

GOSPEL

Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

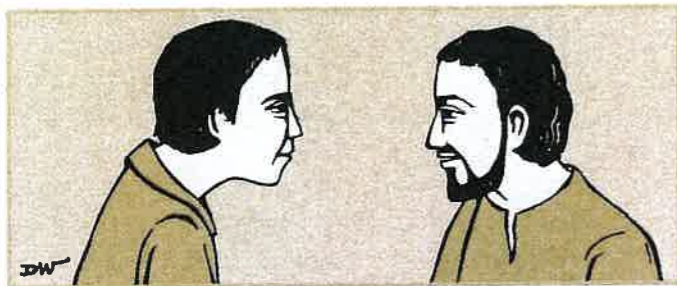
If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

■ **The Gospel of the Lord.**



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Reflections on the Gospel



THE SAVING WORD

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WINNING PEOPLE BACK

The Church is not a community of the perfect. Allowance has to be made for dealing with moral lapses and dissensions that inevitably occur in a community still on the way to the Kingdom.

In today's Gospel the procedure Jesus lays down for dealing with conflict reveals his sense of the Church as the *family* of God. Correction should as far as possible be carried out in private. Only if that proves unsuccessful should a carefully staged progression of increasingly public procedures be set in place. The goal is not simply to win, but rather to 'win back' the 'brother or sister', to preserve as far as possible the dignity of the errant person, and to enhance everyone's sense of being a valued member of the 'family'.

If, despite all, the process fails, there is nothing to be done but to treat the person as an outsider. There comes a point beyond which a community can no longer tolerate members who consistently defy its core values.

To set someone outside the community is no light matter. The Church needs to know that its decisions in this regard enjoy heavenly sanction. Hence Jesus' assurance that the 'binding and loosing' authority conferred personally upon Peter in regard to interpretations of the law (Matthew 16:19), is also enjoyed by the local community with respect to the exclusion or non-exclusion of errant members. As risen Lord, Jesus remains 'Emmanuel', 'God with us', in community life and deliberation (see Matthew 1:23).

The Church's canon law and way of proceeding has developed way beyond this simple instruction. But its fundamental spirit should remain.

Brendan Byrne, SJ

FIRST READING

Ezek 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

■ **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 94:1-2, 6-9. R. v. 8

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!

Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; / hail the rock who saves us. / Let us come before him, giving thanks, / with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

2. Come in; let us bow and bend low; / let us kneel before the God who made us / for he is our God and we / the people who belong to his pasture, / the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

3. O that today you would listen to his voice! / 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, / as on that day at Massah in the desert / when your fathers put me to the test; / when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Love is the fulfilment of the Law.

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

■ **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia! / God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; / and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. / Alleluia!



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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sacred Heart Church Inverell

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am

Monday, Tuesday and 1st Saturday 9.30am

Wednesday and Thursday 12 noon

1st Friday Mass and Benediction 12 noon

First Wednesday Anointing Mass (suspended) 12 noon

McLean Village Each Friday except 1st Friday 11.00am

(suspended)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday 8.15am - 9.15am

Sunday 8.00am - 8.30am

Tingha St. Francis' Church Saturday 4.00pm

Ashford St Patrick's Church 1st & 3rd Sunday 11.00am

Bundarra St Mary of the Angels 2nd & 4th Sun 11.00am

Yetman St Joseph the Worker 5th Sunday 11.30am

Baptism (Saturday only) 11am;

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

For emergencies please phone 0428-126703



PARISH SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

MON 7th Sept Rosary 9.00am
Mass 9.30am

TUE 8th Sept Rosary 9.00am
Mass 9.30am
(the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

WED 9th Sept Rosary 11.30am
Mass 12 noon

THUR 10th Sept Rosary 11.30am
Mass 12 noon

FRI 11th Sept **KS Liturgy 9.30am**

Rosary 11.30am
Mass 12 noon

SAT 12th Sept **No Morning Mass**

NOTE: Attendance at weekday Masses fulfil Sunday obligation during Covid19 restrictions.

OUR VISION AND OUR MISSION
We as a PARISH, try to live out our

VISION: To continually form a Christ-centred community based on the Gospel Values expressed through SERVICE in peace, justice and love.

MISSION: To know Christ more, His life and His teachings. To imbibe Christ's message of love and service. To try to share generously what graces and blessings we have and to be instruments of the Gospel message.

Mass Intentions for the Week

David Watson and Edna Watson, Patricia Durkin, Bob Mather, Jim Noble, The Kelleher family, Cathy Matthews, Hannah Harris.

Father's Day Mass intentions for all Fathers, present and deceased & for Joseph Hanna, Arnold Matthews, Anthony Hanna, Shehede Hanna, Betros Maroon, Laurie Smith, Rex Borgas.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK
Emma Donaldson, Wayne Lackey, Tony Starr, Ron Hedley (brother of Sr. Coral) Mary Kramer, Leo Germany, Baby Isabel Akhil, All those with the Corona Virus, Terry Hopgood, Joan Hiscox, Paul Saint, Kerrie O'Keefe, Carmel Hooper, Sr Leo (Josie) Clancy, Alana Goldman, Rhonda Lee Watts (daughter of Phyllis Nicholls) John Sanders, David Sanders, Rex Parry, Jeanette Rennie, Danny Dickins, Katrina Newbigin, Bob Kneipp, Brian Barker, Dorothy Ball, Denise Taveira, Joanne Essey, Graham Tom, Fred Boight, Agnes Hannigan and the sick members of our parish whose names are not listed here.

We Pray for the Recently Deceased
Malcolm John Lane, Sr. Kathleen Price RSJ, Theresa Fitzpatrick (niece of Eileen Hanna) Jeremy Norman Campbell. **We Pray for the Anniversaries of** Hannah Harris, John & Madgie Casey, Dixie Casey, Thomas Robbins, Margaret Dickins, Bill McCormick. **Eternal life grant unto them Oh Lord May their souls and all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

COVID 19 SAFETY PLAN FOR OUR PARISH
(authorised by the NSW Government for the State of NSW)

Mass attendance and Weddings: One person per 4 square metre distance. The Sacred Heart Church can accommodate 100 worshippers at a time.

Funerals: up to 50 attendees without the 4 square metre rule, provided 'non-household' contacts can maintain 1.5 metre physical distance. Maximum 100. Please sit in the Allocated Seats to observe Social Distancing regulations.

Contact Sheets: placed at each opened entrance to the Church. Parishioners attending the Church are required to record their full names. Visitors are required to record their name and contact details. This is a health tracing requirement in case of a Corona Virus outbreak. The sheets will be removed after each Mass and kept confidential.

If you are unwell please stay at home.

If you require Home Communion contact the office.

6TH SEPTEMBER 2020 – 23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / YEAR A

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION – SUNDAY 13th SEPTEMBER
Due to the pandemic it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Holy Land. Pope Francis has accepted the request to move the collection to 13th September because it is the Sunday closest to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a solemn day in Jerusalem.

Women's Breakfast Friday 11th September at 8:00am
2nd Friday of the month at the Bridge Coffee Lounge. Please phone Ann Barry on 67222858 or Marj Manuel on 67224772.

ALTER SOCIETY ROSTER FOR SEPTEMBER
Pat Mather, Judy Harris and Yvonne Campbell


UPCOMING MEETINGS

Parish Council	Monday 7th September	5.00pm
Finance Committee	Thursday 24th September	5.30pm

HOME ROSARY THIS WEEK

TINGHA Bernie & Colleen Graham
11 Diamond Street
Wednesday 9th Sept at 4.30pm
(every Wednesday)

INVERELL No Home Rosary this week



RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION
Due to Covid19 'Social Distancing' rules, parishioners are asked to **process in a single line** down either of the **two narrow aisles** to receive Communion, then **returning** to their pew via the main centre aisle or far aisles. Please maintain a 1.5metre distance between each other. Thank you.

Due to Covid19 we have suspended some of our Ministries and reduced numbers rostered in others. Thank you for understanding.

ROSTER	5th SEPT — SAT 6PM	6th SEPT— SUN 9AM	12th SEPT—SAT 6PM	13th SEPT— SUN 9AM
GREETERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS	VOLUNTEERS
PROJECTOR	JO KELLY	RHONDA MCGREGOR	S. SZUMOWSKI	PAULA GIRLE
READERS	MIKE CASEY-RANSOM	DAN HANNIGAN	ANN CASEY-RANSOM	GEOFF JOHNSON
COMMENTATOR	MARIE WARD	JENNIE MONIE	NOELA TURNER	GERRY TAVEIRA
GIFTS	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
COMMUNION MINISTER	SR. CORAL	MAUREEN NEWBIGIN	JUNE TURNER	ROBYN JOHNSON
ALTAR SERVERS	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
MUSIC MINISTRY	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
CANTOR				
COLLECTION	Collection baskets	are at each of the	entrances to the	Church. Thank you.
MORNING TEA	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED	SUSPENDED
COUNTERS		R & G JOHNSON		A & H McARDLE

A PRAYER FOR ALL FATHERS

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.

Happy Father's Day

CHILD PROTECTION SUNDAY—13th SEPTEMBER
The Sacred Heart Parish of Inverell 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. Access prayer and resources at www.catholic.org.au/childprotectionsunday

CONFIRMATION
Parents who have their children enrolled in the Public School (from Year 6 on) and wish to have them Confirmed this year, please contact the Parish on phone number 67221103 or on email: inverellparish@armidale.catholic.org.au