

Dear brothers and sisters,

Forgiveness lies at the heart of life. For people who have been deeply wronged or hurt, forgiveness may be the task of a lifetime. It is a grace, the gift of God.

The First Reading (Ecclesiasticus 27:30–28:7) links divine and human forgiveness. The lives of all God's people are within the covenant relationship that God graciously initiated without any merit on our side. The quality of our relationships must flow from and reflect this exercise of divine generosity and grace.

The parable in today's Gospel (Matt 18:21-35) is sparked off by a question from Peter, who stands in for every member of the church that is coming into being (Matt 16:18). His suggestion of a readiness to forgive seven times sounds quite generous. Jesus' reply, seventy times seven, is deliberately over the top. It requires a readiness to forgive on an unlimited scale. The note of exaggeration present in Jesus' initial response to Peter continues in the parable itself. 'Ten thousand talents' denotes an utterly fantastic sum: billions of dollars in present-day terms. The point being made is that the servant owes his royal master a debt that, despite his plea for time, he has no hope of ever repaying. He stands to lose everything—freedom, family and possessions. This means that when the master, in a pure act of generosity, cancels the debt he is in effect restoring the servant's life.

In contrast to the vastness of the debt from which the servant has been discharged, what he himself is owed by a fellow servant is paltry indeed. The sum involved, a few hundred denarii, is a debt that, given time, could easily be repaid. We live as people who have received remission of a debt (the debt of sin) that we could never repay through Christ's costly self-gift in love. As we have been forgiven much and know the difference forgiveness makes we are called to forgive others. Are we big enough to forgive?

CARMELITE NEWS

The Australian Carmelite Region recently held our triennial chapter in which our local community took part by Zoom. Fr Bernard was re-elected Australian Superior. Our Morley community remains the same. Fr Gerard will be stationed in St Ives and Fr Bernard in Varroville. In local news, on Thursday Frs Tadgh and John Pallippadan will become Australian citizens. Congratulations to them both! —*Blessings, Greg*

RCIA

As part of our working together with Bedford Parish this year the RCIA programme will be a combined one for the two parishes and take place in Bedford. We have two candidates for the Catechumenate, one is a young Australian woman and the other is a young Pakistani man. We need two parishioners to be their sponsors. The role of the sponsor is to befriend and accompany each the candidate and to help them understand how we live our Christian faith in the Catholic Church. If you are interested in taking on this role please speak to one of the priests after mass or call the parish office.



Safeguarding Officers

Thank you to Paul Hille, our Safeguarding Officer for speaking at masses last weekend. The response has been very good. Thanks to the parishioners who expressed interest in becoming Safeguarding Officers. It is an important role helping the whole parish to become what we all want it to be: a joyful and safe environment for everyone, especially children and vulnerable adults at risk. For those who want to be Safeguarding Officers: please fill in and return the forms as soon as possible. For anyone else who is interested please speak to either Frs John or Greg and collect a form from the foyer of the church.



FIRST COMMUNION

Congratulations all the children who celebrated their First Communion last weekend and this Saturday. Please pray for them and their families, that the Eucharist will always remain a central part of their lives and continue to strengthen and inspire them.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION



In light of the updated COVID 19 directives from the Office of the Archdiocese of Perth, the Sacrament of Confirmation may now be celebrated. Accordingly, we are commencing the enrolment for the Sacrament of Confirmation. To ensure safety in this current COVID 19, the enrolment will be conducted via online form. Parents are requested to send their contact details (including their email address) by email to the parish Sacramental Coordinator at sacramental@infantjesusparish.org.au on or before Tuesday, 15th of September. Once we have received your contact details the enrolment form will be sent out to you by email.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM DATES:

- CONFIRMATION PARENTS NIGHT—Monday, 21 September, 7:00pm at the parish centre.
- CONFIRMATION—RECONCILIATION for Infant Jesus School children Tuesday, 13 October at 11:00am.
- CONFIRMATION—RECONCILIATION for PREP Children- Wednesday, 14 October at 4:30pm.
- CONFIRMATION MASSES—Thursday, 15 October at 6:30pm **OR** Saturday, 17 October at 11:00am **OR** 2:00pm

Parish Fundraiser — all things gardening!

We are planning to hold a big plant/garden stall to raise money for the parish for ongoing maintenance of our buildings. We will not set a firm date until the WA government announces the move to Stage Five and Covid-19 regulations are relaxed a little more. However, we hope to hold this fundraiser around the beginning of next Autumn—April/May 2021.



In the meantime, we need your help! You can help in many ways, but here are some of them:

- If you love to garden, please start potting up plants from your garden. Anything at all will be welcome, but especially popular are succulents of all kinds, indoor plants, flowering shrubs, herbs. To prevent the spread of disease, potting mix rather than garden soil should be used. Please collect some pop sticks from the parish office so that you can name your potted plants (write the name on the pop stick and pop it in the pot for us)
- If you are an average gardener and subsequently have lots of empty pots from your past attempts, please consider donating them to the parish for use by others. Pots of all kinds (plastic, terracotta, pottery etc) and sizes (even tiny tubestock pots) will be welcome and can be dropped to the parish office. **Please hose out your pots before bringing them in.**
- Do you have old terrariums or interesting old ceramic pots (old teapots even, or giant cups) which could be used to plant mini-gardens? Please bring them in!
- If you are not a gardener at all, but know someone who loves their garden, why not ask if they will pot up some things for you to bring along—most gardeners love sharing!
- If you sew, consider making some gardening aprons, hats, sleeve protectors etc to donate for the sale (children's sizes too).
- If you love craft, consider making some garden related items.
- If you decide to spring clean your shed, consider donating any garden-related items that you no longer want.
- If none of the above is something you can do, consider donating towards a bag of potting mix (\$8 for a 30 litre bag.) for people who want to help by potting up plants.



It would be great to see this fundraiser bring our community together in a real shared effort. If you have any questions, or better yet, any good ideas to share, please contact Angela via the parish office.

THANK YOU

I wish to thank sincerely the many good friends among our staff and parishioners as I celebrated the Diamond Jubilee of my Professions as a Carmelite and my birthday on same day—Our Lady's Birthday. I've been overwhelmed with the attention I received at a lovely Morning Tea. On top of all this I received numerous gifts and cards from such generous friends. All I can say is: 'May God reward you!' —Fr Tadgh



PILGRIM STATUE—This week in the home of Sandra Haney; 2 Richards Pl, Noranda.
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PARISH PRAYER CONCERNS

Recently Deceased: Mervyn Harvey and Jianna Haily Ocampo;

Deceased: Anna Maria, Peter and Beverley Silver;

Anniversaries: Sr Andrea Sawian, Simon Andrew Sawian, Primo Patroni, Nicholas and Elsie Nunis, Allen Pereira, Basil Yorke, Rudy Fairman, John, Rosemarie and Claudia Snee, Rocco Lemme, Peter Anthony McGinn, Joanna Matthews and Ines Gianotti;

The Sick of the Parish: Indigo Chin and all the sick who are in need of our prayers.

"When I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord."

The message of the gospels

In addition to four guides on Carmelite spirituality, Fr Tadgh has just completed a booklet on St Luke's gospel, so he has now provided helpful guides to all four evangelists - Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Matthew is being read on Sundays and we've just started Luke on weekdays. These are available in foyer at mass.



In Our Church

Morning Mass: Mon-Fri: 7am & 9am , Sat and Public Holidays: 8.30am
Sunday Masses: 6pm (Saturday), 7.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am (Italian), 6pm
Reconciliation: Saturday 10 - 11am and 5pm - 5.30pm
Perpetual Novena in Honour of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel: Wednesday 7.00pm

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 9.30 - 10.30am
Eucharistic Prayer: Friday 6.30 - 7.30pm
Baptisms, Weddings & Sacraments: Please contact the Parish Office.

Our Parish Team

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NEXT WEEKEND — 19/20 September 2020—25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>Sat 6pm</u>	<u>Sun 7.30am</u>	<u>Sun 9.30am</u>	<u>Sunday 6pm</u>
Acolytes/Altar Ministers	Hari Geigenmuller	Paul Wachtel	Eamon Delaney	Chris Lambert
Altar Servers	Shawn and Alexis	Jamie and Mary	Crissanto and Cesar	Oliver and Denver
Proclaimers	Marie and Donna Marie	Liz and Brian	PERSONAL ADVOCACY	Alan and Teresa
Extr. Ministers Of Communion	Tracy and John T	Mike and Kathleen	Josephine and Linda	Marie and Maureen
Hospitality	Roopa and John T	Rose and Mavis	Deborah and Puline	Marie and Maureen
Church Cleaning	Team C — Saturday, 19 September @ 9.30am			

PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend on your rostered day, please arrange for someone else in your Ministry to take your place.

**PLEASE STAY SAFE
COVID-19 SAFETY REGULATIONS APPLY**

- ◆ If you are unwell or have any symptoms of cold or flu, please do not enter.
- ◆ Upon entering, sterilize your hands using the hand sanitiser provided.
- ◆ Keep a safe 1.5m physical distance.
- ◆ Please follow directions of staff/volunteers.
- ◆ Be kind to staff/volunteers.



FIRST AND SECOND COLLECTIONS

As per government COVID-19 regulations, collections are not able to be taken up during Mass. Any Planned Giving and monetary offerings for the first and second collections may be placed in the box at the back of the church.



A reminder that the first collection is for our priests, the second collection is for the parish running expenses. During this time of uncertainty, we are most grateful to those who are able to continue their weekly financial support. If you would like to continue to support the parish financially, but are not in the planned giving program, then please contact Darren Parnell accounts@infantjesusparish.org.au

If we want our Masses to continue...

then please put your hand up to clean the pews after Sunday Masses. Under the Covid-19 regulations, we are required to regularly clean the areas being used. After Mass, offer your help to wipe down seats and pew backs. Gloves and cleaning materials are provided. Thank you.



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