

Gospel Mt 18:15-20

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

Season of Creation by Nick Brodie

How should we deal with people who obstinately refuse to admit their own culpability? Jesus says that, when all else fails, Christians should respond as a group. By communal witness, consensus, and intercession, the Church can change hearts and minds and even the world.

Now, during the Season of Creation, the Church asks us to reflect and act together for earthly justice. In the encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that the Church has long been concerned to protect the environment from destructive exploitation, especially when it most directly and disproportionately afflicts poor countries and vulnerable people. At a time when oceans are poisoned, forests destroyed, and even our climate is changing, Christians must bear witness, build consensus, and intercede for the common good of our common home.

Although he does not cite it directly, Pope Francis seems to draw on this Gospel's message of collective action. In *Laudato Si'*, in fact, he uses the word 'we' three hundred and sixty-six times, neatly underlining that the best answer to the rapacious individualism that plagues our times – is us.

The psalm responses are from the English Translation of the Lectionary for the Mass ©1981 International Committee on English in the Liturgy Inc.(ICEL). All rights reserved. The psalm texts, from *The Psalms, A New Translation*, ©1963 by The Grail, England and used by permission of the publishers. The scriptural quotations are taken from the *Jerusalem Bible*, published and copyright 1966, 1967 and 1968 by Darton Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co Inc, and used by permission of the publishers.
© 2017 Creative Ministry Resources Pty Ltd
All use must be in accordance with your user licensing agreement.

The Living Word

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

6 September 2020

First Reading Ez 33:7-9

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1-2.6-9. R. v.8

*(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.*

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

3. 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 fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw
my work.' (R.)

Second Reading Rom 13:8-10

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation 2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;

and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!



HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC PARISH, North Ryde

191 Cox's Road, North Ryde NSW 2113

Under the care of the Congregation of St. Michael the Archangel
(Michaelite Fathers)



Tel: 9888 2569 Fax: 9888 5076 E-mail: parish@holyspiritnorthryde.org.au
(6September2020) Web: www.holyspiritnorthryde.org.au

Michaelite Fr Stan Kluk CSMA PP Fr George Gorzkowski CSMA

Community: Fr Anthony Casamento CSMA

SUNDAY MASS: Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 8:30am, 10:00am & 5:00pm

WEEKDAY MASS: Mon 8:30am, Tues 7:00pm, Wed 8:30am, Thur 8:30am, Fri 7:00am,
Sat 8:30am. Public Holidays 8:30am

Reconciliation: Saturday after morning Mass or by appointment.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: 9:00am to 3:00pm Mon – Fri

ST VINCENT DE PAUL REGIONAL HELP CENTRE: 9809 2757

Next Week: 24th Ordinary (A) Sirach 27:30 – 28:7; Romans 14:7-9; Matthew 18:21-35.



Fr Stan has asked that we pass on his thanks for all your prayers and good wishes following his recent surgery. He is making good progress and now has begun the long road to rehabilitation. He is in good spirits and determined to be back in the parish as soon as possible. He is keeping the parish community in his prayers.

HOLY LAND APPEAL – Sunday 13th September

This year, due to the closure of churches during Holy Week and the cancellation of the annual Pontifical Good Friday Collection, Pope Francis has rescheduled this collection to the **weekend of Sunday September 13th 2020**. This is so it coincides with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on 14th September. On this weekend will be the whole Church's opportunity to stand in solidarity with the people of the Holy Land in their ongoing needs for pastoral and humanitarian assistance, made much greater due to the Covid-19 pandemic. **NEXT WEEKEND – PLEASE BE PREPARED!**

COVID-19

Parishioners are exhorted to **wear face masks** as a safeguard to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Congregational singing, the sign of peace and passing of the collection plate continue to be suspended at this time.

Church attendance numbers are limited to a maximum of 100 people, providing there is a four square metre space around each person, with the exception of people from the same household.

Our Flame Gift Shop is OPEN! Check out the great selection of cards and gifts for all occasions. Come in and visit us and see our range of sacramental and general gifts. There is something for everyone. All proceeds benefit our parish!

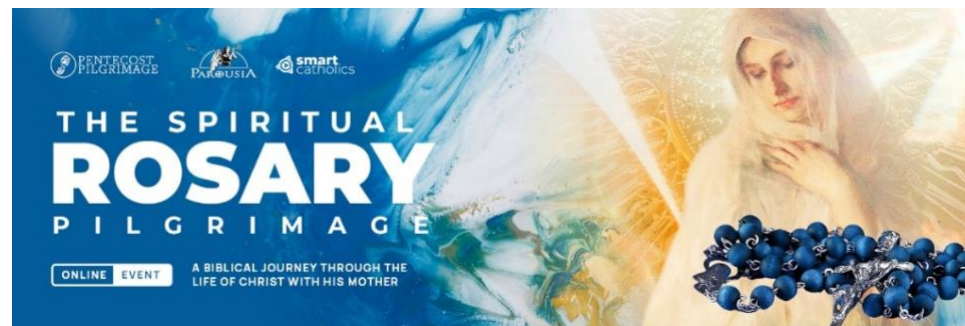


PRAYERS FOR HEALING: Barbara Kortynski, Dorota Gorzkowski.

PRAY FOR THE SOUL OF: Katherine Armstrong, Hilda Prandolini recently deceased.

Also, Frank & Edgar Falzon, Ignazio (Jim) Torrisi, Walter Gaspari, Charlie & Melina Bietola, Dr Raphael Panetta, Rosina & Michele Panetta, Rosa & Raffaele Fazzolari, Vincenzo & Caterina Cincotta, Mary & Sam Bietola, Frank Ientile, Maria Ientile, John, Annarita, Antonio Ientile, Natale Papandrea, Papandrea, Ientile, Cessario families, Angelo Fazzolari & Fazzolari family, Fortunato & Rosa Galluzzo & Galluzzo family, Rosina, Giuseppe, Salvatore & Bruno Panetta, Luigi, Rosina, Pasquale & Santa Genova, Mario & Dirce Gualdi, Antonino & Tindara Caravello, Alberto Tanzini, Angelina & Antonino Rando, Giuseppe & Maria Caterina Pupo, Baby Cove Rose Pupo, Emmanuela Delia, Angelo, Carmela & Paul Scicluna, Gregory Zammit, Christopher Cissie, Pauline Zahra, Lina Maria & Joe Mallia, Joe Locantro, Denis Wonderley, Marie & Jim Hyde, Juro Furjanic, Albert Lo and the deceased members of the Di Tano, Shewan, Smith, Holland, Zammit and Zahra families.

The Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Tuesday 8th September – Mass 7:00pm



Free to register!

Starting on September 8th – The Birthday of the Blessed Mother

Finishing on October 7th – The Feast of the Holy Rosary

4 weeks · 2+ Speakers · 5 Keynote talks

20 scriptural meditations – 1 for each of the mysteries of the Rosary

Live interviews via the facebook group created for this pilgrimage.

Imagine the power this will have with thousands around the world praying the rosary and deepening their appreciation for this powerful prayer.

<https://www.parousiamedia.com/the-spiritual-rosary-pilgrimage/>



Happy Father's Day to all fathers, grandfathers, stepfathers, and godfathers! We hope and pray that you will enjoy a great day with your family and friends.