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TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **Year A** **12th/13th September 2026**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Gratitude
Fr Morgan wishes to say thank you for your welcome, hospitality and prayerful ministry as vital Catholic communities. Fr Morgan leaves this weekend and says he takes you all with him in prayer. Blessings also to Fr Akesh as he arrives this week as Administrator of the parish till end of the year.

Forgiveness

Forgiveness isn't easy, especially when offences against us have caused pain not only to ourselves, but to someone we love.

Sometimes when I read scriptures the sense is rather clear and I can take something with me, a message for reflection. Even if I don't understand an entire passage, I listen for a word, phrase, image or verse I can chew on and pray about till the next time I go to the bible or hear the scriptures proclaimed in church. For example, last week I was challenged not to let an offense against me fester. Instead, I heard Jesus say I should go to the offending brother or sister and talk over the offense with him/her. I don't have to be a bible scholar to get something from passages like that.

As we approach this parable let's remember it is a Parable – not an Allegory. The parable is setting out for us something about what it is like to live under God's dominion. The king is not a figure for God; nor do the debtors represent us. Jesus presents a story in response to Peter's question. It is for us to consider.

What is there in the world of this parable that reveals something to us of the workings of the kingdom

heaven? If we make God's behaviour the same as the kings in the story, we will run into some tough issues: Is God really as vengeful as the powerful king? Will God stop being merciful if we are not forgiving. Is God's forgiveness conditional? Whatever happened to the all-embracing mercy of God that Jesus has been revealing in the gospel? Let's look more closely at the parable. First its setting or the occasion of Jesus' telling the parable.

Peter asks his question about the number of times we "must" forgive. Poor Peter! He probably thought he was finally getting the point of Jesus' teaching, since Jesus had just explained the process believers had to go through to be reconciled with offenders (Matt. 18: 15-20—last week's gospel immediately precedes today's). Peter probably thought he was being generous by suggesting forgiving a brother/sister seven times. That seems like a lot of forgiveness for a repeat offender. And in their belief, seven was a perfect number, it had a fullness. But even a "perfect number" has its limits; at a point one could say, "There, I have done what is required."

Jesus' response, "seventy-seven times," as if to say, "you must forgive on and on and on." He is telling the community that forgiveness is not counted or measured out like items on a shopping list – a dozen eggs, a six-pack of beer, two pounds of potatoes. Forgiveness, Jesus is saying, has no limits. You can see why he would have to follow up this statement with a parable. Jesus needs to underline the prominence, and quality forgiveness must have in his church.

Blessings, Fr Morgan.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 12th September	**Blackbutt**	**5pm**	**Liturgy**
	Kumbia	**6pm**	**Vigil**
Sunday 13th September	**Nanango**	**8am**	**Mass**
	Kingaroy	**10am**	**Mass**

First Reading	**Sirach 27:30 - 28:7**
Responsorial Psalm	**The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger, and rich in compassion.**
Second Reading	**Romans 14:7-9**
Gospel Acclamation	**Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!**
Gospel	**Matthew 18:21-35**

WEEKDAY MASS OF 24TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME			
Thursday 17th September	**Blackbutt**	**9am**	**Liturgy**
	Kumbia	**5:30pm**	**Liturgy**
Friday 18th September	**Kingaroy**	**9am**	**Mass**
	Nanango	**12pm**	**Mass**

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday 19th September	**Blackbutt**	**5pm**	**Vigil**
Sunday 20th September	**Kumbia**	**8am**	**Liturgy**
	Nanango	**8am**	**Mass**
	Kingaroy	**10am**	**Mass**

PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Recently Deceased: Sonia Moulds, Tom McErlean.

Death Anniversaries: Joseph (Pat) Shepherdson, James Hodge, Betty Mahony, Danial (Dan) Alexander, Mark Moran, Annie Fomiatti, Christiane Grandclement Margaret Tyler, Ray Gunston, Robert Havell.

Prayers for the sick:

OLHC Parish - Amelia Cole, Greg Knaggs, Damian Wyvill, Bruce McCarthy, Shirley Warner, Wendy Smith, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), Kylie Lane, Chris Stevens, Luke Colahan.

St Mary's Parish - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoothy, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Rikie Brinkman, Bernice Mahoney, Julianne Cross, Megan Manthey, Brian Smith, Lisa Kennedy, Mary O'Neil.

Living Faith Books

The Living Faith Books for October to December are now available. PRICE – $6.50 (GST included)

Kingaroy Nanango Catholic Parishes Collection

"Thanks to your generosity, we collected a total of $1825.10 over the last weekend — every dollar helps us make a difference!"

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SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY

Today is Safeguarding Sunday in the Dioceses of Australia. It is a day to pray for all who have experienced abuse or harm, to support their healing, and to renew our commitment to creating communities where every person is welcomed, respected and safe.

In the Gospels, Jesus shows particular care for those who are vulnerable and calls his disciples to do the same. Safeguarding is not simply a policy or procedure; it is a Gospel responsibility that reflects the dignity of every person and our shared commitment to love one another as Christ has loved us.

As we celebrate today, let us pray for all who continue to journey towards healing, give thanks for those who serve in safeguarding ministry, and recommit ourselves to building parish communities where trust, compassion and care are evident in all we do.

RCIA

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Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults - An Invitation for anyone who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith. RCIA is for: • Those who have never been baptised. • Those who have been baptised in another Christian tradition and are interested in becoming Catholic. • Baptised Catholics who have been away from the Church and would like to reconnect with their faith. If you are curious about the Catholic faith or are considering becoming part of the Catholic Church, we warmly invite you to Come and See by joining our RCIA group. Everyone is welcome. We will start the new program in October by trial by Zoom or in person attendance at Kingaroy. Please contact the Parish's Office to register your interest.

Gratitude

Thankyou to the RCIA Team for their prayerful and continuing ministry within our parish.