

"Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times."



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17 September 2023 - 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Dear friends,

The book 'An Interrupted Life,' is a beautiful testament to a Dutch Jewess, Etty Hillesum, who died in Auschwitz concentration camp in 1943. Despite the suffering she underwent she wrote: "it's too easy to turn to hatred on the outside, to live for nothing but the moment of revenge....Despite all the sufferings and injustice, I cannot hate others." She forgave her tormentors because of a compassionate God.

Today in the gospel of Matthew (18: 21-35), Peter asks Jesus how often must he forgive his brother or sister if they wrong him? As often as seven times? Peter is being generous by suggesting seven times because the expectation was that only three occasions were needed to forgive. Jesus' answer to Peter is seventy-seven times. In other words: we must always forgive our brother or sister if they wrong us. Jesus calls his followers to be compassionate and merciful toward all people. Forgiveness, is our most challenging demand and yet it is our only way forward.

Nelson Mandela, after being imprisoned for 27 years said: " As I walked out the door toward the gate that would lead to my freedom, I knew if I didn't leave my bitterness and hatred behind, I'd still be in prison."

Blessings,

Fr. Kelvin



*This Sunday, our 9:30am Mass will be hosted by our
Year 6 and Kindergarten children from Prouille Primary School.
We extend a warm welcome to the students and their families.*

*Thank you to their teachers for preparing them for this special Mass and to the school
REC, Mr Vincent Knight and Principal, Ms Genevieve Smith for joining us.*



Our schools break up next week:

END OF TERM PRAYER

We thank you Lord, for this term.

For the challenges, the successes, and the mistakes from which we have learnt.

Be with us as we spend our time with family and friends.

Give us strength and courage to do what is right; to be witnesses of our faith.

*Help us to be a practical Christian these holidays, to appreciate what others do for us,
to give time and effort to help others, to be peacemakers in our family.*

Keep us safe in our activities; give us good rest and good fun.

Bring us back refreshed and ready for a new term.

We thank you for our classmates, teachers, parents and a community that cares for us.

May we always be conscious of you in our lives. Amen



Parish Masses This Week

Monday	18 September	No Mass				Weekday, Ordinary Time 24
Tuesday	19 September	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 24
Wednesday	20 September	Mass	9.15am			Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn , priest, martyr, Paul Chŏng Ha-sang & companions, martyrs
Thursday	21 September	Mass	9.15am			St Matthew, apostle, evangelist
Friday	22 September	Mass	9.15am			Weekday, Ordinary Time 24
Saturday	23 September	Mass	5.00pm			St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest
Sunday	24 September	Mass	8.00am	9.30am	5.30pm	25TH SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sr. Margaret Hill OP, Fr Albert Yelds msc, Colin Maclean (past parishioner, husband of Bianca, father to Cara and Alexander (Sandy)), Katie Mutter (friend of Cecylia Ramsden), Tomas Thrum (died 25th July aged 29 years, grandson of Daphne Thrum, son of Nicholas and Elizabeth , brother of Joel and nephew of Rachael, Andrew, Edmund, Damian, Benedict, Dominic, Emma, Nathan and Jessica), Des McCarthy (much loved uncle of Kathy and Paul Sutherland, died 5 August, aged 97yrs), Shirley Moylan (sister in law of Moira Sullivan), Eva Malikova (friend of Pribila Family, died this month).

ANNIVERSARIES:

Dolly Anderson (Margaret MacMillan's mother, anniversary 15 September), Bev Dunlop (dear friend of Margaret and Pat MacMillan, anniversary 17 September), Shirley Ranson (Fr David's Mum - 9th anniversary on 18 September), Margaret Denham (Tess Denham-Fabry's mother, 7th anniversary 14 September), Pam McCarthy (Kathy Sutherland's Mum, 5th anniversary, 11 September), Hend El-Daher (mother of Denise Kassis - 15th anniversary on 11 September), Vincenzo Monardo (Tony's Dad, 5th anniversary, 12 September), Elizabeth Anne Schmitz (daughter of Susanne and Terry, past parishioners, 2nd anniversary 26 September), Moira Owen (aunt of Dylan Belsey-1st anniversary 26th August), Robert Muir (25th anniversary, 29 September), Eduardo and Dandee Dimalag (husband and son of Remy Gregory), Mick O'Conner (father of Louise Limbers, 6th anniversary, 3 September), Faye Amodeo (Alan Amodeo's mother, 6th anniversary, 6 September), Patricia Darwell (mother of Steve and Greg , 7th anniversary 6 September), Maria Immacolata Vumbaca (mother of Nancy, George and Tony, 6th anniversary on 9 September), Anthony Pochyly (Grandfather of Cecylia Ramsden, 60th anniversary, 6 September), Patricia Loneragan (sister of Fred, 6th anniversary on 26 August), Jean Goldrick (Chris' Mum, 8th anniversary on 27 August), Louis Planas (17th anniversary on 19 August), Betty Laing (Ken's Mum, 5th anniversary, 22nd August), Rose Leong (aunt of Caroline Ho, 3rd anniversary, 18 August), Wanda Abram (sister of Francis Guvlekjian and family, 12th anniversary on 15 August), John McGarry (husband of Linda, much loved parishioner, 1st anniversary, 12 August), Augusta Matejovski (sister in law of Amalie Gunzenhauser, 2nd anniversary on 9 August), Mary Bourke (Grandmother of Rosalie Belsey, 7th anniversary on 10 August), Patrick Madden (brother of Chris, 7th anniversary on 10 August).

FOR THE SICK:

Tobias Vieira (son of Samantha and Jose), Dympna and Greg Hayes (sister and brother-in-law of Maureen Kippax), Henry Alan Field (4yrs—grandchild of dear friend of Cecilia Kean), Judy Ford (sister in law of Irene King), Mike Tighe, Philip Clump, Chris Le Gras, Lachlan Kean (nephew of Cecilia and Noel), Conor and Leila McCreton, Tina Northcott, Rosalie Bertaglia (friend of Megan Khannah), Pam Gallagher, Margaret MacMillan, Leon D'Apice, Geoff Deacon (brother-in-law of Irene King), Greg McNally, John Clark, Emma Vassallo (Granddaughter of Will Hayward), Alyssa Kent, Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Joe Pulis, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Judith Hodson, Freya Carney, Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Doris Buzinskas.

VERY IMPORTANT

Working with Children Check and National Police History Check

If you are a parish volunteer / PFC and/or PPMC Member,
can you please make sure your WWCC and NPHC are still current
and if not, kindly renew them.

If you require assistance with either, please feel free to contact us.

Please forward a copy of your updated paperwork to the Parish Office for our records. Thank you.

What do the Readings say to us this Sunday - 24th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:30—28:7: *Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven*

Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9: *Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!*

Mt 18:21-35: *I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.*

SERRA VOCATIONS MASS AND DINNER MEETING



Father Kelvin Lovegrove Parish Priest of Holy Name Parish Wahroonga will be celebrating Mass for Serra at Sacred Heart Church Pymble on Thursday 28th September 2023. Our recently ordained deacon, Deacon Richard Houwing will be assisting.

The evening commences with Mass at **6.00 PM** followed by a light meal and a short meeting.

Following the meeting Father Kelvin and Deacon Richard will be speaking to us about their vocation journey's.

Everyone is welcome. Please "come and see".

Please remember to pray every day for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, the consecrated life, ecclesial women, all seminarians and novices and for the perseverance of existing vocations.

Please telephone: Terry Scanlan on **0438 887 295** or email terry_scanlan@bigpond.com if you would like to attend.



Hearts on Fire
FEET ON THE MOVE

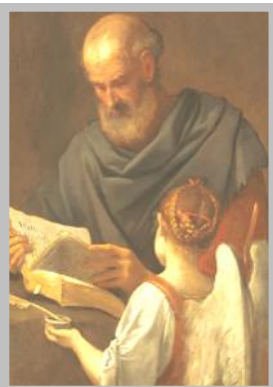


Free call: 1800 257 296
catholicmission.org.au/timor

With Timor-Leste's fragile infrastructure, reliance on local health practices, and limited access to medical care, many health conditions only worsen, and sadly can result in death.

Last week a Catholic Mission speaker talked about the opportunity to partner with the Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address this reality.

We hope you will take this opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need. Donation envelopes are in the Church. Thank you.



St Matthew - Feast Day 21 September

Little is known about St. Matthew. He was the son of Alpheus. He was most likely born in Galilee sometime in the 1st century. He worked as a tax collector, a group despised by the Jewish people. According to the Gospel, Matthew was working at a collection booth when Christ came to him and asked, "Follow me." With this simple call, Matthew became a disciple of Christ.

Saint Matthew was one of Jesus' 12 apostles and also one of the four Evangelists, i.e. one of the Gospel writers.

Matthew's Gospel emphasises how Jesus is the fulfilment of what the prophets and Jewish people had looked forward to in a Messiah and Saviour. He often quotes from the Old Testament. Matthew's Gospel begins with an infancy narrative, focusing on the role of St Joseph.

On his Feast Day, we pray that St Matthew will give us a greater love for the Word of God.

Parish Contact Information and Mass Times

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Weekend Ministries Co-ordinator:	Volunteer needed please.	
St Vincent de Paul (Wahroonga Conference):	Mr Anthony Weaver (President) 0423 842 823, Mr Ken Laing (Treasurer), Mrs Candy Cosgriff (Secretary)	

Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

(and **FIRST Saturday of the month** Mass at 9:15am)

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

8:45am Morning Prayer

Rosary after Mass Tuesday—Friday and after 1st Saturday Mass

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening during Lent: Stations of the Cross 6:30pm

Mass is also celebrated :

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara— Monday 7.00am

St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 1:15pm during school terms

Baptism: Preparation - by appointment with Fr Kelvin
Baptisms - 2nd and 3rd Sunday of the month at 11.00am.
Bookings essential through the Parish Office.

Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0484 581 647 out of office hours.

Confessions:

Saturday 11.30am or by appointment. The list of times in surrounding parishes is on our parish website. We recommend you call the parish in advance to confirm times.

Parish Pastoral and Missionary Council: Tess Denham-Fabry (Deputy Chair), Ed Scully (Secretary), Chrissie Goldrick, Tom Waugh, Giovanna Flores-Clarke, Ian Edmunds, Samantha Vieira, Sally Oong and Roger Bohlsen, along with Genevieve Smith (Prouille) and Elizabeth Webster (St Lucy's) and a representative from St Edmunds.

Parish Finance Committee: Tony Monardo, Robyn Elizondo, Tim Quilty, Paul O'Brien.

Parish Fundraising Committee: Noel Kean (Chair), Meredith Baume, Anthony Weaver, Lyn Saul, James Toomey

The Parish Bank Account Number: The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) with whom the parish banks, has changed some of its processes. This means we have a new account number. In the past, we would provide the details here, however, in late 2020, the Diocese of Broken Bay advised we were no longer to advertise our bank account details in the parish bulletin or on our website. **SO WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?** If you would like to deposit directly to the parish account (on a regular or ad hoc basis), we need to provide you with the account number. There is no change to regular credit card contributors.

Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests. It is greatly appreciated.

- The 1st Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- The 2nd Collection taken up at Mass is for the running and upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by joining a Planned Giving scheme. Please contact the Parish Office for the way you can participate in this. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach.

Alternatively see the "Make A Payment" tab on www.holynamewahroonga.com.au

IN CASE OF A MEDICAL EMERGENCY: Our Church is equipped with a defibrillator in the event of a cardiac arrest. It is located near the entrance to the church, next to the notice board. It is designed to be used by everyone. Please familiarise yourself with the use of this device at [AED Plus Step-by-Step Demo - YouTube](#) in case of an emergency.