

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

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.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. O God, who give us the gift of true prayer and of peace, graciously grant that, through this offering, we may do fitting homage to your divine majesty and, by partaking of the sacred mystery, we may be faithfully united in mind and heart. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Ps 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant that your faithful, O Lord, whom you nourish and endow with life through the food of your Word and heavenly Sacrament, may so benefit from your beloved Son's great gifts that we may merit an eternal share in his life. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

REFLECTIONS ON THE GOSPEL

HONOUR AND SIN

The Hebrew word *hobah* is often translated as 'sin' or 'trespass' but is more accurately translated as 'debt' (see the rendition of the Lord's Prayer: *Matthew 5:12*). And debt does not refer solely to money owed, but encompasses offences to a person's honour. And in a culture which has honour as its core value, it is very easy to 'sin' against the honour of the individual person or group.

In today's Gospel, Jesus proposes three steps to achieve reconciliation and avoid fatal consequences that may arise when an offence is committed.

The first is *confrontation* in private. If a person feels dishonoured or offended, he is to confront the sinner in private to avoid placing the alleged offence in the public arena. If the perception of dishonour has been cleared between the parties (by an apology, or a clarification of what actually happened) the conflict has been successfully defused.

If this fails, the second step is *negotiation* with two or three witnesses. The conflict has become semipublic and legal with the calling of witnesses (Dt 17:1-7). It is hoped that the witnesses-negotiators succeed where the private efforts failed, and honour can be repaid and restored.

If they are unsuccessful, the third, and last stage, is *adjudication*. The event has become public, and what is involved is not just the honour of the individual but also the honour and the good of the community. The community acts as the final arbiter. If the offender disregards the community's judgement, he is thrown out of the community and no longer treated as a part of God's people. In a culture where life depended on the support networks of family and community, this would be the ultimate tragedy.

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

10 SEPTEMBER 2017

I SHALL BE THERE WITH THEM. Every Christian community experiences difficulties in one form or another. Misunderstandings occur, divisions arise. Today's Gospel reminds us that Christ is present in our communities even when they are broken, when only two or three meet in his name. Healing occurs when we seek to embody in our communities the qualities of Christ, especially forgiveness and mutual love.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 118: 137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. O God, by whom we are redeemed and receive adoption, look graciously upon your beloved sons and daughters, that those who believe in Christ may receive true freedom and an everlasting inheritance. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Ezek 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
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 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.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP 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

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God

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!

GOSPEL

Mt 18:15-20

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

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 along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any



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 Sunday 10.30am

Sacraments Reconciliation
 Sat 11.30am - 12 noon
 4.45pm - 5:15pm

Baptism
 2nd & 4th Sun of the month at 12 noon

Marriage - Sat & Sun
 1.30pm - 3pm (at least 6 months notice is required)

Devotions
 Every first Wednesday of the month at 7pm
 Mass, Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction

Daily Prayer
 Church is open from 8am - 3.30pm
Holy Hour Weekdays
 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Cenacle
 Every Monday 8am

Rosary & Prayer
 Monday 8.30am
 Thursday & Saturday 11.30am

2017 SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

More information is available on our website or email Heather sacraments@stjosephenfield.org.au

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

INFORMATION & ENROLMENT DAY 15th October 2017 at 3.30pm - 4.30pm in the parish hall. Confirmation Commitment Weekend: All Masses 21/10/2017 & 22/10/2017. Those who have enrolled online will be contacted via email to arrange joining a group that will suit them, once the Leaders and their available times are organised by the Parish. This can be quite close to the enrolment date. Catholic Schools and the Catechists to the Public Schools support the programs and instruction on the Sacraments is included in the Religious Education and Scripture curriculum.

CONFIRMATION MASS SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2017, AT 1PM

PLANNED GIVING

For new families in our Parish if you would like to register and become a contributor in supporting the parish and its activities, please contact the parish office during business hours. For Credit Card donations, these will be processed every 15th day of the calendar month.

TAX RECEIPTS 2017-2018 A total amount of 25% of your Planned Giving will be contributed to Charitable Works Fund, so that you can benefit a 25% tax deductibility from your Planned Giving contributions for the new financial year ending 2018.

ROSARY & STATUE OF OUR LADY THIS WEEK

Will be with Eddy Morris, 18 Cromwell Street Croydon. Please call Eddy 9799 5403.

HEALING MASS every first Friday of the month at 7pm.

PRAYER GROUP

Wednesday 13th September 7pm. St Joseph's Prayer Group Adoration All Welcome 7pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, silent Adoration followed by Benediction Conclude 8-30pm.

TEACHING DAY

16th September 9:45am—3:45pm. Growing with Jesus, Guest Speaker Fr. Adam Crouch, MGL Cost \$15. Please bring something to share for lunch and your Bible. **More information contact Rose 0412 115 961.**

PATH NEWS:

DATE CLAIMER: on Tuesday 19 September, at 7pm, Carolyn Kitto from Stop the Traffik will be speaking in our parish hall about what individuals can do to avoid being part of the horror of human slavery. We are fortunate in having Bishop Terry Brady, as auxiliary of Sydney and Chair of the Australian Bishops' Committee for Pastoral Life, attending and local politicians have been invited as well.

A MATTER CONCERNING HOLY COMMUNION

To show due reverence to the Holy Eucharist, I would like to remind you before Holy Communion, please genuflect or bow before receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ on the hand or on the tongue. Also, dipping (intinction) the Eucharist into the Blood is not permitted in the Sydney Archdiocese.

PRAYER BEFORE HOLY COMMUNION

O my God, help me to make a good Communion.
 Mary, my mother, pray to Jesus for me.
 All you holy Angels and Saints, pray for me.
 My dear Angel Guardian, lead me to the altar of God.
 Amen.

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION

O Jesus, I love you. Make me love you even more.
 Amen.

LENTEN DVD SALE

Bishop Robinson presented a 5 week Lenten lecture series which has been produced into a 5 part DVD series. The lecture series provides a deeper understanding of the Gospel readings during Lent. The DVD series can be purchased through the Parish office. A kind donation of \$30 is appreciated.

CATHOLICCARE..... Supporting the people of Sydney

to live and thrive—CatholicCare Sydney bringing community to older people Our Community Visitors Scheme needs volunteers to visit elderly people for a few hours a week. If you have some free time and can attend training at Liverpool, we'd love to hear from you. Call our friendly CCareline team on 13 18 19 or email us at connect@catholiccare.org

VOTE NO IN THE POSTAL PLEBISCITE ON MARRIAGE

A change in the marriage law has consequences for freedom of religion, including the ability of individuals to live out their faith in everyday life, for Priests to preach and Catholic schools to teach about marriage, and for faith-based charities to continue take a pro-marriage stance. More information: www.coalitionformarriage.com.au

AN EVENING WITH KATY FAUST

Katy Faust has seen first-hand the consequences of changing the Marriage Act in the United States. Hear her story on Friday, 15 September at St Joachim's Catholic Church hall, 2 Mills Street, Lidcombe, 6.30-9.30pm. Tickets \$80, includes buffet dinner, beer and wine. for tickets: marriagealliance.com.au/Katy

DAY REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Visit www.acyf.org.au for all the information of the Festival. Encourage your young people to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity in Sydney 7-9 December 2017.

Dear friends of God,
 Spring has arrived and this is a time for new life and change.

Firstly, thank you to those who volunteered for parish involvement. I will contact soon to organise how you can help out. If you would like to volunteer for the many needs of this parish, please leave your contact details on the sheet near the back of the church under the pictures of previous parish priests.

RCIA

I am inviting all those who are adults and desiring to be baptised or confirmed to join the Catholic Church, to live out the mystery of Jesus Christ in their own life. Please meet at the presbytery (parish office) on Tuesday 19th September at 7:30pm. If you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic, tell them to ring the parish office.

YOUTH GROUP

I am very keen to start up a young adult youth group. I invite all young adults to come to our first meeting Friday 6th October at 6pm in the parish meeting room. Pizza and drinks will be provided for dinner. We can discuss best time to meet and how often at this meeting. I would like to know what kind of social and spiritual experience you want for a youth group.

Mass and adoration for the first Wednesday of the month at 7pm will no longer be practiced. Instead there will be adoration of the Lord in the Eucharist every Saturday at 11am, followed by Mass at 12 noon as usual. This is a trial, and will start from the first Saturday of October. I know many people have busy working lives and can not attend weekday adoration from 2:30 to 3:30pm, so here is your opportunity.

Yes or No?

The federal government just got the OK from the high court to go ahead with a survey concerning whether we should allow same sex partners to marry. The easier way to come to an answer for Christians, is to ask what would Jesus do? Would Jesus vote Yes or No? In the beginning God created them MALE & FEMALE, be fruitful and multiply.

ATTENTION READERS & EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The new roster for readers and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion is available for you to pick up at the entrance of the church under Pope Francis picture.

Feast days this week

Tuesday, Most Holy Name of Mary.
 Wednesday, St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor.
 Thursday, The Exaltation of The Holy Cross.
 Friday, Our Lady of Sorrows.

Let us love what is good true and hate what is false and evil.
 Fr. Kim

Week 3 – 16/17 Sept	5.30pm	9.00am	10.30am	6pm
Acolytes	Des	Allen	Domenic	Chris
1st Reader	Maria	Tania	Monique	Chris
2nd Reader	Lalita	Rose	Donna	Simran
EMHC	Lina & Kevin F	Romanta & Sr. Helena	Beryl H	James
Altar Servers	Louis, Mateusz, Gideon & Grace	Annabella & Savannah	Daniel	Isabella, Nate & Morgan
Counters	Catherine Power & Tamara Kikirekov			
Ministers to the Sick	Beryl Henneberry John Pestana Clover Lea - Permanent Commitment Amy Alarcon			
Children's liturgy	Susan & Hae Jung			
Church Cleaning 11-17	Stella Lin, Elizabeth Lees, Gabriela Taouk, Stephanie Wong			

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 Atonietta Cartiere
 Chafic Alcham
 Hannah Elcham
 Damia Elias
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 All Holy Souls in Purgatory
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