.

We pray that your spirit guides those who are discerning the needs of our Church and selecting the pastor needed to respond to them. Give them wisdom, understanding and counsel.

We pray that your spirit anoints our new bishop so that he can work towards renewal in the Church, unite our people, and lead us faithfully in love, truth and goodness. We pray you give him a shepherd's heart and fill him with fortitude, wisdom and mercy.

During this time of change and transition, we ask you Lord God to guide us, the people of the Diocese of Bunbury, and sustain and animate us with your Spirit.

Saint Mary of the Cross Mackillop - Pray for Us
Amen

Church Collections

(Weekend 9/10 September)

Envelopes: \$ 1,340.00

Loose: \$ 1,057.55

Containers for Change: \$ 4.30

Many Thanks!



The Sick

Please pray for:

Sione Hehea;

Ev Brand;

Damien Philp;



Memorial Anniversary

**2010: Graham Cockin
Peter Smith**

2018: Connie Overton

2020: Colin Merritt

2021: Leon Mruczkowski



Death

Peter Brennan from Margaret River has died. His funeral will take place at St. Joseph's Church this **Tuesday at 1pm**. Our thoughts are with the family and we pray that Peter's Soul and the Souls of all the Faithful departed, rest in the peace of Christ.

***Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.***

WEEKEND ROSTER FOR 23/24 SEPTEMBER

Saturday 6pm

Acolyte: Murray
Greeters: Di, Lily
Commentator: Di
Readers: Trish T, George
Musician: Carmelina
Projectionist: Angela
EMHC: -
Cleaning: Rosary Group
Laundry: Di

Sunday 9am

Acolyte: Joe
Greeters: Kaye, Peter
Commentator: Maria
Readers: Pat, Patricia
Musician: John
Projectionist: Veronica
Recorded Music: -
EMHC: Peta
Sacristan: Helen
Children's Liturgy: None

Sunday 6pm

Acolyte: Kevin
Greeters: Joan, Roz
Commentator: Joan
Readers: Robyn, Jo
Projectionist: Nola
Recorded Music: Robyn

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ALL ARE WELCOME!

Rosary Group

Monday, 10am: St. Joseph's

Legion of Mary

Tuesday 9.30am: Ned Kenny Centre

Pilgrim Statue

Escorted to a Parishioner's home. To schedule a visit call Loly 0411 080 141

Craft & Coffee Group

Tuesday 1-4pm: Ned Kenny Centre.

Meditation

Wednesday 3pm: Ned Kenny Centre.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, 8am-5pm: St Joseph's Church

Catholic Women's League

2nd Friday of the month after the 12 noon Mass. Ned Kenny Centre

Catenian Koffee Klub

Meets the **4th Sunday** of each month at 11.30am at 'The Esplanade' for coffee and/or a meal.

CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

There are several options if you wish to donate the proceeds from your eligible bottles and cans (**showing the 10c refund logo**) to the Parish.

- **Take them to the Wright Street Depot and quote the identification Code C10344169.**
- **Bag it, Tag it** (with the above identification code) **and Drop it, at the Rendezvous Road Waste Facility.**
- **Bring the cleaned bottles and cans into the Parish Office.**

Many thanks to those getting behind this Parish Fundraising initiative.



CAN YOU GUESS WHO IS WHO?

Sr Margaret Culhane & Sr Bernadette Hynes are celebrating their 60th anniversary of profession to the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart at the 10am Mass in Margaret River this Sunday (17th). We keep them and all the wonderful Sisters who have helped nourish our faith in our prayers.

THE SPIRITUALITY HUB—KIRUP

19 Sept: Quiet in Kirup. Prayer and Reflection. Please see posters in foyer for further details on events and **RSVP:** deborahmrobertson@bigpond.com if attending.

BCC 50th ANNIVERSARY EX- STUDENTS REUNION

The Bunbury Catholic College ExStudents' Association is inviting all former students of St Joseph's Convent School, Marist Brothers St Francis Xavier College and Bunbury Catholic College to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of BCC on Saturday, **14 October** from 11.30am-4pm in the BCC Gymnasium. Memorabilia on display – Complimentary lunch and soft drinks provided – bar facilities available. RSVP bookings essential via Eventbrite, link available on our website www.bunburycatholic.wa.edu.au. Coinciding with this event will be the BCC Art Extraordinaire weekend with the official Opening Night on October, Friday 13 at 7pm.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Trustee of the KSC Education Foundation Inc (a project of the Knights of the Southern Cross) takes pleasure in again inviting applications from teachers of Religious Education in Catholic Schools in Western Australia to undertake further study for courses in Religious Education and Theology at the University of Notre Dame Australia in 2024. Applications close on **1 November**. Forms and further information are available from www.waksca.org.au/News or by emailing office@kscwa.org.au

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP

See the brochure on the notice board for information on a 10 day pilgrimage (17-28 October) to significant places in Australia made holy by Saint Mary MacKillop.

JOURNEY IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST PAUL

Take a pilgrimage to Turkey and Greece with Fr Jess as your spiritual director from **2-22 May 2024**. A copy of the itinerary can be found pinned to the notice board in both churches and the Parish Office. It contains projected costs and the list of hotels where staying.

MINISTRIES

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Sacristan

SPIRITUAL LIFE

Legion of Mary

Rosary Group

FAITH FORMATION LIFE

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Catholic Women's League

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Christian Meditation

JOSEPH CARE

St Vincent de Paul

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Parish Finance Committee

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John Grace

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Di Mas (SJ)

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