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9 & 10 September - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

From the Dean's Desk

Dear friends.

The Gospels for the next two Sundays [Matthew 18:15-20 and 18:21-25], deal with the situation of community disorder that emanates from the breakdown of relationships through the occurrence and presence of sin. This section forms the fourth teaching unit in Matthew's Gospel and looks at what constitutes the ideal Christian community, in this the ability and preparedness to bring forgiveness and reconciliation into relationships that have been fractured by sinful behaviour.

In today's Gospel Jesus provides us with a blueprint for action for when we find that there has been a disturbance or trouble between community members. What should occur? Jesus tells us that we need to implement a certain process that should lead to the restoration of the original relationship through forgiveness, allowing the person being wronged to 'win back his brother':

- The two who have fallen out should be prepared to meet and see if the rift can be repaired.
- If this fails, then the presence, witness and assistance of one or **two** within the community is required. This is what we call today intervention or mediation.
- report the matter to the whole community. We would equate this with excommunication or expulsion from the community life.
- Again if there is no change then the perpetrator needs to be treated in the same way as tax collectors and sinners.

It seems like an immensely complicated and detailed process, and that is the point of Jesus' discourse. We need to go to great lengths in order to win back those who have wronged us and those with whom we have fallen away.

There is however a sting to this Gospel passage. We need to take into consideration the fact that this passage follows immediately after the parable of the Lost sheep [Matthew 18:12-14] - a story that tells us of the shepherd who goes to great means to search for and retrieve the ONE stray sheep.

Jesus also tells us of the power of prayer [Matthew 18: 19-20] in this matter – where two or three gather in his name and ask for something, it will be granted. Prayer is an important aspect of the process of reconciliation, simply because to bring about forgiveness in a relation-



ship that has been fractured can take supernatural strength. To go about seeking forgiveness for an offense given seems to run counter to the human mentality. Many people would espouse the notion that a person who has in anyway harmed you by breaking the relationship between you should be treated as an outsider until they seek forgiveness. It is in this aspect that Jesus' teaching is unique. Jesus states that it is the one who is hurt - to whom the harm has been done – is the person who seeks to bring about reconciliation. Jesus is emphatic that the person does not wait until the culprit asks for forgiveness, but that he initiates a process that will bring about the restoration of the relationship.

In all this we need to bear in mind the words of the Lord's Prayer which states: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us'. The forgives we seek are determined by the level of forgiveness we are prepared to give to those who have wronged us. Sin will always play a part in our relationships • If this fails, then the person who has been wronged needs to and in our community. Jesus tells us that its presence needs to be fought with a determination to bring about forgiveness and restitution to broken relationships.

> In this light, I can ask myself – to what means do I go to restore a relationship that has been broken or ruptured? Do I seek the assistance of others in the matter? How do I utilise prayer in the matter? Reconciliation through forgiveness needs to be a priority within the Christian community – at every level.

Fr Bob Bossini Dean & Parish Priest

ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL WEEKLY TIMETABLE **SUNDAY** 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass 7.30am Morning Prayer 8.00am Mass 9.30am Mass 11.00am Solemn Mass with Cathedral Choir 6.00pm Mass MONDAY TO FRIDAY 6.30am Morning Prayer 6.45am Mass

Rosary after Angelus at midday 12.30pm Mass

11.15am Exposition

Evening Prayer of the Church

(Mon, Wed & Fri)

11.15am Sacrament of Penance (till 12.20pm)

SATURDAY

♦	7.30am	Morning Prayer
♦	8.00am	Mass
•	9.30am	Mass in ExtraOrdinary Form Latin
♦	8.30am	Sacrament of Penance (till 9am)
•	5.00pm	Sacrament of Penance (till 5:30pm)

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Mass at 8.00am (No Adoration or Confession)

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Weddings by appointment only.

Cloister Function Room - For bookings call Parish Office on 8839 8400 or visit our website

Baptisms are celebrated in the Cathedral on Sundays. Download baptism form at www.stpatscathedral.com.au

Credo Ministries

Facebook: Credo Young Adults Email: credostpats@gmail.com



St Vincent de Paul Society

Family Assistance - 1800 606 724



Legion of Mary - every Saturday at 9.45am at Murphy House.

Playgroup

Facebook: Parramatta St Pat's Playgroup



LITURGICAL CALENDAR

September		
Sun 10	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Solemnity)
	Readings: Ezek 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-	10; Mt 18:15-20
Wed 13	St John Chrysostom (Memori	al)
Thur 14	The Exaltation of the Holy Cross	(Feast)
Fri 15	Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial)	
Sat 16	Sts Cornelius & Mass of the Saints (Memorial)	
Sun 17	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time	(Solemnity)

NON LITURGICAL CALENDAR

September

Tues 12	Christian Meditation - 9.30am - Murphy House
Wed 13	Playgroup - 9.30am - Cathedral Hall
Fri 15	Cenacle Prayer Group - 1.00pm - Blessed Sacrament Chapel
Sat 16	Legion of Mary - 9.45am - 11.00am - Murphy House
Tues 19	Sacraments of Initiation Information Evening - 7.30pm - Parish Hall
Sat 23	Formation - Christian Life Seminar - 9am-5pm - Cathedral Parish Hall
Sun 24	Wedding Anniversary Mass - 11am (followed by lunch)

Diary Claimer: Mass & Lunch for the Elderly (over 65yrs) Sunday 8 October

Same-Sex Marriage Postal Plebiscite

As you will be aware, the bill to enable a compulsory plebiscite on whether marriage should be redefined to allow same-sex marriages was again rejected by the Senate. The nation is now preparing for a non-compulsory postal vote - unless that course is blocked by the High Court. Ballot papers will be mailed out from 12 September and need to be returned by 7 November.

The Coalition for Marriage has formally launched their campaign. Website www.coalitionformarriage.com.au is now live...

I urge you to pray for the future of marriage in Australia and that the Holy Spirit will guide all Australians in the vote ahead.

Vote No, to keep marriage as a unique relationship between a woman and a man. You can also find more information here: https://www.catholic.org.au/plebiscite



to all you wonderful people who kindly donated to the very successful Father's Day appeal held last weekend. It is a true and practical Father's Day appear nero last weekend. It is a trace and provided acknowledgement on our part, recognising the wonderful work priests do. envelopes are available from the narthex.

For the sick: Raouf Gerges, Pat, Amihan King Palceo, James Murphy, Slavko Markovic, Radhika, Jude Muttiah, Army Sosa, Paul Fung, Jess Arranz, Hanna Doueihi Special Intentions: Karam Karam, Ross Lester, Gabrielle Clayton, Ishak, Paul & Mark Morian, Pong & Bang Belcher, Ronald Belcher, Raveen, Van & Annie, Anna Dadic (multiple offerings), Anthony Batley, Solomon & Rosemarie Romion, Guise & Maria, Lois & Cherene Casinado, Sebastiao Bugo, David Sarreal, Vincent, Mara Senjak For those recently deceased: Br Tom Normoyle, Ray Borg, Niko Bulai, Hannah Doueihi, Labibe Kassoum, Fr Robert Kidd, Thomas Mooney, Rev Noel Sheth, Alfonso Quinones, John Behan, Jeff Adams, Noel Barnes, N'Kou Marie Therese, N Saywessn Paul August Marie, Fr Maurice McNamara, Ni Jong Yu, Amada Dizow, Godofredo O. Peteza Deceased: Francisco Creencia, Love & Hooper families, Pelagia David, Norm Hector, Stephen, Mary & Janet Slatter, Anthony, Madeleine & Patrick Lee, Deanna, YT Hsu, Sally & Frank Martlew, Sherwood Family, Victorio Gavilla, Maria Somy, Victorio Gavilla, Lucian Muttiah, Carolina, Andrea, Jolanda, Maximena Manlangit, Juan Montesco, Benjamina Anniversary: Keesan Him, Maximo Salazar, Joseph Fung, Mate Dadic, Nikola Senjak, Kum & Nikola Rastegorac, Senjak, Marojevic & Vidakovic families, Lourdes Mary Joseph, Kevin Kirkpatrick, Clarence Newman, Pat Miller, Nolene Hughes, Shirley Tee Ten, Joseph Boulous, Emy Masangkay, Fe Masangkay, Paulina Vallejo, Max Swain, Valeriano Estacio Sr., Deanna Hsu, Emil Augustyn Sobolewski, Juan, Paul & Antonette Elogious, Juliet Noronha, Barbera Kierdal, Gilert & Spencer, , Perpetuals: Royan & Andrews families, Don Andrews, Juliet Noronha, Norm Hector, Joseph Malouf, Vimal & Kavitha, Van & Phong Tran, Kaddis family, Marcus Milly, Abel

Moses, Anna & Frank Grainda, Frank Agostino, Bernadette Melhen and Sally Boujandy, Jack Barrett, Ann O'Brien, Ian Sanders, Bill & Alice Kendall, Allan Kendall, Maria Patterson & Ellen Bancan, Sally & Frank Martlew, Giuseppina & Giovanni Rechichi, Maurice DeNiese, Fr Bray, Mary Coady, Mary & Jack White, Vincent & Rebecca Vella, Vincent Huang, Townsend, Walter Townsend, Watson Lee, Lucy D'Mello, Ferris Grugeon, McInherny, White, McWilliam and McGuckin families, Mary Abela, Sally & Frank Martlew, Robert Andrews, Sylvester Family, Rogan Family, Adcock, McMillan families, Gabrielle Baker, Paula Cowling, Sherwood Family, McDermott & Starr families, Repose of the Souls in Purgatory, Deceased Parishioners of St Patrick's and St Monica's.

A place at the table...

Social Justice in an Ageing Society

In line with this publication, St Patrick's would like to celebrate and acknowledge the elderly in our community.

An invitation is extended to parishioners, 65 years and over to attend the **11am Mass on Sunday 8 October** followed by a light lunch in the parish hall.

As this is a catered event, you will need to rsvp (form in narthex). A bus will be available to pick you up from your home if required (contact parish office). If you need to be accompanied by a companion/carer, they are most welcome to attend the lunch.

For more information on the Social Justice Statement, go to:www.catholic.org.au/bishops-statements

Sacraments of Initiation Information Evening:

Reconciliation and First Communion

The next program for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist for children already Baptised will commence in School Term 4. There will be an INFORMATION evening on Tuesday 19th September at 7.30pm in the Cathedral hall for parents who are interested in registering their child/ren for the upcoming program and would like to learn more about the process in St Patrick's Cathedral parish. Please note that children must be 7 years or older to be eligible for the program at this time. For more information regarding the upcoming program for Reconciliation and Eucharist or any other enquires about the Sacraments of Initiation at St Patrick's Cathedral, please contact Meg Gale - sacrament@stpatscathedral.com.au

Formation - Christian Life Seminar

proudly organised by:-

St Patrick's Cathedral Parish and

Couples for Christ Foundation for Family and Life.

Date: Sat 23 Sept 2017
Time 9am - 5pm

Venue Cathedral Parish Hall



This seminar is for:-

married couples; single parents; those living alone and widows and widowers.

Lunch, refreshments and child minding provided. Please RSVP.

All enquiries to Parish office 8839 8400 or

enquiry@stpatscathedral.com.au

Donations welcome at door.

Wedding Anniversary Mass: 24 September

All married couples are invited to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary with other couples and family members at the 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral Parish, Parramatta on Sunday, 24th September, 2017.

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv will celebrate the Mass and will host a light lunch following Mass. Please contact your Parish Secretary to register your names by 18th September, 2017; or call the Life Marriage & Family Office on 02 8838 3460 or Imf@parra.catholic.org.au.

CREDO MINISTRIES

Connecting with our Youth - credostpats@gmail.com

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f	Junior Credo: EDGE	Yrs 4-6 Every Friday in school terms-5pm
f	Teen Credo	High School Students 2nd & 4th Sun of the month - 7pm
f	Credo St Pats	18-35 Years of Age 1st Fri of the month - 6.30pm



Advance Warning Time <u>AGAIN</u> to write for St Pat's Matters

Last week, children in our parish made their Confirmation. We would love parents and children to write about what this special sacrament means to them.

A little girl who made her First Holy Communion this year has already submitted her article.

There's so much parishioners can share: how the Catholic Faith shapes your daily life; about serving God and community, just to name two. More suggestions as to what to share in next week's bulletin.

Email submissions to M Polizzi: balmap5@bigpond.com or leave at the parish office in an envelope marked "for St Pat's Matters". Enquiries: Marian Polizzi Ph: 9630 4019 or 0418 978730

Parish Car Park

Thank you to our parishioners who have taken notice of our request not to park illegally in the parish car park.



Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF)

Bishop Vincent & Catholic Youth Parramatta invite young people from Year 9 to 30 years of age to celebrate the young heart of the Church, with 15,000 others, at this year's triennial ACYF being hosted by the Archdiocese of Sydney (December 7-9) at Sydney Olympic Park.

Here's how to register:

Over 18 years of age - register as an individual

Visit www.acyf.org.au for full details. All enquiries contact Director of Catholic Youth Parramatta, James Camden, 8838 3428.

Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta - Year 10 1970 and Year 12 1972 Reunion

When: 11:30am, Sunday, 24 September 2017, Where: Lily's Restaurant, 5 Quinn Ave, Seven Hills Cost: \$65 per head includes 3 course buffet lunch.

If you would like to attend please go to: https://www.trybooking.com/300153

RSVP: Thursday, 14 September Contact: Sharon McLean sharonmclean45@hotmail.com or 0419402095.

Feast of Our Lady of Penafrancia

Date: Sat 16th Sept

Venue: St Nicholas of Myra Church, Penrith Main Celebrant:Papal Nuncio to Australia

Archbishop Adolfo Tito Yllana

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