

For the Joy of the  
Lord is your  
**STRENGTH**  
NEHEMIAH 8:10

**CATHOLIC MISSION APPEAL**  
19th/20th SEPTEMBER



This year we are partner with the Church in Cambodia which is reaching out to those who have been affected by disability and support to life a fulling life.

Chen was just 16 years old when he lost both his legs in a landmine accident. Knowing that his life would never be the same, he felt hopeless, until he and his family were approached by the Arrupe Centre. Led by Bishop Enrique Figaredo Alvargonzalez, the Arrupe Centre provides children like Chen with support and opportunities they may not access otherwise.

Next week you will be offered the opportunity to personally partner with the Church in Cambodia.



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## SNAPSHOTS FROM THE BORDERS

Last Thursday Pope Francis meets participants of the European project “Snapshots from the Borders”, thanking them for their work aimed at promoting the common good and tearing down barriers. He said that through it, they are promoting a “deeper comprehension of migration”, allowing European societies to “give a more human and coordinated response to the challenges of modern-day migration”.

*Snapshots from the Borders* is a project aimed at informing European citizens about the realities surrounding migration today.

“The network of local authorities and civil society organisations, which was born from this project, aims to contribute positively to the development of migration policies that respond to this aim”. Pope Francis stated that “the current migration scenario is complex and often has dramatic implications”. The global interdependencies that determine migration flows should be studied and better understood, he said, adding that the many challenges affecting the world are challenges affecting everyone. “No one can remain indifferent to the human tragedies that continue to occur in different regions of the world”, he said.

Faced with these challenges the need for “concrete solidarity and shared responsibility” become apparent, both at the national and the international level, said the Pope. “We must act together, not alone”, he added. (vaticannews.va)



## Sacred Heart Parish Koorungal 12th/13th September, 2020

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Sat.Vigil:5:30pm Sunday: 10am

**Daily Mass Times:**

Monday - Friday: 5:45pm

Saturday: 9.30am

*Changes to Mass times will be on Chapel door.*

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## WE PRAY FOR:

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** Brian Connolly, Mary Desira, Frank Corbett, John Hosie, Beryl Pearson, Gerard Davis, Gerard Gaynor, Sr. Ann McRae pbvm, Thea Bowen, Fr. Frank Bell, John Maloney, Laurent Stout, Michael W. Flett, Tony Madigan, Allan Davis, Barbara McDonnell, Fr. Wilfred Plunkett, Fr. Noel Connolly ssc, John Stout, Bill Matthews, Beverly Crouch., Vitas Mangahis, Bette Fitzpatrick, Bob Barclay, Beth Gillard, Eileen Gaynor.

**ANNIVERSARIES/ REMEMBRANCES:** Fr. John Langtry.

**SICK:** Theresa Gallucci, Ilona Gortva, Laurence Roche, Dorothy Castle, William Trist, Miriam McCoy, Joanne Huckel, Terry Phegan, Mary Condell, Genevieve Keogh, Dorothy Waterford, Shivaun Clifton, Barry Parnell, Hayden O’Callaghan, June Kimber, Denise Goonan, Adam Horsley, Finley Owens, Shirley Gabriel, Christopher Lee, Garry Brigham, Brianna Papworth.

Be kind and compassionate to  
one another, forgiving each other,  
just as in Christ God forgave you.

Paul the Apostle

## **TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YR A**

To prepare for next Sunday's Mass go to St Louis Jesuits – The Centre for Liturgy website: <http://liturgy.slu.edu> and/or Jerusalem Bible Translation of Readings: <http://www.universalis.com/>

**FIRST READING:** A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7  
Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Ps 102:1-4.9-12

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

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever.

He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

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

**SECOND READING:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9  
The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

*Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!*

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 18:21-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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**

### **GOSPEL CONNECTIONS**

Jesus paints God as a king willing to forgive an outrageous sum owed to him, not because it's necessary - a king has no obligation to forgive anything - but for compassion's sake. Peter, in the guise of the first servant, sees his anger against his brother as actually justifiable. In the world of gospel parable, that attitude is destined for destruction. Holding others bound to their sin poisons our love. Our unforgiveness reveals how far short we fall of the mercy God shows to us. When I'm in opposition to a sister or brother, I know it's for my sake, as much as for theirs, that I find my way to forgiveness. To the extent that I choke my neighbour with my wrath, that's how far the embrace of sin has choked the love out of me.

*Whom do I find hardest to forgive? What makes it hard, and what price do you pay for unforgiveness?*

Resolve not to allow unforgiveness a breeding ground in your heart. (gpbs.com.au)

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