



CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH

Under the pastoral care of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate



*The call of Jesus Christ, heard within the Church through people's need for salvation,
draws us together as Missionary Oblates of Mary.' (Oblate Constitution 1)*

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

13TH SEPTEMBER

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

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Forgive Thy Brother

Painting by Scott Erickson, Oil on canvas, 2017

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See art reflection here: <https://tinyurl.com/2reuym5>



The Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross

On 14 September, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a day on which we honour the Cross of Christ as the great sign of our salvation. What was once an instrument of suffering and death became, through Christ's sacrifice, the source of life, hope and redemption for the world. The Cross reminds us of the immeasurable love of Jesus, who willingly gave Himself for our salvation.

As we contemplate and venerate the Holy Cross, we are reminded that suffering and sacrifice can have a deeper meaning when united with Christ. We are called to carry our own crosses with faith, patience and trust, knowing that the Cross is not the end, but leads us to the joy and hope of the Resurrection. May the Holy Cross remain at the centre of our lives, strengthening our faith, deepening our love for Christ, and guiding us on the path to eternal life. *Learn more here:* <https://tinyurl.com/4ah53rv9>

This Week's Readings

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

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 102 R: *The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.*

Second Reading - Romans 14:7-9
Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 18:21-35
I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

This Week's Mass Intentions

- 13/09: Sorrento/Drom./Rosebud
- 14/09: Moe/Newborough
- 15/09: Survivors of Abuse
- 16/09: Mazenod College, WA
- 17/09: Vocations
- 18/09: Fremantle/Care Centre
- 19/09: Cannon Hill



MASSES & MEETINGS

Cannon Hill - St Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church:

Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday - 9:00am

Saturday - 6:00pm; Sunday - 9:30am

Tingalpa - Holy Family Catholic Church:

Thursday - 9:00am; Sunday - 8:00am

Reconciliation: every Saturday, 5:00pm - 5:30pm at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Eucharistic Adoration: 1st Friday of the month following 9:00am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Anointing and Healing: first Wednesday of every second month, 9:00am at St Oliver Plunkett Church.

Baptisms: 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month held after the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. (*Welcoming Mass combined with the Baptism Mass.*)

Little Lanterns Liturgy: 1st Sunday of the month (except January) during the 9:30am Mass at St Oliver Plunkett Church. All primary school-aged children are welcome to attend.

Hospitality - Parish Morning Tea: 1st Sunday of the month following Mass at both churches; every Wednesday after 9:00am Mass in the Parish Hall.

THIS WEEKEND...

13 SEP - SUN: Safeguarding Sunday; Baptisms.

COMING UP...

14 SEP - MON: Feast of The Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

12-23 SEP: Fr Patrick away on annual leave.

15 SEP - TUE: Our Lady of Sorrows (Memorial).

16 SEP - WED: Sts Cornelius & Cyprian (Memorials).

21 SEP - MON: Feast of St Matthew.

23 SEP - WED: St Pius of Pietrelcina (Memorial).

24-27 SEP: Ignite Conference (see back page).

27 SEP - SUN: Baptisms; World Day of Migrants & Refugees.

REGULAR MEETINGS

MON: Cannon Hill St Vincent de Paul Conference
Fortnightly at 6:15pm

Next meeting: **Monday, 21st September**
Contact: Paul 0418 750 367

TUE: Parish Leadership Team

Fortnightly at 6:00pm
Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 15th September**

WED: Parish Liturgy Meeting

Monthly at 4:30pm
Next Meeting: **Tuesday, 15th September**

THU: Parish Finance Council Meeting

Bi-monthly at 4:30pm
Next Meeting: **Thursday, 22nd October**

THIS WEEK'S GOSPEL

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

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.'

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS - 25TH SUNDAY IN ORD TIME

First Reading - Isaiah 55:6-9

My thoughts are not your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 144

R: The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading - Philippians 1:20-24, 27

For me to live is Christ.

Gospel Reading - Matthew 20:1-16

Why are you jealous because I am generous?



"True forgiveness does not await repentance, but offers itself first, as a free gift, even before it is accepted. Jesus is not unaware of what is happening, but precisely because He sees clearly, He knows that "the freedom of the other, even when it is lost in evil, can still be reached by the light of a meek gesture."

Pope Leo XIV at a General Audience, August 2025

Plate Collections for 6th September 2026

First (Oblates): **\$772.65**

Second (Parish): **\$569.05**

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SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN & VULNERABLE ADULTS

PREVENTION AND PROTECTION POLICY

...for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Mark 10.14

The Archdiocese of Brisbane protects the safety, dignity, and rights of children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Every church member must ensure their protection by maintaining respectful relationships, following the Archdiocesan Code of Ethical Behaviour, and obeying state laws.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners.

See more here: <https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/safeguarding/safeguarding-in-the-archdiocese/>



PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

OUR SICK

Please contact the Parish Office if you or someone you know is sick and would appreciate a home visit.

We pray for those in the community who are sick.

May the healing spirit of Christ bring them comfort and hope.

Deborah Sirett, Tony Vorrasi, Keenan Wiltshire, Baby Margaret Rose; Ed Pender, Mary-Jane McAuliffe, Anna Slawek, Gary Smith, Lameki Eketi, Eli Jorna, Marina Gilbert, Vincy Law Tan, Athol Young, Ken Drego, Karen Marrinan, Carol-Ann Marrinan, Jeanette Hill, Lucia Giaccio, Rob Connolly, Ashley Anthony, Daniel Normyle, Carol Flannigan, Catherine, Elizabeth and Monika, Harry Lynas, Michael Simpson, John la Spina, Imelda Khoo, Lorretta Stephenson, Brian Crimmins, Angela White, Mary Stevenson, Veronica Roberts, Melisa Duffy.

Names will remain on Our Sick list until advised otherwise. If you know of anyone who should be removed, please let the Parish Office know.

Submissions for those who are sick or recently deceased should be received by Thursday morning, preferably by email.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ellen Byrnes

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis Scanlan, Adua Martiri, John Vardanega

BAPTISM

We are delighted to welcome **Rhys Midgley** as his baptism is celebrated in our parish this Sunday.

May God's peace, love, and protection be with him and his family on this joyous occasion and throughout his life.

CONGRATULATIONS!

As our children continue their journey of faith following their First Holy Communion, may they always treasure the gift of the Eucharist and know the love of Jesus in their lives.



Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) COMMENCING IN OCTOBER

RCIA is a welcoming journey for those interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, including those who are not yet baptised, have had little contact with the Church, or simply wish to deepen their understanding.

If you or someone you know would like to explore Catholic beliefs and practices, we invite you to join our upcoming RCIA sessions. There is no obligation for non-Catholics to convert.

For more information, please visit our website, speak to Ronda, Paul or Norma, or contact the Parish Office. We also welcome anyone who would like to help.



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CANNON HILL CATHOLIC PARISH



OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday: 9.00am - 2.30pm

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Sachin Rasquinha, Ronda Vorrasi, Guy Elliott, Michael Hill, Lawrence Swann



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Donations can be made via the EFTPOS terminal at the church entrance (split between 1st and 2nd collections), or through our secure online direct debit facility (please contact the Parish Office to arrange).

For information regarding Bequests, contact the

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on 3324 3200 or the

Parish Office on 3853 7490.

Donate using the QR Code or
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Safeguarding Sunday

13TH SEPTEMBER 2026

LOVE PROTECTS

 OUR FAITH Guides Us
  OUR PEOPLE Matter
  OUR MISSION Protects

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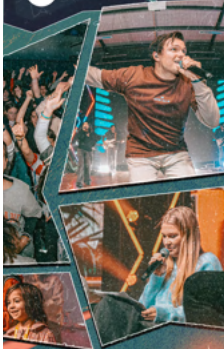
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