



Safeguarding Sunday 2026 – 13th SEPTEMBER 2026

On Safeguarding Sunday, we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities. We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. This year the theme is ***Love Protects*** and the readings show us that real love is not passive goodwill. Rather it actively shields the vulnerable, tells the truth, and never lets silence stand in for safety.



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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION of ADULT (RCIA)

If you would like to become Catholic and a lifelong disciple of Jesus, not Baptised and would like to know more: **JOIN OUR FIRST ENQUIRY Session on Sunday 20th September at 10am** in the Schoenstatt Meeting Room

There is always lots happening around our Diocese, for information about all the events happening and information of safeguarding please visit parracatholic.org follow on Facebook & instagram

Don't forget to check our our Parish website on southmoundruitt.org.au

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24th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (YEAR A)

13th September 2026

From Deacon Rod's desk

What does 'seventy-seven times' symbolize?

In Matthew 18:22, when Jesus tells Peter to forgive "not seven times but seventy-seven times" (some translations render it "seventy times seven"), He is not giving a mathematical limit. Rather, the number symbolizes unlimited, continual forgiveness.

In Jewish tradition, numbers often carried symbolic meaning. Peter's suggestion of forgiving seven times already represented generosity because seven was a number associated with completeness. Jesus goes far beyond Peter's calculation, teaching that forgiveness is not something to be counted or measured.

Many biblical scholars also see an echo of Genesis 4:24, where Lamech boasts of vengeance "seventy-sevenfold." Jesus reverses this logic. Instead of limitless revenge, He calls His disciples to practice limitless mercy. The Kingdom of God is built not on retaliation but on reconciliation and compassion.

For Catholics, "seventy-seven times" means:

Forgive as God forgives us.

Do not keep a record of injuries.

Let mercy become a habit rather than an occasional act.

Trust that forgiveness reflects God's own heart.

This does not mean ignoring justice or allowing abuse. Rather, it means refusing to nourish hatred and resentment. As the first reading from Sirach teaches, those who seek God's mercy must themselves be merciful.

A simple message of this Sunday's Gospel is: "Count God's mercy toward you, not the offenses of others." That is the spirit behind Jesus' command to forgive "seventy-seven times."

Sunday Masses: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Saturday 6.00 pm Sunday 7.30 am & 9.00am

Weekday Masses:

- Monday 14th September: 9:10am – Exaltation of the Holy Cross (feast)
Tuesday 15th September: 9:10am - Our Lady of Sorrows (memorial)
Wednesday 16th September: 7.00pm- St Cornelius and Cyprian (memorial)
Thursday 17th September: 9:10am – Thurs.24th Week in Ordinary Time
Friday 18th September: 9:10am – Fri. 24th Week in Ordinary Time
Saturday 19th September: 9:10am – Sat. 24th Week in Ordinary Time

Confession Times:

SATURDAYS -9.45 - 10.15am & 5.00 - 5.30pm

- Pastoral Director:** Deacon Roderick Pirotta
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Baptisms & Weddings: By arrangement only

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CHURCH CLEANING & LECTORS ROSTER

12 th September	Jerry & Gloria
19 th September	Ingrid, Irene & Nirmala
26 th September	Samoan Community
3 rd October	Lydia and Nelson

LECTORS	6PM	7:30AM	9AM
12 th /13 th September 24 th Sunday in OT	Jeric Salazar Luisito Villapana	Thomas Merjudio Joaquim Mendes	Matthias Wong Palenatita Mafi
19 th /20 th September 25 th Sunday in OT	Herminia Villarica Edna Gemzon	Vinod Nagaraja Sangeeta Kumar	Agnes Polu Leo Macatanjay
26 th /27 th Sept 26 th Sunday in OT	Gloria Cardoza Pio Vergara	Elijah Merjudio Herbie Cruz	Sosefo Vaisima Monica Uhatefe
3 rd /4 th October 27 th Sunday in OT	Wendy Farquharson Edna Gemzon	Elijah Merjudio Thomas Merjudio	Helen Nau Fadi Antown

PARISH NOTICES

1. **Thank you to all Parishioners who donated to the Bishop's Father's Day appeal. The amount collected was \$1,995.**
2. Please read the fete news. Assistance needed on Sunday after fete to clean up (3pm- 5pm). Obey all traffic signs, instructions from the safeguarding and safety officers. Credit card facilities are available during the fete. Let us enjoy ourselves and continue a stronger faith community in our parish.
3. **Free Catholic Outlook Magazine out now. Pick up from back of the Church.**
4. Registration for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on 25th Oct 2026 will close on Sunday 20th September. No more applications will be accepted after this date.
5. **Rosary Making Workshops. Donated to the sick and dying in hospitals across our Diocese. The craft evening will be held on the following days: 23 September, 15 October, 5 November. Costs are \$5 per person – payable on arrival (includes all materials). To register and for more information, please visit parracatholic.org/rosary-workshops**

Live-in Carer Opportunity

Our beautiful 97 y.o. father lives at home. He is of Anglo-Indian decent, speaks English and is still mobile. We are looking for a special person to help home care for him in either a full-time or part-time capacity. He lives in The Hills area and has family support next door. The job would suit a nursing student or someone that is good with people. Food, board and remuneration package is negotiable. If you would like more information, please contact Jason on jason@jjmail.me or 0414987206.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN OUR COMMUNITY:

SICK: Maurice Hillman; Ester Olanda Zambrana; Lorraine Joy Calvert, Jenny Taateo, Leonie Baybay, Aida Aniscol, Maria Llave; Fe Llave, Boyet Llave; Fara Vargas; Stella Edwards & Maria Belisario;

RECENTLY DECEASED: Violeta Jordan; Ruby Gale, Alleyn Wilkonson; Irene Nimenzo; Chris Wilson; Judith Anne Calvert Stephenson, Wendy Joan Calvert; Ruben Cantillana; Sonny Rosmaria; Prudencio Fronda; Betty Masilang; Patricia Borre; Jachino De Almeida; Norma Labrador;

DEATH ANNIVERSARIES: Joseph Tomicic. We pray for all those names who appear in the Parish memorial book for the month of September.