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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 6pm (Vigil),

Sunday: 8am, 10am, 6pm,
12noon (Polish).

THIS WEEK'S MASSES

Tuesday - 8.00am

Wednesday - 8.00am

Thursday - 8.00am

Friday - 8.00am

Saturday - 8.00am

Nursing Home

NIL

Vietnamese Mass

7 pm - 1st Thurs of each month.

Polish Mass

6 pm - 1st Friday of every month
plus every Friday during Lent, May,
June, October and November.

DEVOTIONS

Adoration & Benediction:

Tuesday 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

Saturday 7.00am - 8.00am.

Rosary: Saturday 8.25am.

Vietnamese Divine Mercy Prayer:

6.30pm - 1st Wed of each month.

SACRAMENTS

Reconciliation:

Saturday 4.30 - 5.30 pm

Or by appointment.

Marriages: By arrangement with
at least 6 months notice.

Care for the Sick: Any time. Please
call the Presbytery.

Baptisms: Ring for an appointment



"Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times."

Matthew 18:21-22

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:
love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!

Comm Antiphon:

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your
wings.

This weeks readings: Sirach 27:30 - 28:7; Romans 14:7-9;
Matthew 18:21-35

Next Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A

Readings: Isaiah 55:6-9; Philippians 1:20-24,27;
Matthew 20:1-16.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Yr A - 17 September 2023

Volunteer Catechists urgently needed

Volunteers are urgently needed as Catechists to teach at Bankstown North Public school. Only half an hour per week is needed on Wednesday afternoon. All training is provided. Please contact Bev Lamaro on 0409 710 703.

Life, Marriage and Family Sunday

All families are invited to come to 10:30 Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday, the 22 October, with an opportunity to renew marital promises and a special blessing for families. Join us after Mass at the Cathedral Hall to witness and celebrate couples celebrating significant wedding anniversaries. Registrations are essential to receive a certificate.

RSVP by no later than 8 October at <http://www.trybooking.com/CJTNF>.

Caritas Australia's Emergency Appeals – Morocco / Libya

Caritas Australia needs your support to respond to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance. Please support Caritas Australia's emergency appeals. Donate at www.caritas.org.au



Saint of the Day for September 20 – Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs

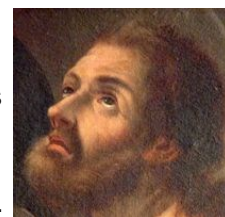
Memorial

Today is the Memorial of *Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*. During the 17th century the Christian faith was brought to Korea through the zeal of lay persons. From the very beginning these Christians suffered terrible persecutions and many suffered martyrdom during the 19th century. Today's feast honours a group of 103 martyrs. Most were murdered during waves of persecutions in 1839, 1846 and 1867. Notable of these were Andrew Kim Taegon, the first Korean priest, and the lay apostle, Paul Chong Hasang. Also among the Korean martyrs were three bishops and seven priests, but for the most part they were heroic laity, men and women, married and single of all ages. They were canonized by Pope St John Paul II on May 6, 1984.

Saint of the Day for September 21 – St Matthew apostle, evangelist.

Feast

Today is the Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. At the time that Jesus summoned him to follow Him, Matthew was a publican, that is, a tax-collector for the Romans. His profession was hateful to the Jews because it reminded them of their subjection; the publican, also, was regarded by the pharisees as the typical sinner. St. Matthew is known to us principally as an Evangelist. In the early Church, Matthew's Gospel was thought the first to be written, which explains its position in the New Testament.



St Matthew,
apostle, evangelist

Saint of the Day for September 23 – St Pius of Pietrelcina, priest.

Memorial

Today is the Memorial of St. Pius of Pietrelcina (1887-1968), more popularly known as Padre Pio was born in 1887 in the small Italian village of Pietrelcina. He joined the Capuchin Friars at the age of sixteen and was ordained a priest seven years later. For fifty years at the monastery of San Giovanni Rotondo he was a much sought after spiritual advisor, confessor, and intercessor whose life was devoted to the Eucharist and prayer. Yet despite such notoriety, he would often say, "I only want to be a poor friar who prays."



Padre Pio, priest

Reflection

Forgiveness

Children learn to trust God's mercy and forgiveness when they experience forgiveness from those closest to them. We hope that we model God's love and forgiveness within our family life.

Today's Gospel reminds us that forgiveness is measured by its quality more than its quantity.

Invite your family to consider some recent times when family members sought the forgiveness of another. Ask if there were any statements made that put conditions on our forgiveness such as "I will play this game with you if you apologize for knocking over my blocks" or "I will accept your apology after you clean up your room." Do we sometimes "keep count" or put conditions on our forgiveness of one another? This is something we may be doing without realizing it.

Read together today's Gospel, Matthew 18:21-35. Ask if we sometimes find ourselves sounding like Peter, concerning ourselves with quantity of forgiveness rather than offering forgiveness abundantly and unconditionally. Reflect upon the parable that Jesus tells. What does the servant do that makes the king so angry? He refuses to forgive his fellow servant the debt that he owes. Because we have all received God's forgiveness, God expects that we will also be forgiving toward others. Jesus' answer to Peter's question is found at the end of the parable. The number of times that we forgive one another is less important than the depth of our forgiveness. We must forgive one another from the heart.

Conclude in prayer together that God's love and forgiveness is evident in your family life. Pray together today's psalm, Psalm 103, or the Lord's Prayer.

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Mass Intentions

Recently Deceased:

Anniversary: Peter Tong Le; Joaquim Lopes

Deceased: Micae Lai Dinh Trung; Mary, Christy & Sudath

Sick: Annick Duval; Fatima Fernandes; Marian Periera; Monina Rodriguez Pineda; Tenshi Asriel Magdaleno Arcenas; Maria Carta; Teresita Martinez; Jun Ibarra; Abida Gill; Josette Ackad; Rosa House; Nivea Wanigesekera; Henriette Tam Tinh Lam; Laura Malss; Rolly Porto; Michael Connor; Mariano Bernabe; Maria Nguyen Thi Huyen, Claude Marie; Robert Crouche; Maureen Vincent; Karl Roussety; Chantal Roussety; Peter Cranny; Baby Joseph Akkary; Robert Waring.

Weekly Rosters

	6.00pm	17 SEPTEMBER	8.00am	10.00am	6.00pm
Reader 1	Gloria Booby	Robyn Molloy	Andrew Nguyen	Anthony Tran	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Joseph Bui (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	St Anne	SSOG	St Felix	-	
	24 SEPTEMBER				
Reader 1		Philip Castillo	Thu Ha Kim	Nhung Bui	
Reader 2	" "	" "	" "	" "	
Acolyte	Tuyen Tran (A)	An Dang (A)	Martin Tran (A)	Thanh Vu (A)	
Choir	SMMC	SSOG	St Felix	Holy Spirit Choir	
	17 September	24 September	Notes: SSOG: Singing Servants of God SMMC: St Mary Mackillop's Choir Group 4: Margaret Eastburn, Denise Ashe, Eric Valencia		
Altar Society	Group 3	Group 4 (see notes)			
Church Cleaners	Vinh Nguyen	Vinh Nguyen			
SVDP	Andrew Nguyen	Thom Pham			
Childrens Liturgy	Grace & Simon	School Holidays (NIL)			

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

**MARY MACKILLOP TEENS
GROUP NIGHT IS ON THIS FRIDAY
22nd SEPTEMBER, 6-8PM.
COME AND JOIN US FOR
A NIGHT OF
FAITH, FRIENDSHIP AND FUN.**



A message from the Archdiocese of Sydney

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with a crime are the police. If you – or anyone you know – have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or you may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Catechist & Friendship Group: Bev Lamaro 0409 710 703; **Choir:** Alison De Sousa 0421 660 187;
Youth: Anthony Eltarraf 0403 111 641; **Pastoral Council:** Patrick Abou-rizk 0416 035 993;
St Vincent de Paul: Diago Rodrigues 9791 5209 ; **Bankstown Josephite Companions:** Robyn Molloy 9707 1292;
Cemetery Committee: Maureen Vincent 9790 4217; **Sacramental co-ordinator:** Gloria Booby 0413 294 224;
PSSO: Anthony Chadrawy 9790 1933; **Polish Priests:** 8783 0533;
De La Salle Brothers: 9708 2692; **St. Felix Primary School:** 9796 7875 Frances Bonanno - Principal;
LaSalle Catholic College: 9793 5600 Michael Egan - Principal;
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