



# 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – Year A

16th / 17th September 2023

## Sirach 27:30-28:7

Often, we try and hold on to our feelings of anger as a self-justification against those whom we feel have harmed us. We must relinquish our feelings of anger so that we too may be forgiven.

## Romans 14:7-9

Paul's call for the people to love your neighbor as yourself emphasizes the law of the prophets and of Christ Jesus. If we do this Paul says, we have fulfilled the commandment.

## Matthew 18:21-35

We see violence and hatred all around us. It seems that countries will never be at peace. Yet, violence and hatred are contrary to Jesus' teaching of forgiveness. The Christian commitment to love others as we love ourselves is primary.

**Next Week:**  
**25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A**

**Isaiah 55:6-9**  
**Phil 1:20-24,27**  
**Matthew 20:1-16**

## Universal Prayers

- 1 For children in places of famine who are starving to death. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 2 For families of those whose lives have been taken brutally and senselessly. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 3 For leaders who alone must decide the economic fate of their nations. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 4 For the homeless poor who have no advocates and no place to go. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 5 For medical workers who treat people despite their ability to pay. Let us pray to the Lord.
- 6 For all who are in bondage to addictions and to mental illness. Let us pray to the Lord.

## Weekday Liturgical Schedule

Tuesday	Mass	8.00am
Wednesday	Mass	8.00am
Thursday	Mass	8.00am
Friday	Mass	8.00am

### Confessions

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 5.00 pm

## Mass Intentions

Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Francis McRae
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Austin Sullivan
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Patrick Hillsdon
Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Bill Warner
Wednesday	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Max Miller
Thursday	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	Special Intention
Friday	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept	Irmgard Braun

Please remember in your prayers the many sick of the parish, including Kathleen Ryan.

Also, please remember in your prayers the recently deceased: Vincent O'Connor, Maureen Hogarth, Brian Graham, Carmel de Cure, John Brereton, Margaret Casely.



## PLEASE NOTE THESE DATES

<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Scripture Study</b>	<b>6.00pm Parish Hall</b>
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Women at the Mill – Gospel/Coffee</b>	<b>9.30am Behind the Mill Café, Bowral</b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Solemn Vespers &amp; Benediction</b>	<b>4.00pm St Thomas Aquinas Church</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Conversations with Peter Arkins</b>	<b>10.30am Parish Hall</b>
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>St Vincent De Paul- Annual DOW Mass</b>	<b>10.30am St Thomas Aquinas Church</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Parish Trivia Night</b>	<b>6.30pm for 7.00pm Fr Glynn Centre</b>



# THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

*In support of the retirement and health of clergy and the sound and holistic formation of seminarians*

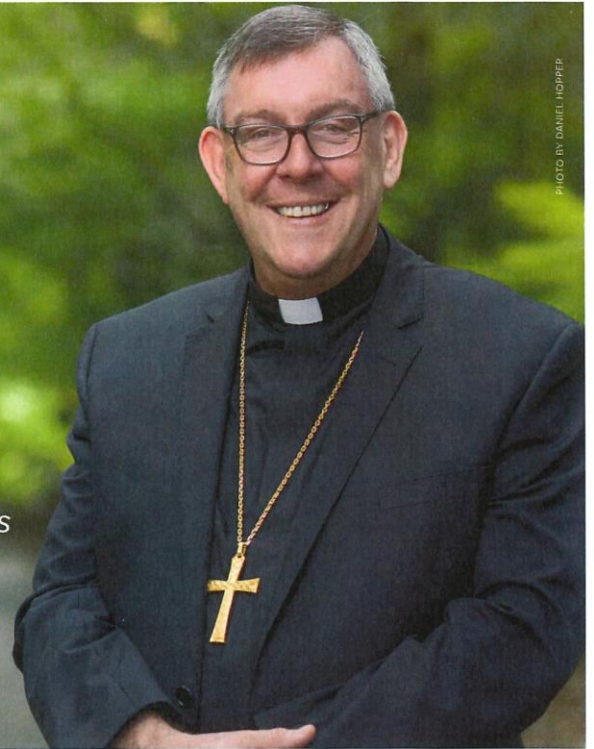


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## DIOCESAN CLERGY CARE IN ACTION 2023



**Accommodation for 13 retired clergy**

- 10** live on their own
- 2** in retirement villages
- 1** in aged care facilities



6 retired clergy receive domestic assistance



8 additional diocesan clergy will retire in the next 5 years



**Clergy Care Coordinator Sue Daniels assists 40+ diocesan clergy with**

- Health care coordination
- Holistic health and wellbeing support and education
- Transportation assistance
- Short-term health care crisis advocacy
- Long-term ageing support



**Priests, like parents, never retire from their calling**

- 10 retired clergy provide sacramental ministry in parishes when the parish priest is on holidays or unwell
- 1 retired clergy celebrates the sacraments for residents in retirement / aged care facility
- 2 retired clergy continue as spiritual directors

## SEMINARIAN EDUCATION

Our diocese currently has **7 seminarians** studying for the priesthood. Your gift will assist with the following:



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Seminary fees



Accommodation



Travel



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