24th Sunday in Ordinary Time YrA 17 September 2023

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- Weekdays: Tues to Saturday 9:15am
- Saturday night: 6pm
- Sunday: 9am, 11am
- Anointing/Healing Mass: 915am [1st Friday of each Month]

YOUTH MASS: 2nd & 4th Sunday each Month 5pm.

HOLY HOUR / ADORATION:

- Every Friday after 9:15 Mass
- 1st Saturdays each month after 9:15am Mass
- 3:30pm 2nd & 4th Sundays

RECONCILIATION:

After 9:15am Mass: Wed & Saturday

YOUTH GROUPS: QUINN'S PLACE: Year 7+ Friday's 6pm-10pm Community House / Hall / Church.

ENCOUNTER: Youth Group: Primary school age 3pm-4:45pm before Youth Mass 2nd & 4th Sundays of each Month. Community House.

Video Sunday Mass:

Watch Mass Live: Every Sun. 9AM
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Upcoming Holy days:

- Wed 20th: Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, Martyr, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, Martyrs
- Thu 21st: St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
- Sat 23rd: St Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

WE HOLD IN OUR PRAYERS

Pray for the sick and their Carers: Tony Formosa, Betty Corke, Kevin Paganoni, Fiona Rush, Aaron Eastley, Bruce Reekie, Val Carr, Evan Senn, Adeline Lyn Tilden, Angela Turner, Laurence Turner, Roy Cahill, Poala Solvy, Geoffrey Lane, Terry Said, Kathleen Rose, Barbara Seymour, Barbara Hent, Collen Steele, Gai Beveridge, Barbara Hunt, Dr Ron Fitzgerald, James Tokarczyk, Sarah-Jane Sharp, Pat Guest, Rhonda Vernon, Sinead Ryan and Sean O'Leary.

Death Anniversaries: Ron Allen and Colin Cattermole.

First Reading

Sirach 27:30 – 28:7

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Forgive your neighbour's faults and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

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.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102:1-4. 9-12. R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful;
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

1. 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. (R.)
2. 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. (R.)
3. 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 (R.)
4. 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. (R.)

Second Reading

Romans 14:7-9

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Whether alive or dead, we belong to the Lord.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

John 13:34

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

I tell you that you forgive not seven times but seventy times seven.

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.'

Communion Antiphon

Cf Psalm 35:8

How precious is your mercy, O God!
The children of men seek shelter in the shadow of your wings.

Have you thought?

The parable sees the unforgiving servant putting his fellow servant in prison 'until he paid back the debt'. This is almost exclusively what prisons were used for until only a few hundred years ago. When a person could not repay a debt, they were held in prison until the debt was paid. Of course, being in prison, they had little opportunity to repay the debt themselves and relied on friends and relatives to repay the debt on their behalf. To pay someone's debt was to 'redeem' them. The earliest ideas of Christ as a 'Redeemer' were based on the idea of Christ paying a debt on behalf of humankind.

Gospel Reflection

This gospel passage follows directly from last week's passage. It concludes the whole of Matthew Chapter 18 that deals with sin, forgiveness and reconciliation. Peter's question to Jesus and suggested answer is a reflection of the view that there is a limit to the number of times we should forgive someone. Seven is a significant number in scripture and implies a 'perfect' amount.

Even though by his use of seven, Peter is suggesting that he should forgive someone many, many times, Jesus quickly corrects Peter and says not seven, but seventy-seven times (or seventy times seven). Jesus plays on the use of the number seven and multiplies it to indicate that one should forgive as many times as is required – without keeping count; without keeping score.

The story of the unforgiving servant is a familiar one of forgiveness and mercy being shown but not passed on. The sting in the tail of this parable is Jesus' final warning that, 'So will my heavenly Father do to you, unless each of you forgives his brother from his heart.' This is an unsettling statement, as we believe God's forgiveness to be without measure and without end. Jesus warns that unless we seek to imitate God's forgiveness and forgive others 'from our heart' (with compassion) then we are not going to recognise the forgiveness of God and will cut ourselves off from it. The whole idea of forgiving from the heart is a powerful contradiction of a popular concept: 'I can forgive, but not forget.' Is it really possible to forgive but refuse to forget? Surely holding on to a memory of hurt is holding on to the hurt itself and does not display that any forgiveness has occurred at all. To forgive but not forget is to keep count. How many times should I forgive the one who has hurt me? As many times as it takes!

Living the Gospel – Just like Peter

Throughout the gospels, Peter is a fantastic example of the common person. He has insights of faith at times but usually messes it up with his next breath. His question in this week's gospel is one that any one of us might ask. I try to do what's right, but how long do I have to hang in there? There has to be a limit to patience with someone who keeps upsetting me, surely? Jesus shows us that if we operate from a motivation of compassion and a desire to constantly build relationships that are life-giving for both parties, then there is no end to the number of times that we try to re-build that relationship.

VATICAN NEWS

Pope Francis warns against ideologies in Church and world

In his conversation with journalists on the flight back from Mongolia, Pope Francis addresses various topics, including the upcoming Synod General Assembly, and reiterates that his recent remarks to young Russian Catholics was an invitation for them not to forget their cultural heritage. By Vatican News

Pope Francis held his traditional inflight press conference on Monday with journalists traveling with him on the papal plane returning to Rome from Mongolia.

He took questions on several topics, beginning with a question from a journalist from the host nation of his 43rd Apostolic Journey.

Here follows a working English transcription and translation of the press conference:

Jargalsaikhan Damba-darjaa (The Defacto Gazete):

Thank you very much, Your Holiness, for visiting Mongolia. My question is: what was your main objective with this visit and are you satisfied with the result achieved?

[Pope Francis]: The idea to visit Mongolia came to me whilst thinking about the small Catholic community. I make these trips to visit Catholic communities and also to enter into dialogue with the history and culture of the people, and with the mysticism of a people. It is important that evangelisation is not conceived as proselytism. Proselytism always restricts. Pope Benedict said that faith does not grow by proselytism but by attraction. The proclamation of the Gospel enters into dialogue with culture. There is an evangelisation of culture and also an inculturation of the Gospel, because Christians also express their Christian values with the culture of their own people. This is the opposite of what religious colonisation would be. For me, the journey was to get to know the people of Mongolia, to enter into dialogue with them, to receive their culture, and to accompany the Church on its journey with much respect for them and their culture. I am satisfied with the result.

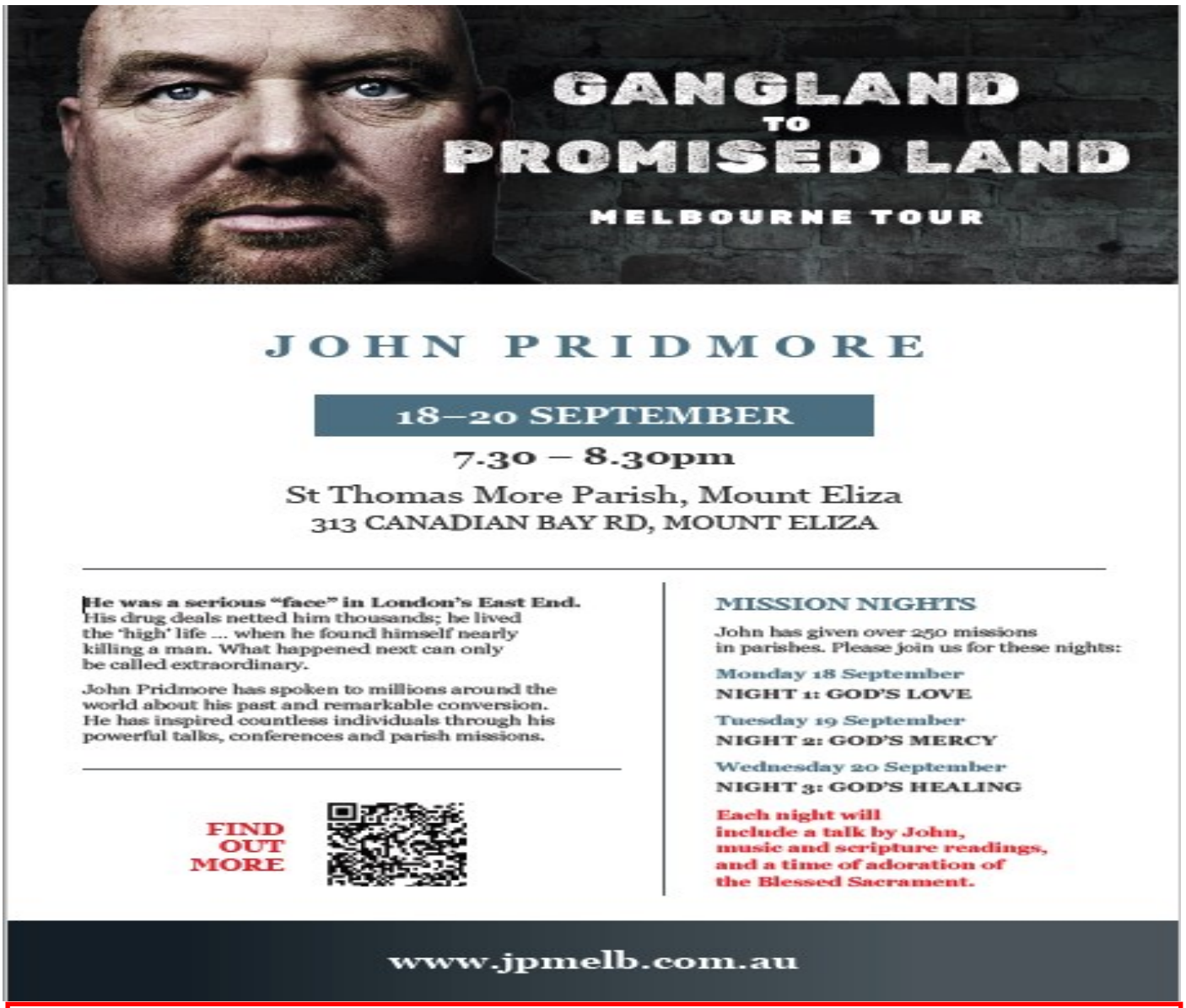
Ulambadrakh Markhaakhuu (ULS Suld Tv)

Today, conflict between civilisations can only be resolved through dialogue, as you, Your Holiness, have said. Can Ulaanbaatar offer itself as a platform for an international dialogue between Europe and Asia?

[Pope Francis]: I think so. You have something very interesting, which also favours this dialogue - I allow myself to call it the 'third-neighbour mystique'. You think that Ulaanbaatar is the capital of a country furthest from the sea, and we can say that your land is between two great powers, Russia and China. That is why your mystique is to try to dialogue even with your 'third neighbours': not out of contempt for these two, because you have good relations with both of them, but out of a yearning for universality, to show your values to the whole world, and also to receive from others their values in order to enter into dialogue. It is curious that, throughout history, going out to seek other lands was often confused with colonialism, or with the idea of going in to dominate…always. Instead, you, with this mystique of the third neighbour, have the philosophy of going out to seek, but in order to dialogue. I really liked this expression of the third neighbour. It is a richness of yours.

READ MORE:

Pope Francis warns against ideologies in Church and world - Vatican News



Parish Footy Tipping Competition

Our Final's competition began last week. All current tippers are automatically entered.

11 tippers scored 4/4 in the first round of the Finals, with Kees Duyvestyn in the lead, by correctly forecasting the winning margin for Collingwood followed closely one behind by the Lane Family. There's still 5 matches before the end of the season, so anything can happen.

DO YOU KNOW? Where were the first eight elimination finals held from 1972 to 1979 and from 2019 to 2022? The inaugural qualifying final was held at the MCG in 1972. 4,584 players have experienced finals action but do you know who are the 4 players who have kicked eight goals in qualifying finals?

Any competition queries or help contact James: jflob@bigpond.net.au / 0418 491781, Spencer: sanddmeier@bigpond.com / 0448 602 288.

CCC
Catechism of the Catholic Church #1

Hello

I'm often asked mainly by new Catholics but sometimes by others, about some of our faith / beliefs / or religious instruction (catechism).

I often take it for granted that ALL know it or are familiar with it.

That's - my fault. I shouldn't assume this at all.

So in this first review and subsequent, I will give a basic explanation and also get the literal meaning from the CCC or GIRM

(General Instruction of the Roman Missal)

Fr Geoff

RECEIVING THE EUCHARIST:

When receiving the real presence of our Lord in either the body or blood (bread or wine), the response when presented with either species, after the Priest or special Eucharistic Minister says:

- The Body of Christ or
- The Blood of Christ

The response is - AMEN.

Amen in this sense means - Yes, or so be it, or I truly believe that this is the body and/or blood of Christ. No addition thank you or thanks Father, etc is required or expected. But the AMEN is definitely required.

COMMUNION RITE:

Those who receive Holy Communion should be prepared to receive so great a gift. They should fast (except for medicines) for at least one hour before receiving the Eucharist and should not be conscious of having committed serious sin.

Because sharing at the Eucharistic Table is a sign of unity in the Body of Christ, only those in communion with the Catholic Church may receive Holy Communion. *
To invite others present to receive Holy Communion implies a unity which does not exist. Those who do not receive Holy Communion still participate in this rite by praying for unity with Christ and with each other.

The people approach the altar and, bowing with reverence, receive Holy Communion. People may receive the Body of Christ either on the tongue or in the hand. The priest or other minister offers the Eucharist to each person saying, "The Body of Christ." The person receiving responds by saying, "Amen," a Hebrew word meaning, "So be it" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2856).

** Because Catholics believe that the celebration of the Eucharist is a sign of the reality of the oneness of faith, life, and worship, members of those churches with whom we are not yet fully united are ordinarily not admitted to Holy Communion. Eucharistic sharing in exceptional circumstances by other Christians requires permission according to the directives of the diocesan bishop and the provisions of canon law (canon 844 §4). Members of the Orthodox Churches, the Assyrian Church of the East, and the Polish National Catholic Church are urged to respect the discipline of their own Churches. According to Roman Catholic discipline, the Code of Canon Law does not object to the reception of Communion by Christians of these Churches (canon 844 §3).*

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- Coach into South Australia and visit Our Lady Star of the Sea - a church built by Fr Julian Tenison Woods at **Robe**.
- Continue on to **Adelaide** where Mary professed her vows as a Sister of Saint Joseph and immerse ourselves in the unfolding story of the Congregation.
- Fly to **Sydney** and spend three nights at Mary MacKillop Place where Mary lived and died. Visit her burial site in the Memorial Chapel.
- Extra cost for those who wish to spend a couple of extra nights in Sydney before they return home.

A full itinerary is attached to the application form.

Booking & Enquiries

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17 October – 28 October 2023

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Is a guided faith journey towards becoming a Catholic

WHO IS RCIA FOR?

Adults who are not baptised.
Adults who are already baptised in another Christian Church.
Non-practising Catholics who wish to renew their faith.

Where do you begin?

At the Parish of St Macartan's Mornington, new sessions begin with an **information night**.

There is no obligation – come and find out more:

Thursday 19th October

7:00pm in the Church Community House, 8 Drake Street, next to the Church

or ring the Parish office on 5975 2200 or Email: mornington@cam.org,au

MEN'S NIGHT

The next Men's Night will be on Thursday 21st September at 5.00pm in the Community Centre. It's Finals Time. Will Carlton respond to Fr. Jude's Prayers?

How will Collingwood go? What will happen if the Interstate Teams win through? These deserve earnest discussion… So be there and enjoy not only good food, but excellent company. All for only a $2.00 donation. Don 't forget, it's B.Y.O.

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The Ordinary Minister of Holy Communion is the Bishop, Priest or Deacon. Those who assist the ordained are called "Extraordinary" Ministers of Holy Communion.
(c.f. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 162).

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All inquiries please contact the office: 59752200

or see Fr Geoff

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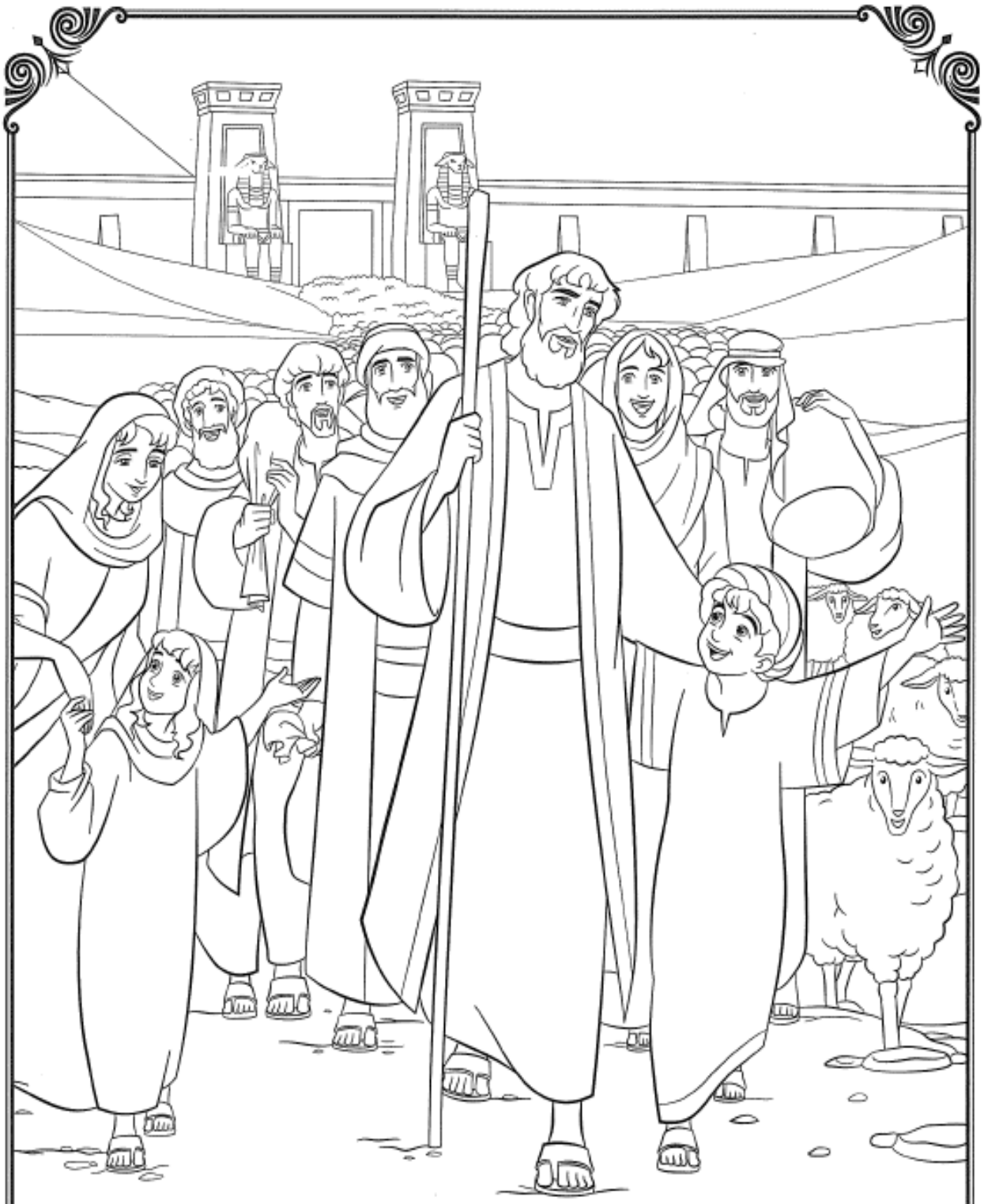

God freed the children of Israel from slavery!

Jokes of the Week

1) A woman testified to the transformation in her life that had resulted through her experience in conversion. She declared, "I'm so glad I got religion. I have an uncle I used to hate so much that I vowed I'd never go to his funeral. But now, why, I'd be happy to go to it any time."

2) In a recent issue of Reader's Digest, Janey Walser wrote these words: "I once worked in a grocery store and often assisted elderly people when they came in. One woman shopped nearly every day, asking for just a few items each time. After a month, she said to me, "I suppose you wonder why I'm here so often. You see, I live with my nephew. I can't stand him, and I am not going to die and leave him with a refrigerator full of food."

3) Two little brothers, Harry and James, had finished supper and were playing until bedtime. Somehow, Harry hit James with a stick, and tears and bitter words followed. Charges and accusations were still being exchanged as their mother prepared them for bed. She said, "Now boys, what would happen if either of you died tonight and you never had the opportunity again for forgiving one another?" James spoke up, "Well, OK, I'll forgive him tonight, but if we're both alive in the morning, he'd better look out."

4) A catchy little epigram:

Every day I pass the Church,
I stop and make a visit,
For fear that when I'm carried there
The Lord will say, "Who is it?

<u>The Miracle Club</u>

This is not a film about religion, it is a film about relationships and reconciliation. Four women travel to Lourdes for differing reasons. Whilst none experience a miraculous 'cure', they each gain something significant from the trip. The real miracle is that the left at home husbands realise just how much work their absent wives do and gain a newfound appreciation for them.

By JC

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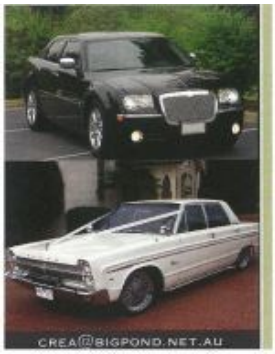

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24th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 16th & 17th September 2023

6.00pm Readers: Louise Renshaw, Adrian Mitchell
Eucharistic Ministers: Alice Fisher, Joyce Ward

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Zinno
Eucharistic Ministers: Joseph Thoppil, Marcelle Azzopardi

11.00am Readers: Irene Hackett, Terry Roberts
Eucharistic Ministers: Barbara Ensil, Sandra Barrett

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 23rd & 24th September 2023

6.00 pm: Readers: Marlene Tesmann, Brian Scantlebury
Eucharistic Ministers: Mairi Duyvestyn, Michael Turner

9.00am Readers: Kathleen Ronchi, Spencer Meier
Eucharistic Ministers: John and Mary Lewis

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Trish Duryea
Eucharistic Ministers: Terry Roberts, Rosina Di Petta

26th Sunday of Ordinary Time – 30th – 10th October 2023

6.00pm Readers: Iris Hallinan, Kees Duyvestyn,
Eucharistic Ministers: Michael Turner, Fay Murphy

9.00am Readers: Michael Kerr, Don Ziino
Eucharistic Ministers: Richard Jolly, Rosemarie D'Silva

11.00am Readers: Michael Harrison, Patricia Duryea
Eucharistic Ministers: Sue Fletcher, Rosina Di Petta

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