



THE SAVING WORD

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

13 SEPTEMBER 2026

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. 8

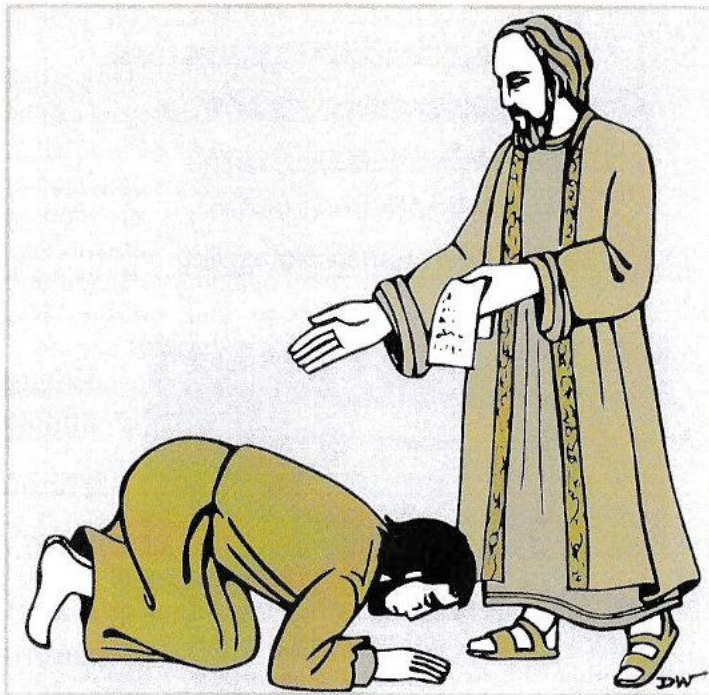
R. The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.

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.

■ The word of the Lord.

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.'

'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

FORGIVE FROM THE HEART

Have you ever been hurt by another? How do you act? Can you forgive? Hurts, misunderstanding and at times serious ruptures can occur amongst Jesus' members. The question which Peter asks Jesus is relevant: 'How often should one forgive another? Seven times?' Jesus replies, 'Seventy times seven,' meaning forgiveness is beyond calculation.

Jesus then offers a parable to highlight the essential truth about forgiving others 'from the heart'. The story involves two servants. One owes his king 1000 talents. In Matthew's day a talent was worth a year's wage. The servant owes the king 1000 years' wages! An impossible debt to honour, even though the servant promises to pay it in time. The king, out of compassion, cancels the debt. Whew! Leaving the judgement hall, that same servant comes across a fellow servant who owes 100 denarii. A denarius is a day's wage, so the debt is a hundred days' wages, a paltry sum by comparison. But in this second scenario, compassion and debt cancellation are absent. The king gets to hear of this and imprisons the first servant for his lack of forgiveness.

Meanness of spirit and forgiveness of heart will have their divine repercussions, the point of the final words of today's Gospel. Matthew's Jesus invites us to reflect upon our own forgiving and compassionate spirit towards those who have hurt or wronged us. As we pray in the Lord's Prayer, '...forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.' The measure of our forgiveness is ultimately not God but our own hearts.

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NEWS, EVENTS & CELEBRATIONS

Safeguarding Sunday The Perth Catholic

Archdiocese is committed to providing safe and secure environments for all its members, leaders, and especially its children, young people and vulnerable individuals.

The Safeguarding Program has been developed and implemented in the parishes in our Archdiocese to achieve this, focusing on prevention of abuse and harm to children within parishes, creating a new culture of safe practices and collective responsibility for the safety and welfare of our children, and procedures for responding to concerns, allegations or disclosures of abuse. All clergy, staff and volunteers in parishes must comply with the policies and procedures of the Safeguarding Program.

Parish Safeguarding Officers work with the Parish Priest to ensure that the Safeguarding Program is implemented in our Parish. They

- provide support, advice, and information on safeguarding children and vulnerable people in our parish
- serve as the first point of contact for safeguarding concerns
- respond to and report concerns in line with safeguarding policies
- keep the Parish Priest informed
- promote safeguarding as a parish priority
- support proactive safeguarding measures, and
- ensure full compliance with statutory and safeguarding requirements.

Our Safeguarding Officers:

Sheila Clifford



Katie Hunt

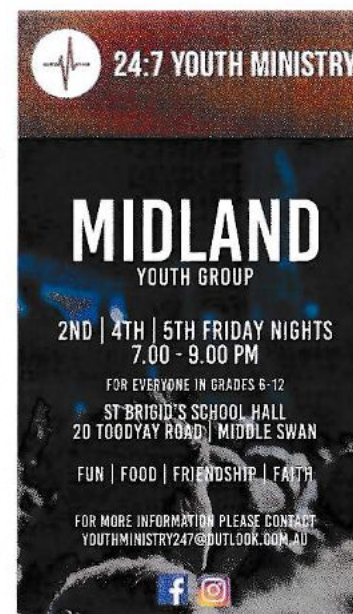


MIDLAND TEENS GROUP:

WHERE TO AFTER CONFIRMATION?

Having a peer group the is supportive of the faith is essential for teens.

For Grade 6-12, Midland hosts a 2x monthly youth group hub on Friday nights that continues that faith journey with fun, food and friendship. Continue to live as a disciple of Jesus, 24/7 with the inspiring witness and support of leaders and friends.



COFFEE AND CONVERSATION gathering at 1045, after the 930am Sunday Mass:

How does God reveal we can be saved? If Jesus is the way, what's the deal with Mary and the saints? Is purgatory in the bible? How can I grow in prayer? All are welcome to come discuss and learn.

FULL 6PM SAT 19th MASS

With a large number of children and guests visiting at the Sept 19th Saturday 6pm Mass, the Church will **almost certainly be full**. There will be a large amount of seats reserved for the children receiving sacraments. Please do pray for them and their families. There will be extra seating setup outside and will be able to still see and hear Mass. Everyone is welcome, but being full and a little bit of a longer Mass, you **might consider attending Sunday morning**.

TENNIS CLINIC - IMPACT ON PARKING

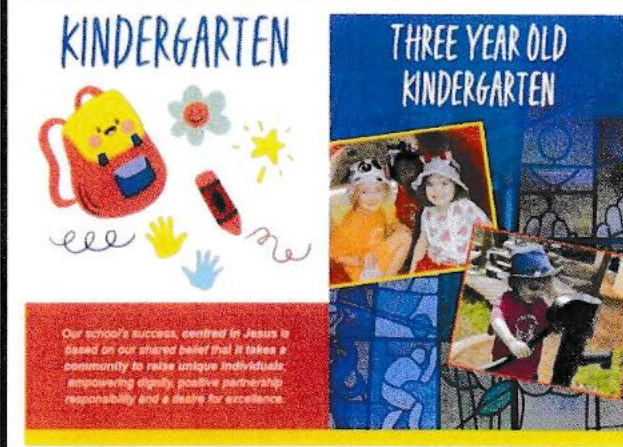
Friday **Sept 18, Sept 25** there will be a school tennis clinic occurring on the basketball courts. Please be mindful whether as parents for school drop off, play group, or as parishioners after Friday Mass on that time.

If you're attending Holy Hour after Friday Mass, if you can generously shift your vehicle from the basketball court, that would be much appreciated.

ENROLMENTS UNDERWAY FOR 2027 AT SACRED HEART PRIMARY

Our parish school has been growing a lot! Application for Enrolment forms can be downloaded from www.sacredheartps.wa.edu.au or are available from the school office.

If you have any questions in relation to our Kindergarten program or the enrolment process, please do not hesitate to contact Nikki or Cassandra in the office on 9295 1562 or admin@sacredheartps.wa.edu.au



Ordinary Time

SUNDAY MASSES:

Saturday Vigil - 6.00pm @ Sacred Heart
Sunday - 7.30am @ Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow
- 9.30am @ Sacred Heart

Weekday Masses:

Tuesday 8.30am

Wednesday 8.00am

9.00 School Class Mass

Thursday 8.30am

7.00pm Men's prayer group

1st & 3rd wk of the month

Friday 8.30am

9.00am Adoration, Confession

Saturday 8.30am

9.00am Rosary & Cenacle

Reconciliation:

Friday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)

Saturday 9.00am (Sacred Heart)

1st Wednesday of the month 12-1.00pm

(Our Lady of Good Counsel, Chidlow)

Or any time by request

Parish Cuppa:

Mundaring: 1st Weekend of the Month

Chidlow: Following each Sunday morning Mass ALL WELCOME!

For information about Baptism or other sacraments please visit our website, email or phone the parish.

Weekday Mass Feasts:

Sunday Safeguarding Sunday (Australia)

Tuesday Our Lady of Sorrows p2006

Wednesday Sts Cornelius and Cyprian,
C. Several Martyrs p2237

Saturday Votive Mass BVM, p2224

19th Sept SATURDAY 6PM VIGIL MASS
3x First Holy Communions and 13x Confirmations

Most of the front half of the Church will be reserved for children receiving sacraments, sponsors, parents etc. If you need the hearing loop, not all pews will be full and you can speak to families seated about sharing a pew.

PARISH ACCOUNT DETAILS:

1st Collection: Priest upkeep
'The Roman Catholic Archbishop'

BSB: 086006

A/C #: 985196641

2nd Collection: Parish upkeep

'The Roman Catholic Archbishop'

BSB: 086006

A/C #: 673418807



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PRAYER CORNER

Prayer Intentions for the sick

Kevin Bell - hospice care

Eric Nordberg

Bonnie Brown

Helen Ball

Nancy Dawes

Andrew Azzaro

Tess Howden

Trevor Clark

Bill Makely

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW UNWELL? UNABLE TO GET TO MASS?

We'd love to explore how we can help you or someone you know access the Eucharist.

Please call or email Fr Stephen