

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

FIRST READING – Sirach 27: 30-28: 7

A reading from the Book of Sirach

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. The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

SECOND READING – Romans 14: 7-9

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans

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

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia

GOSPEL – Matthew 18: 21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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.

'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.

Let's reflect...

*"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's."
(Romans 14:8)*

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.



**ST. KEVIN'S PARISH
HAMPTON PARK
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN
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12th & 13th September 2020

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<https://stkevins.org.au/>

'Support us' page

<https://stkevins.org.au/support-us/>

YouTube Channel

<https://youtu.be/k-gBOvfy-10>

(st kevins parish hampton park)

You can now follow us on Facebook too!

Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation

Until further notice the Saturday morning time for the Sacrament of Penance/ Reconciliation will be suspended. Arrangements can be made privately by contacting one of the priests.

THIS SUNDAY WE PRAY

In Thanksgiving: Maria Karunakaran, Sheldon D'Silva, Phyllis Koelmeyer, Allen King, Ernest Atkinson, Brendan Parnell, Sharlene Heldt,

For the sick: Leonie Hillas (4), James Xavier (3), IF Xavier (3), Geroza Phillips (3)

For those who have died recently: Geoffrey Atkinson, Marie Velupillai

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time: J. Anthony Swamy, J. Theresa, S F George, Russel D'Silva, Austin & Zita D'Silva



This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Child Protection Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. The Church takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk.

Find out more at: www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday and www.catholicreligious.org.au/safeguarding

Protecting God's Children - A Resource for Parents

As children's first and most enduring educators, parents are best placed to begin conversations with their children in an age and developmentally appropriate way. *Protecting God's Children Parent Resource: A Catholic Parent's Guide to Keeping Their Kids Safe* is a protective behaviours resource aimed at supporting Catholic parents of children aged 5-12 years old. The resource helps parents teach children a range of important personal safety skills, supports the development of emotional intelligence skills and promotes a child's understanding of the right to feel safe through engaging activities and storybooks. Using the concept of "basket fillers", the resource begins by exploring the theme, "God gave all children the right to feel safe at all times" and sequentially builds on: children's understanding of safety, awareness of their feelings and early warning signs, body awareness, helping seeking strategies, empowering children to say no in unsafe situations, reinforcing the concept of personal space, and importantly, the theme of "Nothing is so awful that we can't talk with someone about it".

Marriage Week (13 -19 September) is ...

..... a time when marriage can be celebrated and honoured, as we do on the first Sunday of each month. Honour longevity of marriage amongst your family members and any wedding anniversaries within the week. Maybe those married longest will be willing to share some tips or part of their journey together. Also, this is a time to pray for all marriages - including those in government and those separated from their loved ones eg. serving in the Defence Force.