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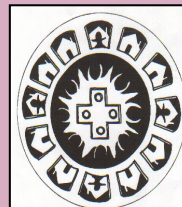
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*Christ in community...the
heart of our faith*

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6 September 2020



Readings for
this week:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Roman 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20



Readings for
next Sunday:

Sirach 27:30-28-7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35



**We wish all Fathers
a wonderful
Father's Day**

Looking at the Readings

The First Reading and the Gospel are clearly connected by the instruction on fraternal correction. These instructions are directed to the community of believers: in Ezekiel to the people who hear God's Word; in the Gospel of Matthew to the "community" of disciples. This section of Matthew 18:1-35 is subtitled by biblical editors as the "Discourse on the Church". The fraternal correction goes through four stages, gently and quietly at first and finally firmly and publicly. Yet the role of the community is very important, so much so the culprit's exclusion from the community must be understood as remedial and temporary thus giving the person time for recollection, repentance and reconciliation.

In the Australian Lectionary that uses the Jerusalem Bible translation, the Greek *ekklesia* is rendered "church" in 16:18 but "community" in 18:17. For those who are viewing Mass on line from other English speaking countries you will hear church rather than community from the NRSV and NAB translations used in North America and Africa.

More accuracy may be achieved by using both words: it is the gathered assembly of disciples symbolising and making present the church. Jesus repeats the authorisation given to Peter (16:19) to the **church community**: "whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven." (18:18). This is authenticated by Jesus' promise: "For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them." (18:20).

Season of Creation 1

INTRO: The Season of Creation is the annual time from the 1 September (beginning of Spring) to 4 October the Feast of St Francis of Assisi Parton Saint of Animals and Ecology to focus the diversity and beauty of creation and our responsibility to care for it.

GREETING: Today's Scripture tells how the will of God works in our lives. Earth's cycles of life and death, rebirth and transformation are God's first teaching. Have we rebelled against his ways?

REFLECTION: the natural environment has been gravely damaged by our irresponsible behaviour. ... The misuse of creation begins when we no longer recognize any higher instance than ourselves. *Pope Francis Laudato Si' #6.*

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Dad Jokes . . .



If it was a blustery day, you could be sure to hear my dad remark, "It was so windy today, I had to wrinkle my forehead and screw my cap on to keep it there!"

JoAnn Evjen www.rd.com

When does a joke become a dad joke? When it becomes apparent! www.southernliving.com

Strength of a Mountain

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

Author Unknown

(From www.jesuitresource.org)

Recently Deceased: Fr John Naughton,
Jason Joy Garcia, Concetta Licciardello.

Anniversaries: Mary-Ann Conway,
Mary Monica Michel.



From Diagnosis to OAM Autism Webinar - 12th September 10am

A Personal Autism Journey plus a Sibling's Perspective

Daniel Giles OAM (St Therese's Parishioner, Order of Australia Medal recipient, Autistic self-advocate), Daryl Giles ('Daniel's Dad') and Leash Giles ('Daniel's Sister' & qualified educator) will be presenting an online webinar on Daniel's Autism journey. Topics discussed include diagnosis, Daniel's school journey and his adult life, as well as a bonus sibling perspective. Enq: admin@speakinginsights.com.au
Link to purchase tickets: www.trybooking.com/BLACE

The Sandhurst Diocese is Committed to Care for Creation

In Week 1 of the Season of Creation 2020, the beauty of creation, especially in our Diocese, is the focus of a short slide show presenting a section of the new Sandhurst Diocese 'Care for Creation' Statement. Go to: www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au/season-of-creation. View Pope Francis' message for September at: <https://thepopevideo.org/>.



Mass with Bishop Shane at St Kilian's is continuing to be livestreamed on Sundays at 10am
www.sandhurst.catholic.org.au



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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION

1st SEPTEMBER 2020

"You shall thus hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim a release throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you." (Lev 25:10)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Each year, particularly since the publication of the Encyclical *Laudato Si'* (LS, 24 May 2015), the first day of September is celebrated by the Christian family as the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation and the beginning of the Season of Creation, which concludes on the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on the fourth of October. During this period, Christians worldwide renew their faith in the God of creation and join in prayer and work for the care of our common home.

I am very pleased that the theme chosen by the ecumenical family for the celebration of the 2020 Season of Creation is *Jubilee for the Earth*, precisely in this year that marks the fiftieth anniversary of Earth Day. In the Holy Scriptures, a Jubilee is a sacred time to remember, return, rest, restore, and rejoice.

1. A Time to Remember

We are invited to remember above all that creation's ultimate destiny is to enter into God's eternal Sabbath. This journey, however, takes place in time, spanning the seven-day rhythm of the week, the cycle of seven years, and the great Jubilee Year that comes at the end of the seven Sabbath years.

A Jubilee is indeed a time of grace to remember creation's original vocation to exist and flourish as a community of love. We exist only in relationships: with God the Creator, with our brothers and sisters as members of a common family, and with all of God's creatures within our common home. "Everything is related, and we human beings are united as brothers and sisters on a wonderful pilgrimage, woven together by the love God has for each of his creatures and which also unites us in fond affection with brother sun, sister moon, brother river and mother earth" (LS, 92)

A Jubilee, then, is a time of remembrance, in which we cherish the memory of our inter-relational existence. We need constantly to remember that "everything is interconnected, and that genuine care for our own lives and our relationships with nature is inseparable from fraternity, justice and faithfulness to others" (LS, 70).

~ Excerpt from Message of His Holiness Pope Francis

A SPECIAL TIME OF NATIONAL PRAYER TO END THE PANDEMIC

Saturday 26 – Sunday 27 September 2020.

Remembering that God wills 'to give good things to those who ask' (Matthew 7:11), leaders of churches throughout Australia, with the National Council of Churches in Australia (NCCA), invite us all to join together in prayer to end the pandemic in September. Find the prayer, a welcome addition to resources available on the Sandhurst Diocese website, and further ideas at: <https://www.ncca.org.au/ncca-newsletter/august-2020-1/item/2218-solidarity-prayers-and-action-in-pandemic-2020081>