



St Mark's Parish Newsletter

St Mark's Parish is part of the Brisbane West Deanery

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
12th/13th September, 2020

FORGIVENESS

Today's Gospel has one of the most important messages of the whole Bible. It is a **message about forgiveness.**

None of us can live life without getting hurt by others. People fail us. They put us in situations that cause us to suffer. We become very sorry for ourselves, and very angry with those who hurt us. Anger and bitterness, hurt and the desire to take revenge enter our hearts. They lie there, and become like a poison.



To refuse to forgive is to keep that poison inside of us. The memories of past hurts continue to cloud our life. Self-pity and continual remembering of the wrong done to us only adds to the bitterness we feel. And when these foul things, these poisonous feelings are in our hearts, what happens? Joy and happiness go out the windows of our hearts. Inside, we hold on to the memory of the wrong done to us. And we refuse to face the fact that we should forgive and that forgiveness will bring us peace.

We all need God's forgiveness, but this forgiveness can be, and is blocked, if we refuse to offer forgiveness to those who offend us. In reality, forgiveness is not easy. And forgiveness from the heart is often very, very difficult. Yet, we have no choice: if we want to be forgiven by God, we must forgive those who hurt us.

Let us pause for a while, and let each one of us ask ourselves: Is there a person who has hurt us and later asked for our forgiveness but, to this day, we still have not forgiven him/her? Let us see the face of that person and then see Jesus Himself looking at both of us as He says again today:

"Unless you each forgive your neighbour from your heart"

Then, let us do something that will show that person that we do forgive. Amen. **Fr Ho Tran SVD**

Parish Directory

Parish Priest:

Fr Boni Buahendri SVD

Chaplain to Vietnamese Community:

Fr Joseph Vu SVD

Associate Pastor:

Fr Ho Tran SVD

Pastoral Associate:

Sr Elisabeth Hariyanti SSPs

Pastoral Assistant:

Sr Sessilia Ria SSPs

Parish Secretaries:

Joy Spratt & Aileen Richter

PHONE NUMBERS

Parish Office: 3372 5658

School: 3372 3408

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Mon - Fri 9.00 am to 3.00 pm

No secretary on a Wednesday.

ADDRESSES

Presbytery: 25 Lobelia St, Inala

Parish Office: 96 Lilac St, Inala

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MASS TIMES - Next WEEK END

Vigil Mass (Saturday):

English 6.00 pm

Vietnamese 7.30pm

Sunday:

Vietnamese 7.30 am

English 9.30 am

English 5pm

Reconciliation: by appointment or 20 minutes before the evening Mass.
Saturdays 5.30 to 5.50 pm and
Sundays 4.30pm to 4.50pm.

Parish Roster for Weekend Masses:

Volunteer readers are needed to set up a simple fortnightly roster for the Masses. If you are registered to attend a fortnightly Mass and would like to be on the reading Roster please contact the parish office this week.

Readings for Next Sunday's Mass:

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6-9; Phil 1:20-24, 27; Mt 20:1-16

Money Matters:

If you are able to support St Mark's parish financially during the current restrictions, you are most welcome to make a direct deposit to the parish bank account:

BSB: 064-786

Account No: 006596001

Account Name: Archdiocesan Development Fund

Payment Reference: Your name and envelope number if you have one.

OR

If you would like to make a regular monthly donation by direct debit or credit card please contact the parish office by email for a bank authority. This authority can be cancelled at any time.

Funds received this week:

Cash Received: \$3172

(Includes an anonymous donation of \$1000—thank you!!)

The Annual Catholic Campaign will be on 19-20 September.

Be blessed and bless others with your gift
Our faith calls us to help one another through prayer and action. Your gift will be a blessing to struggling local families; to seminarians and retired priests; and children in our community in dire need of the love and care of a Catholic community. More information and donations can be made at:
catholiccampaign.com.au



Lobelia Hall Spring Clean

If you can assist Sr Elisabeth and Sr Sesilia with cleaning of windows, floors and bathroom please meet them at Lobelia Hall on: **Saturday, 26th September 9 to 11am.**

Please wear covered shoes and only attend if you are fit and well. Masks and gloves will be provided. Donations of cleaning products would be welcome!

Parish Fundraiser!

The Art Union has had a very good beginning. A big thank you to the many parishioners who have already supported this fundraiser by taking a book of tickets!

While the closing date for the return of the tickets is late October, it would be appreciated if the ticket books could be returned to the office or the ticket sellers at Mass with the money as soon as possible. Ticket books can easily get lost or misplaced when they are kept at home for too long.

The conduct of an Art Union is governed by state government rules and regulations. Unfortunately lost books cannot be included in the prize draw, even if you pay for the book. All winners must have a verifying ticket butt with their names and details. The financial records and prize draw process are all subject to an audit.

Progress Report:

Tickets sold and returned:	255
Ticket books collected for sale and not returned:	529
Ticket books available for sale:	215
Lost Ticket Book:	1

Many of the financial supports like Jobkeeper are due to be removed soon. The Parish's main source of income has always been the weekly collection which is roughly a third of what it was pre COVID . Your financial and prayerful support is very much needed and appreciated. God bless,
Fr Boni

St Mark's Sacramental Program Enrolments for First Holy Communion are now open:

This program is for children in Year 4 and above.

There will be two teaching sessions this year

Saturday 10th October & Saturday 17th October.

(Dates changed to avoid school hols)

And a rehearsal and refresher lesson on:

Saturday 13th February, 2021.

Fr Boni will celebrate the Sacrament for the children on:

Sunday 14th February at 11am.

Enrolment forms are on the church entrance table and can be collected from the school and parish office or downloaded from the parish web page: stmarksinala.com

Pope Francis Prayer Intention for September



Respect for the Planet's Resources

We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered, but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Annual Collection for the Holy Land Sunday, 13th September

This collection normally takes place on Good Friday. This year, due to the CoVid-19 Pandemic and closure of churches around the world during Holy Week, Pope Francis moved the collection date to **Sunday, 13th September** to coincide with the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross on the 14th September. The proceeds from this collection provide much needed support for the shrines and holy places in the Holy Land. No doubt, we are again facing great challenges due to CoVid-19, but your generosity would again be greatly appreciated. Please remember and keep the Christians in the Holy land in your prayers.

Daily Mass this week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
NO MASS	6pm Vietnamese Our Lady of Sorrow	8am English <i>Sts Cornelius and Cyprian</i>	6pm Vietnamese	8am English

Please remember in your prayers -

Parishioners who are ill: *Ninian Robinson, Christopher Taelangi, Garry Montgomery (former Principal of St Mark's School), Margaret Balaam, Jill McVey*
Anniversaries: *Derek Henderson, Vincent Dung, Mariah Ha, William Alwyn Freeman, Merl Wallace, Natividad Cuasito Origines, Maria Tran, Joseph Phong, Bartholemew That, Maria Nhung, Dan Barry, Losa Telo Loapo, Jean Hulcombe.*