



Time & Intentions for Sundays And Weekdays Masses



DATE	TIME	DEDICATION	INTENTION	CHURCH
Sun 6 th Sept.	9 am	23rd Sunday in O.T.	Pauline Potts (LD)	Holy Family
Sun 6 th Sept.	11.15 am	22nd Sunday in O.T.	Dee Kelly (A)	Our Lady V
Mon 7 th Sept.		Weekday in O.T.		The church is closed
Tue 8 th Sept.	9 am	Nativity of the BVM	Dee Kelly	Our Lady V
Wed 9 th Sept.	9 am	Weekday in O.T.		Our Lady V
Thu 10 th Sept.	9 am	St Ambrose Barlow	Assigned from another Church	Our Lady V
Fri 11 th Sept.	9 am	Weekday in O.T.	Assigned from another Church	Our Lady V
Sat 12 th Sept.	12 noon	The Most Holy Name of Mary	Assigned from another Church	Our Lady V
Sun 13 th Sept.	9 am	24th Sunday in O.T.	Joseph Jackman (B.R.)	Holy Family
Sun 13 th Sept.	11.15 am	24th Sunday in O.T.	Jean Sullivan (LD)	Our Lady V
Sun 13 th Sept.	3 pm	Domingo 24vo T.O.	MISA EN ESPANOL	Our Lady V

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Confessions: Tue 9.30am to 10am; Sat 11am to 12

Holy Rosary & Divine Mercy Devotion: Tuesdays 9.30 am OLOV.

Baptisms, Weddings: by appointments.

Wednesday Club: will resume on **9th September** with bingo at OLOV Hall at 2 pm. All welcome!

We pray for all who are sick and elderly: Marie Tyrer, Ray Sherwood, Betty Maurey, Henry Henderson, Anne and Mike Quinn, Ronnie Baybut, Geoff Morrissey, Michael Hyland, Paul Blackford, Harry Caine, Sophie Caine, Christine Watts, Deacon John and Ann Crooks, Joan Callaghan, Hannalor Mainey, Betty Costello, Pauline Hayes, Irene Halsall, John & Jen Foley, Sister Gemma.

We pray for those whose Anniversary occurs at this time Ena Larkin, Brian Stevenson, James Ashton, Fr. Anthony Roney, Margaret Hogarty,

We pray for those who have died: Ruth Adams.

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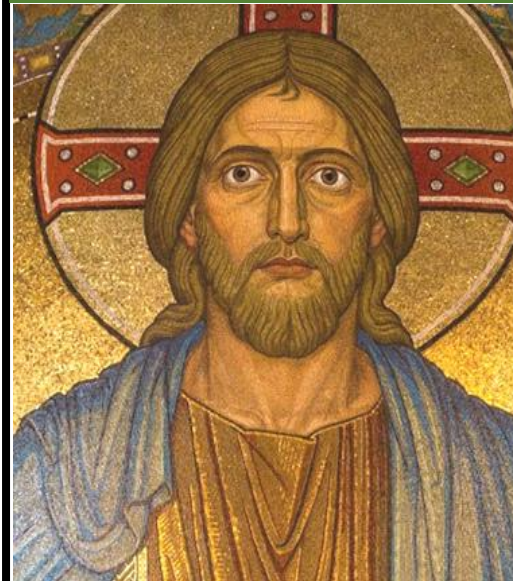
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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – 6th September 2026



Resolving Conflict

Matthew 18, 15-20



If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that "every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses." If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector.

- 1 God wants you to be at peace with all people.
- 2 Your relationships with people reflect and affect your relationship with God.
- 3 Treat everyone as a unique person created and loved by God.
- 4 Treat everyone alike, without prejudice or partiality.
- 5 Everyone is blessed when you pursue peace biblically.

St. Teresa of Avila on the real presence in the Eucharist:

"But do we not have in the Eucharist the living, true and real Jesus present before us? Why look for more?"

Sunday Gospel Reflection

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel.

In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community. In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

When one looks at the word "discipline" we see the word "disciple." To be a disciple is to submit oneself to the discipline of the master. In the church, the Master is Jesus Christ who is master also of heaven and earth (Matthew 28:16). The Church is called out to all nations to make disciples of Jesus Christ from all the nations of the earth. To submit to Christian baptism is the beginning of discipleship which involves learning to observe everything that Jesus commanded the Apostles to teach. The church recognizes the need for discipline. Sometimes these disciplines become very legalistic and stress outward conformity to what the pastors of the church consider to be right. Jesus Himself teaches us what is at the heart of the matter of discipline. His is a yoke, but an easy one. Discipline is not meant to be burdensome. Jesus gives us a good example of how discipline works on the church in Matthew 18:15-20.

Matthew brings Jesus' desire for reconciliation to the forefront. He would rather see two brothers reconciled than have the most expensive gift laid at the altar. So, we have to see "reconciliation" as the purpose of discipline and of the Gospel itself. Jesus has just said that His mission was not to destroy, but to seek and save the lost. After this passage, He made it known that one was to forgive someone as many times as he asked even seventy times seven. So, any discipline in the church seeks restoration of the offender whenever possible. **From Father Sergio's Desk**

The Archbishop's visit to our Deanery as part of the implementation of the Pastoral Plan:

Archbishop John Sherrington is visiting Our Lady of Victories on Saturday 19th September at 12 noon. He will preside Holy Mass. After Mass, the Archbishop would like to meet with the people who have leadership roles in the parish. In this way, he will start visiting all our churches in the Sefton North Coast Deanery to see how best to implement the Pastoral plan.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR 23rd SUNDAY O. T. + CYCLE A

First reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Thus says the Lord: 'So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.'

The word of the Lord

Second reading: Romans 13:8-10

Brothers and Sisters: Owe no one anything, except to love each other. For the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. For the commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet', and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia. God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Alleluia.

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Source: Universalis App - New Lectionary



BAPTISM
at Our Lady of Victories:
Congratulations to
Sienna Blackwell
who will be Baptised this
Saturday 12th September
at 1 pm.
**May God bless Sienna and
her family abundantly!**

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 95(94)

**R:/ O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts.'**

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. **R:/**

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the LORD who made us,
for he is our God, and we the people,
the people of his pasture, the flock of his hand. **R:/**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R:/**

I believe in God,

the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Saint Teresa of Avila taught that the Eucharist provides a direct, living encounter with Jesus Christ rather than a mere memory of the past. **On the Real Presence:** *When hearing people wish they had lived during Jesus's earthly life to see and talk with Him, she responded: "But do we not have in the Eucharist the living, true and real Jesus present before us? Why look for more?"* **On Reverence:** She advised on the proper attitude during adoration: *"In the presence of Jesus in the Holy Sacrament we ought to be like the Blessed in heaven before the Divine Essence."*

