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Year A

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Boundaries and Juries"

Our Lord acknowledged that the community he was establishing had to set boundaries. Who is to decide who is within or outside those boundaries?

In today's Gospel, Our Lord teaches that a nuanced step by step process should be invoked. First, there is private conversation, then slightly extended to bring in two or three others, then a sort of church community jury before a person is put beyond the pale. Our Lord promises to be with them to help guide their decision."

We all know of marriages which are fractured and where one partner has

found intimacy and security in a second (civil) marriage.

Pope Francis has not suggested that the second marriage be regarded as valid. But he has suggested a process of discernment to allow a divorced person to receive 'the Eucharist . . . a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Could a jury of ordinary Catholic lay people help make that discerning judgement, and then advise the Bishop as to the next step?

We could pause for a moment to ponder the promise: 'Where two or three are gathered into my name, I am there with them.'

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Reflection

"The Lord has a good purpose for each of us in this difficult time; it may remain hidden for the moment, but it will grow and sprout and bear fruit for us."

For the Lord has promised: Look, I am making everything new. (Rev 22.5)"

The Most Rev Peter A Comensoli



The Church and Parish is currently closed due STAGE 4 COVID restrictions.

Please feel free to email or call Fr Ian or Carmel if you have any special intentions.

Please refer to the links on parish website for further information regarding Covid regulations.

At present, funerals only are permitted, with limitations/permits as per regulatory instructions.

Home visitations are not permitted unless for grave reasons.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the Sick

Rita Maguire

Anniversaries

Mary Jo Pirola, Sydney Newnes, Eileen Rogers, Matthew Inkster, Peter Betros, Anne Beasley



LIVING THE GOSPEL

Facing the issue

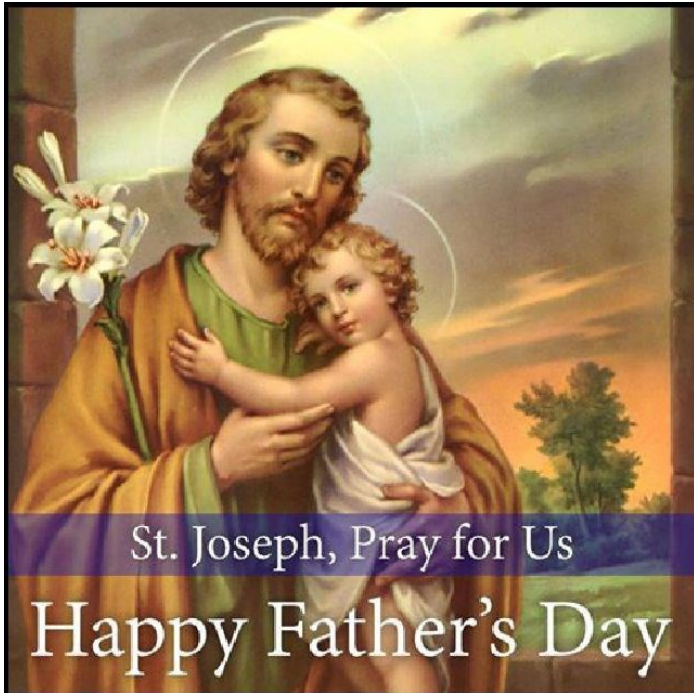
It can be very difficult when we feel that someone has hurt us to actually go and speak to them about how we are feeling. It is so much easier to revel in our hurt or seek payback for the hurt. Sometimes we feel that we might ruin a friendship by speaking to our friend about a way in which they have hurt us. But a hurt that goes unaddressed will continue to hurt and will probably be repeated. This week's gospel reminds us of the need to challenge our friends when they hurt us but it also reminds us that when we have hurt others we need to be challenged about it and called to account for our actions.

MASS & PRAYER AT HOME DURING COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS



My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.



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Ch 44 or online

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The Father's Love

While Father's Day for many is a time to remember the blessings of fathers and family, for many it brings to mind memories of pain. This piece explores the complex dynamics of the father-child relationship and that even when an earthy father lets us down, nothing can compare to the love our Heavenly Father has for us.

'You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the Lord.' (Jer 29:13–14)

<https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/ArtMID/416/ArticleID/24595/The-Fathers-love>

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SEPTEMBER—THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY

7th St Regina

8th The Nativity of the Blessed Mary

9th St Peter Claver

10th St Finian

11th St Daniel

12th The Holy Name of Mary

