



# St Brigid's Parish Catholic Church

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Mon & Tues 9.00 - 11.00am  
Friday 9:00am - 12:00pm

## 13th September 2020 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time



### Please Pray For Those Who Have Died

**Recently Deceased:**  
**Deceased:**  
**Anniversary:** Doris Press; Allan Austin; Kathleen Gallagher; Jack Perry; Ron Barwick; Dorothy & Harold Mann; Jack Timson; Louise Barnett; Robert Barr; Stephen Ryan; John Purcell; Paul O'Donnell; Rae Campbell; Bill Lawson; Rene McVicar; Irene McVicar; Maurice Timson; Ida Baker; Les Howard; Margaret Heath; Ellen Byrne; Tessie Campbell.  
**May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God Rest In Peace. Amen.**

**And for those who are ill:**  
Ray Lamb of Gunnedah; Les Ward, David Seiler; Rita Looney; Bobbie Palon; Fr John Willis; Fr John McHugh; Clare Crane; Bill Gleeson; Billy Gooden; Ros Turton; Gavin Sewell; Ian Gallagher; Fiona Nolan; Gail Martin; Wendy Brown; Sue Thomson; Lucy Gigg; Father Pat O'Neill; Tom Sanderson; Colleen Hyatt; Michael McCormick; Dan O'Donnell; Marie Dallon; Jack Dunn; Colin Gallagher; Andrew McManus; Ivy Taylor; Joan Greenlee; Rosalynn Chan; and all the members of the Parish who are ill.

### Other Intentions:

**Roster**  
19/09/2020R: W Rheinberger  
EM: G:  
20/09/2020R: D KerKlaan  
EM: G:  
C: J Daniels & K Sweep

### Coming Events

- Chrism Mass - Monday 14th September with Mass at 5.00pm at the Cathedral in Armidale, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross
- Clergy Assembly - 14th, 15th and 16th September. **No Parish Mass**
- Feast of Our Lady of La Salette - 19th September - 9:30am Adoration & Mass followed by Morning Tea
- Peter's Pence Collection - 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time, 4th October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi

### Coronavirus

The following must be observed at all Masses:

1. Please sign-in on the log-sheets every time you enter the church.
2. Sanitise your hands, observe physical distancing and sit on allocated seats
3. **No congregational singing, only Father to sing; no Sign of Peace.**
4. Printed bulletins are for single use only and must not be reused by other people
5. One single line during Holy Communion.

**RAFFLE:** The Parish raffle went into recession when Covid 19 changed a lot of things for us, however, there is still a \$30 IGA voucher to be won. The draw for this will be after Mass on Sunday 20 September. Tickets will still be available from this weekend. Would you write you own ticket and place your money into the container provided, as this is the best way to manage it for the final draw of the last raffle for a while. Good luck.

### Our Lady of La Salette

Feast on Saturday 19th September.  
Mass at 9.30am followed by Morning Tea in the Fr Stan Campbell Hall. All are invited to attend.  
Please bring a plate to share.

### Saints to Remember

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Feast - 14th  
Our Lady of Sorrows - Memorial - 15th  
Sts Cornelius & Cyprian - Memorial - 16th  
St Robert Bellarmine - Memorial - 17th  
St Januarius - Memorial - 19th

### Child Protection Sunday 2020

St Brigid's Quirindi, Dioceses of Armidale is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. We uphold that child protection and the dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult.

Gracious God, you love and care for all of your children, especially the smallest and most vulnerable. We entrust to you the lives of children and adults at risk who have been sexually abused, and whose trust and innocence have been destroyed. Help us to hear their cries of pain and to take responsibility for those whose lives have been broken. Help us to recognise the hurt felt by those wounded by abuse, and the failure to be heard. We pray that with the help of your grace communities and families will find understanding and support, so that now and in the future their wounds may be healed and they may find lasting peace. Let your grace and love fall gently now upon our children, giving them inner strength, peace and resilience to seek our assistance when required. We ask this prayer through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever. Amen.

**Liturgy Roster** Our next Roster is due out soon, can you please advise what dates you will be away. There is a sheet at the back of the Church. Thanking you in anticipation.

### Memorare

Remember, Our Lady of La Salette, true Mother of Sorrows, the tears you shed for me on Calvary. Remember also the care you have always taken to keep me faithful to Christ your Son. After having done so much for your child, you will not now abandon me. Inspired by this consoling thought, I come to cast myself at your feet in spite of my infidelities and ingratitude. Do not reject my prayer, O merciful Virgin, but intercede for my conversion, obtain for me the grace to love Jesus above all things, and to console you by a holy life, that I may one day see you in heaven. Amen.

Our Lady of La Salette reconciler of Sinners

Pray without ceasing for us who have recourse to thee.

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Hosts, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

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First Collection \$381.95

# Reflections on the Gospel

'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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### FORGIVENESS BEYOND CALCULATION

In the parable of the Unforgiving Debtor that Jesus tells in response to Peter's question about forgiveness, the debt of 'ten thousand talents' is an utterly fantastic sum: in today's terms, 'billions of dollars'—something that the servant, despite his plea for time, could never hope to repay. He stands to lose absolutely everything—freedom, family, possessions—for his whole life long. The master's generosity in cancelling the debt in effect restores his life.

In comparison, the debt that the servant himself is owed by a fellow servant and which he is violently unwilling to remit, is paltry. The equivalent of a few hundred days' wages. Given time, it could easily be paid off. Hence the wickedness of the servant in not passing on to his fellow even a tiny portion of the immense generosity he had himself received.

The Lord would have Peter and all members of the community understand that they live as people who, through Christ's costly love, have received remission of a debt (the debt of sin) that they could never repay. How inappropriate then an unwillingness to forgive fellow members of the community the 'debts' set up by injury on a much smaller scale.

That said, we know that forgiveness is not something to speak of lightly. For people who have been deeply wronged finding the capacity to forgive may be the task of a lifetime. It cannot simply be willed—still less prescribed, urged or imposed by others who have not shared the loss. It is a grace, an entrance into the mystery of God's own generosity.

**Brendan Byrne, SJ**

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

### 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.**

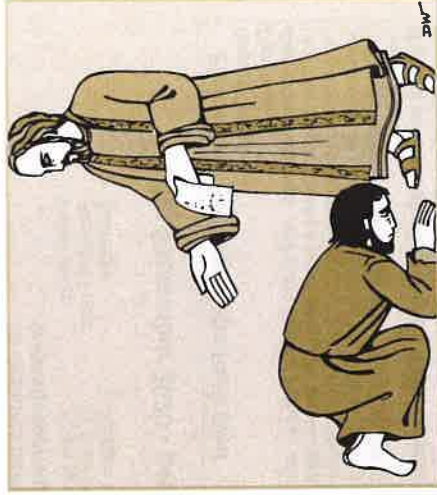
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, / who heals every one of your ills, / who redeems your life from the grave, / who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

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.**

# THE SAVING WORD

13 SEPTEMBER 2020



14: 7-9

**SECOND READING**  
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**

In 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.'