

First Reading: Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

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? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his 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 Lord angry; are we stronger than he is?

**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.)**

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

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.

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

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

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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.’

Communion Antiphon: Cf Psalm 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.



Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God’s forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.



ST. JUDE’S PARISH – LANGWARRIN

"May mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance" - Jude 1:2

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year A 12/13 SEPTEMBER 2026

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8.30 am – 1:30 pm

Thursdays

8.30 am – 1:30 pm

MASS TIMES

Tuesday – 15 Sep 2026

6.00pm – 6.30pm:

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,
Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayer
(Priest available for confession)

6.30pm – 6.45pm:

Silent Adoration

6.45pm – 7.00pm:

Devotion to St. Jude and Reposition of the
Blessed Sacrament
Mass: 7.00pm

Wednesday to Saturday

16 – 19 Sep 26

Mass: 9.30am

Weekend Mass

19 Sep 2026

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

20 Sep 2026

Sunday 8.30am & 10.00am

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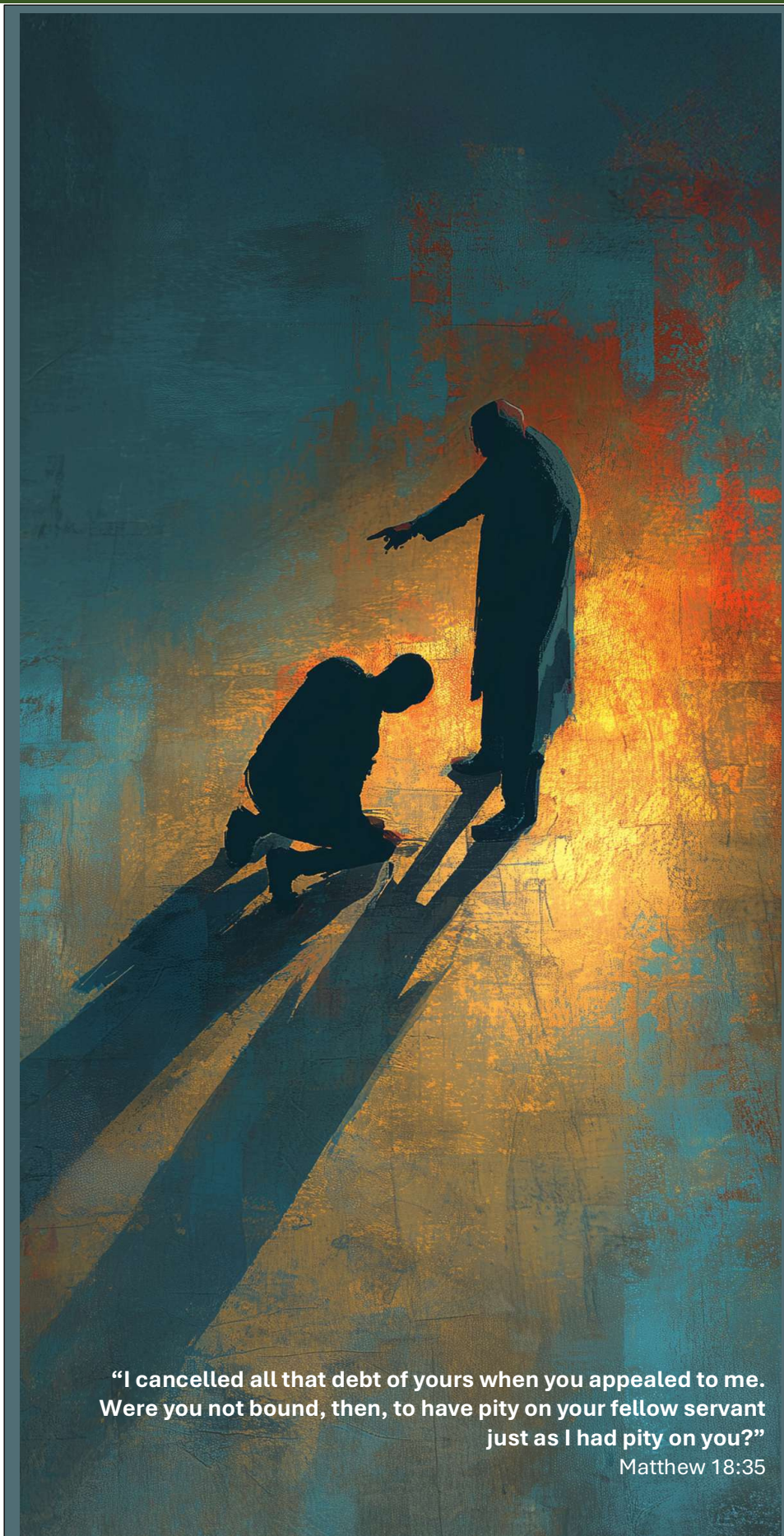
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**“I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me.
Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant
just as I had pity on you?”
Matthew 18:35**

Next Sunday’s Readings – Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A (20th September 2026)

1st Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

2nd Reading: Philippians 1:20-24. 27

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

PARISH MINISTRIES & NOTICES

NEXT WEEK’S ROSTER			
19/20 September 2026 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A	Saturday Vigil	Sunday	
	6.30pm	8.30 am	10.00 am
Leader	N. Rooney	L. Young	K. Uden
Reader	L. Rooney	M. Larizza	F. McCrae
Special Ministers	A. Talbot	S. Carter	J. Prince
Meet and greet	Volunteer Required	A. Miles	M. Staffa

PRAYING FOR THE SICK IN OUR COMMUNITY

We also pray for all those who are sick, Joan Burrowes, Janice Garac, Liz & Robert Yole, Jeff Balcke, Martin and Kris Corcoran, Bill Warner, Christine Suriano, Jim Drinan, Isaac de Figueredo and all our family, friends and parishioners that they may feel God’s healing love.

RECENTLY DECEASED: John Wallis, Adrienne Baigent, John Tinney, Terry Easton, Cheryl Williamson

ANNIVERSARY: Alex Joseph (2 years), Jim and Vera Kelly

If you would like to offer a Mass for a loved one, please contact the parish office

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION
1ST COLLECTION - PRESBYTERY
\$665.80 <i>This collection supports the priest in our parish.</i>
2ND COLLECTION - THANKSGIVING OFFERING
<i>(not including the Direct debts and card payments)</i>
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SPECIAL COLLECTION
None
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THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS
14 SEPTEMBER

We celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, honouring the Cross as the sign of Christ’s victory over sin and death. What appeared to be an instrument of suffering became the means of our salvation. As we look upon the Cross, we are reminded of Christ’s love and invited to embrace our own crosses with faith, trusting that suffering, united with Christ, can lead to new life.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS
15 SEPTEMBER

The Church remembers Our Lady of Sorrows, contemplating Mary’s profound union with the suffering and sacrifice of her Son, Jesus. With a mother’s heart, Mary remained faithful through the sorrows of His life, from Simeon’s prophecy and the flight into Egypt to the anguish of Calvary and His burial. As we honour Mary, we are reminded that Christian discipleship calls us to remain close to Christ in both suffering and joy, trusting in God’s promise of new life.

SAINTS CORNELIUS AND CYPRIAN
16 SEPTEMBER

The Church remembers Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, who gave their lives for the faith in the 3rd century. Cornelius guided the Church with mercy, welcoming back those who faltered during persecution. Cyprian, his friend and ally, defended Church unity and cared for his people during hardship. Both were martyred for Christ, leaving us a lasting witness of faith, courage, and steadfast love for the Church.

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After 10am Mass on **Sunday, 18th October**

Join Father Martin as he blesses the new facilities, followed by morning tea.

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Please make sure that your WWCC/POLICE CHECK documents are current, that is, have not expired, and copies made available to the Parish Office.

You're Invited!
Join us for **Tea & Coffee** after Mass

A time to gather, share and build our parish community.

Evening Tea after the 6.30pm Mass
Saturday, 12 September 2026

Morning Tea after the 8.30am and 10am Masses
Sunday, 13 September 2026

All are welcome!

DID YOU KNOW?

Points of interest and Catholic lore

- The sum of ten thousand talents would have been an impossibly huge debt. A Jewish talent was made of silver, weighing 43 620 grams!
- A debt of one hundred denarii was still a hefty sum. The denarius was a commonly used Roman coin made of silver, weighing 3.64 grams. A denarius was the wage paid for one day’s casual labour.
- The use of the word torturers in this text is problematic. The Greek term is linked to the notion of ‘tormentors’. It may be that the debtor’s friends and relations would more vigorously try to raise the necessary funds if the culprit is undergoing torment but it may also be an eschatological reference given what follows in the next verse.

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AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FORMATION

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A relaxed and welcoming space to read, reflect and share.
- HYBRID FORMAT**
Join in person at the Parish House or from home via Zoom.
- WHAT WE WILL BE READING**
POPE LEO’S ENCYCLICAL MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS
We will work through the encyclical gradually, reading a few pages between meetings and coming together to reflect, discuss and share our thoughts and questions.

This is a simple and informal opportunity for faith formation, learning and conversation. No special knowledge or previous experience is required. *Everyone is most welcome!*

INTERESTED? Please email the Parish Office or add your name to the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Those who register by email will receive the Zoom invitation and further details.

Come and read, reflect and learn together!

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Online Diaconate information meeting
Tuesday, 22 September 2026 beginning 19:00 – 20:00 Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

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24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
YEAR A | 13 SEPTEMBER 2026

Forgive and be forgiven

A Moment to Reflect
The Gift of Forgiveness
“Lord, how often must I forgive?” Peter asks Jesus. Jesus’ answer—“not seven times but seventy-seven times”—reminds us that forgiveness is not something we count or ration. God’s mercy towards us is generous and without measure, and we are called to extend that same mercy to others.
Forgiveness does not mean pretending that hurt did not happen. Rather, it means choosing not to let anger and resentment have the final word. This week, let us ask: Is there someone I need to forgive, or someone from whom I need to seek forgiveness?

Did You Know?
Why “seventy-seven times”?
Jesus is not giving Peter a number to count up to! His words point to forgiveness without keeping score. Christian forgiveness flows from recognising how generously God has forgiven us.
A huge debt!
In Jesus’ parable, the servant owes his master 10,000 talents—an enormous and effectively unpayable debt. The size of the debt highlights the extraordinary generosity of the master’s forgiveness.

This Week, Try This

- The Forgiveness Challenge**
Think of one person who has hurt or disappointed you. Bring that person to prayer and simply say: “Lord, help me to forgive as you have forgiven me.”
- Make the first move**
If there is a small disagreement or tension in your family, workplace or parish community, consider taking the first step towards reconciliation.
- Pray the Our Father slowly**
Pay particular attention to the words: “Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.” Ask God for the grace to live those words more faithfully.

A Thought for the Week
“Forgiveness is not forgetting; it is choosing love over resentment and mercy over revenge.”
Let us pray for the grace to receive God’s mercy with grateful hearts and to become people who generously share that mercy with others.