23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—YEAR A
7th September 2014

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

Responsorial Psalm: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

SPECIAL COLLECTION FATHERS DAY APPEAL
Your generous donations have ensured a normal living for our retired priests who have served actively in the Archdiocese, but who are now elderly and frail. In fact in the past twelve months the Priests Retirement Foundation has assisted in caring for about one hundred sick or retired priests. Since last Father's Day the following priests have retired: Fr Ted Teal, Fr Bob Wood and Fr James Vo Thanh Xuan. Envelopes are on the seats please place in either collection with your donation.

MASS TIMES & SERVICES THIS WEEK

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- Every first Wednesday of the month Mass will be at Woodend Community Aged Care at 11.00am
- The Cellgroup meets on Sunday 3pm—4.30 each week for bible study, prayer and warm fellowship, all are welcome. Where: 247 Central Rd, Tylden.

Contact: Simone Liebergreen 54248459, David Mercer.

Baptisms
Are arranged by appointment and are held on the first Sunday of the month.

Marriages
(6 months notice)
Arranged by appointment.
[Enquiries and information brochure available from Parish Office]

Reconciliation
Celebrated at 5.30pm on Saturday or by appointment with the Priest.
COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND
This service is available to sick, elderly and housebound members of our parish community and there are many special ministers of the Eucharist who would deem it an honour to provide this service to such people. If you know of any parishioners who would like someone to call for this purpose contact the office on 5427 2690 and we will make the necessary arrangements.

WE PRAY FOR...
Please keep in your prayers all the members of this community who are sick especially John Bartels, Sam Barker, Shevoun Noonan and Niamh Inkster and all the sick of the Parish. God bring them peace of mind and a recovery to good health and guide those who care for them. We pray today for all those who have died recently, and for all whose anniversaries are at this time and for all those who have gone before us from this world to the fullness of life with God. May God have mercy on them all and help us to be faithful to their memory.

CHURCH ROSTERS

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COLLECTIONS

Presbytery Collection (1st collection)
(This collection covers running costs of Presbytery and Priest’s stipend.) $755

Church (envelope) collection
(This collection covers the Church capital costs, and on going maintenance.) $1125

ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP QUOTES
These quotes explore the spirituality and personality of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. She had wisdom and insight and her words will help us to live the Gospel in TODAY’S world.

“God will take care of us all”. 1867 The Little brown book too by Sue & Leo Kane

VOCATION VIEW
How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving?
Probably totally! Jesus’ stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!

STEWARSHIP REFLECTION
Many of us are generous with our gifts. However how often do we do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

MONDAY AT THE MANOR
Call in at John & Judy Wills house at Lot 6 Adam Close, Woodend at midday each Monday for a sandwich and a chat.
All welcome.
Anyone needing transport can call John & Judy Wills on 54272827.

GOSPEL REFLECTION
A judgemental attitude towards others never promotes love and harmony. We can all feel hurt and offended at times, but if we approach that person with kindness rather than anger, there is more chance of peaceful reconciliation. Jesus asks us to do all we can to promote love, peace and tolerance, and he assures us that he will be there among us with his support and encouragement.
UNIQUE CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY: CPE RESIDENCY PROGRAMME 2015
The Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre is Australia's only public hospital solely dedicated to cancer and one of an elite group of hospitals worldwide to have its own integrated cancer research program and laboratories. Four opportunities are available for people with a passion for Pastoral Care. This is a nine-month full-time education programme, commencing 16 February 2015 and concluding October 30, 2015. The personal attributes required are spiritual maturity, openness, an ability to take initiative and to work within a multidisciplinary team and a commitment to your ongoing development. Applications close Friday 10 October.

Contact: paula.donnoli@petermac.org or 9656 1301

OLD PARADIANS’ ASSOCIATION (OPA) CENTENARY DINNER—Friday 17 Oct, 7pm
Level 17, RACV City Club, 501 Bourke Street, Melbourne
The dinner will showcase the 100-year existence of the OPA, established in 1914 as a means of ensuring all Old Boys of Parade College maintained their connections. Event organisers are seeking to attract the greatest gathering of Old Paradians in history – from the OPA’s member football and cricket clubs through to College teachers, staff both past and present, and its Old Boys from as far back as the pre-World War II days – to be part of the celebrations. Old Paradian Matthew Keenan, a member of SBS’ commentary team for the Tour de France, is returning from Europe to act as Master of Ceremonies.

Cost: $120 (includes three-course dinner)
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/84908
Contact: Mirella Busso-Lee on 9468 3302 or mirella.busso-lee@parade.vic.edu.au

YARRA THEOLOGICAL UNION OPEN DAY Sunday 19 October, 2pm–5pm
98 Albion Road, Box Hill
Varra Theological Union (VTU), a Catholic College of the University of Divinity is holding an Open Day where information can be obtained regarding all undergraduate and postgraduate courses available.
Contact: 9890 3771 or admin@ytu.edu.au
More info: www.ytu.edu.au

CENTENARY DINNER DANCE Saturday 18 October, 7pm
Preston City Hall, 284 Gower St, Preston
Sacred Heart Parish Preston will be holding a Centenary Dinner Dance as part of the celebrations in its centenary year. Past members, friends and families of the Parish very welcome.
Contact: Eileen on 0402 448 652 or Mary on 9470 4561

POSITIONS VACANT
Applications are invited for the following positions:
- Parish Secretary, St Peter’s Parish Clayton
- Youth Minister, St Christopher’s Parish Syndal
- Special Projects Officer, Vocations Office-East Melbourne
- Young Family Coordinator, The Parish of St Anne & St Bede, Keilor East & Balwyn North
- Office Coordinator, RE Texts—East Melbourne
- Child Care Assistants, St Mary of the Assumption Out of School Hours Care—Keilor Down
- Facilities Operations Assistant, Catholic Theological College, East Melbourne


MOVIE SCREENING FUNDRAISER: JERSEY BOYS—Sunday 5 October, 2pm
Village Cinema, The Jam Factory
Support the work of the John Pierce Centre, in their ministry to the deaf community, by attending this private screening of Jersey Boys (M). Water/soft drink and popcorn included. There will also be a lucky seat prize. Bookings by Friday 26 September.
Cost: $25
Contact: 9525 1158 or admin@jpc.org.au
More info: www.jpc.org.au

SOLO CATHOLICS EVENT FOR OCTOBER: BALNARRING LIVE-IN WEEKEND
Friday 17 October to Sunday 19 October
17 – 19 Highview Court, Balnarring
Join other single Catholics for a relaxing weekend with plenty of free time, beach walks, markets, dining and great company! Cost: $55 for (2 nights) for members, $60 for non-members
Contact: Barbara on 5995 8410
First Reading  Ez 33:7-9
A reading from the prophet Ezekiel
If you have not warned the wicked man, then I will hold you responsible for his death.

The word of the Lord.

3. O that today you would listen to the word of the Lord, to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation  2 Cor 5:19
Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel   Mt 18:15-20
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew
If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother or sister does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Reflection
by Greg Sunter

This week’s gospel provides us with a lesson that could be well heeded in our contemporary world. Matthew relates a discourse on dealing with a grievance or sin between two ‘brothers’ – community members; fellow disciples. Matthew advises his audience that the first step is to try to resolve the matter privately between the offender and the one offended. This is a practice that seems to have almost disappeared today. When one person feels offended or hurt by another, it seems the last thing they do is to go and speak to the person, confront them with the hurt and try to resolve it. Soap operas and TV sitcoms promote avoidance of issues. The sub-text of so many TV shows is about lying to cover up a mistake; seeking revenge for some perceived (usually incorrect) insult; or working through others to try to deal with some hurt. If characters on these TV shows were to confront one another with a perceived hurt and seek to resolve the difference between them, there would be no ‘drama’ to play out in the show. Admittedly, it doesn’t make for great television, but it does make for much better relationships!

Matthew advises his community that only after a failed attempt to address an issue face to face should other members of the community become involved to further confront the offender through witnessing to their fault. The third step is to bring the person before the church community to be confronted with their actions and only after these three attempts to challenge the person fail should they be shunned. There is a very strong message of reconciliation that comes through this process. The person is given every chance to face their error and to seek amends with the one they have hurt. The whole process works towards bringing the community back together in harmony, not to seek revenge and punishment.
Wordsearch
Try to find these words:
- church
- go
- listen
- private
- refuse
- Scriptures
- sin
- true
- two
- unbeliever
- witnesses
- wrong

St Peter Claver

St Peter Claver was born in Spain in 1581 AD. After studying at the University of Barcelona, he became a Jesuit at the age of 20. St Peter was influenced by St Alphonsus Rodriguez to become a missionary in the Americas, where he ministered both physically and spiritually to the African slaves. He spent the next 40 years working for the humane treatment of slaves on plantations, and he reportedly converted some 300,000 African slaves to Christianity. Within the Spanish community living in America, St Peter organised charitable societies, similar to those organised by St Vincent de Paul across Europe. He said of the slaves, “We must speak to them with our hands by giving, before we try to speak to them with our lips.”