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IF YOUR BROTHER SINS AGAINST YOU

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What's the best way to repair a damaged relationship? Jesus offers his disciples spiritual freedom and power for restoring broken or injured relationships.

Don't brood over an offense - speak directly and privately

What can we learn from Jesus' instructions about how to mend a damaged relationship (Mt 18:15-20)? If you feel you have been wronged by someone, Jesus says the first step is to speak directly but privately to the individual who has done the harm. One of the worst things we can do is brood over our grievance. This can poison our mind and heart and make it more difficult to go directly to the person who caused the damage.

Seek the help of wise Christians

If we truly want to settle a difference with someone, we need to do it face to face. If this fails in its purpose, then the second step is to bring another person or persons, someone who is wise and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. The goal is not so much to put the offender on trial, but to persuade the offender to see the wrong and to be reconciled. And if this fails, then we must still not give up, but seek the help of the Christian community. Note the emphasis here is on restoring a broken relationship by seeking the help of other Christians who hopefully will pray and seek a solution for reconciliation based on Christian love and wisdom, rather than relying on coercive force or threat of legal action, such as a lawsuit.

Pray for the offender - for healing and reconciliation

Lastly, if even the Christian community fails to bring about reconciliation, what must we do? Jesus seems to say that we have the right to abandon stubborn and obdurate offenders and treat them like social outcasts. The tax-collectors and Gentiles were regarded as "unclean" by the religious-minded Jews and they resorted to shunning them. However we know from the Gospel accounts that Jesus often had fellowship with tax-collectors (as well as other public sinners), ate with them, and even praised them at times! Jesus refuses no one who is open to receive pardon, healing, and restoration.

God, our Father, bless these men, that they may find strength as fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.



HAPPY
Father's Day

C H U R C H E S

ST PATRICK, BRADDON

SUN	8:00 am	Mass
	10:00 am	German Mass (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)
TUE-FRI	12:10 pm	Rosary
	12:30 pm	Mass
FRI	11:30 am -	Adoration &
	12:30 pm	Confession

ST BRIGID, DICKSON

SUN	9:30 am	Mass
	5:00 pm	Vietnamese Mass (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)
		Maronite Mass (Last Sunday of the month)
TUE-SAT	8:40 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Mass
WED	8:00 am -	Adoration
	11:00 am	
SAT	5:00 pm -	Adoration
	8:00 pm	
	9:30 am -	Adoration &
	10:00 am	Confession
	5:30 pm -	Confession
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass

Healing Service takes place after the Mass on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

ST JOSEPH, O'CONNOR

SUN	8:30 am	Mass
TUE-FRI	8:15 am -	Adoration
	9:10 am	(Confession during Adoration every Friday.)
	9:15 am	Mass
SAT	8:15 am	Novena to Our Lady of the Perpetual Help
	8:30 am	Mass
	5:15 pm -	Confession
	5:45 pm	
	6:00 pm	Vigil Mass

Anointing of the Sick is within the Mass at 8:30 am every 1st Saturday of the month.

Recitation of the Rosary takes place after the 9:15 a.m. Mass, Tuesday to Friday.

ST THOMAS MORE, CAMPBELL

SUN	10:00 am	Mass
FRI	11:00 am -	Adoration
	11:45 am	
	11:45 am	Mass

Confession is every Friday, 11:00 am to 11:40 am. Anointing of the Sick takes place every 1st Sunday of the month at 11:15 am.

HOLY ROSARY | BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

SUN	9:30 am	Rosary
	10:00 am	Mass
	5:00 pm	Mass
TUE-FRI	5:30 pm	Mass
SAT	4:00 pm -	Confession
	4:30 pm	
	5:00 pm	Vigil Mass
FRI	6:00 pm -	Adoration
	7:00 pm	

READINGS

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

cf. Psalm 118:137,124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

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

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. 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

cf. 2 Corinthians 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

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother 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 along 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.'

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

cf. Psalm 41:2-3

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Aubrey, Ana Weta Waqabuli, Juanito Gatpandan, Eugenia Moranta, Gertrude Fletcher, Peter Evans, Barry Murphy, Margaret Sullivan

IN LOVING MEMORY

Wilfredo Baylin, Reynaldo Magada, Sylvia Mantinaos, Peg Butz, Eddie Pook, Christopher Castro, Erlinda Marquez, Sara Sabas, Peter Swan, Gordon Meech, Richard Alfred (Alf) Meech, Atilio Gric, Peter Black, Salvana Baylin, Sr. Veronica Dunphy, John Mowbray, Denis O'Brien, Raymond Hawkes, Maria Vassallo

*"Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual light shine
upon them. May the souls of the faithful
departed, through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. Amen."*



SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Val Malone, Peter Catlin, Yola Bier, Charlotte Crombie and family, Maggie Mc Keown, Dawn Boag, Mary Pidcock, Cindy Mason, Peter Bergin, Tony Anderson

*Prayer intentions will remain in the bulletin
for two weeks.*

- **Institute for Synodal Evangelisation's Fourth Formation Forum: "What Do We Believe?" – Tuesday, 15 September, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Venue: Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre.** Explore the meaning of the Creed, its role in uniting Christians across generations and cultures, and how it continues to shape our faith and daily lives. Online: us06web.zoom.us/j/87199525802 (Meeting ID: 871 9952 5802) | Cost: Free (registration required) | Register: tinyurl.com/35vs84jZ Enquiries: institute@cg.org.au.
- **Faith & Light – Come and See – Saturday, 5 September from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Venue: Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin.** Join Faith & Light, a Christian community for people with intellectual disabilities, their families and friends. Come and experience faith, friendship, prayer, and fellowship over afternoon tea. For more information, contact Anne on 0415 175 802.

CENTRAL CANBERRA, BRADDON & DICKSON

- **RCIA theme program this week theme is "Virtues and Vices" facilitated every Thursday at 6:00 pm. Venue: St Brigid's Parish Hall.** Adults who are interested about learning the Catholic Faith or desire to be Catholic may enlist themselves for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) by contacting our email innernorth@cg.org.au
- **Altar Server Training at St Brigid's & St Patrick's.** St Brigid's and St Patrick's are seeking new altar servers. A three-night training course will be held on Mondays, 7, 14 and 21 September at 6:30pm. Attendance at all sessions is required for induction and rostering. To register your interest, email Hugh at hajones1981@outlook.com.
- **Cana Youth (Years 7-12) – Saturdays, 5 & 19 September, from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm following the Vigil Mass. Venue: St Brigid's Parish Hall.** There will be no youth group during the Archdiocesan Assembly.
- **First Anniversary of the Grotto of Our Lady at St Brigid's – Tuesday, 8 September.** Please note that the usual 8:40 am Rosary and 9:00 am Mass will not be held. Instead, the Rosary will be prayed at 5:00 pm, followed by Mass at 5:30 pm. The celebration will conclude with a blessing prayer at the Grotto. All are welcome.

ST JOSEPH, O'CONNOR

- **Junior Schola Cantorum – Rehearsals every Saturday, 9:30 am.** Choral training for ages 8-16, preparing for the 2028 Eucharistic Congress in Sydney. Based on the Royal School of Church Music and Jubilate Deo programs. Morning tea provided. Register at: <https://linktr.ee/stjoseph.choristers>
- **Choral Vespers – Sunday, 20 September, 4:00 pm.** Join St. Joseph's Choristers for an hour of sacred choral music, featuring ychoral works by prominent Catholic composers William Byrd and James Moore, concluded with Benediction, followed by afternoon tea. Come and Sing Session at 3:00 pm RSVP here: <https://linktr.ee/stjoseph.choristers>
- **Children's Liturgy continues this term during the 8:30 am Mass until 20 September.** All children are welcome.
- **Term 4 Children's Liturgy will commence on 18 October.** We thank our wonderful volunteer leaders for their support of this important ministry. Please continue to keep our children and leaders in your prayers.
- **Unpacking the Short Saying of Jesus- Next Session:** Thursday Meetings on September at St. Joseph's is on 3rd of September and 17th of September. For more information, contact Anna.Wierzbicka@anu.edu.au

BLACKFRIARS, WATSON

- **The Eucharist in the Life of the Church – The Eucharist and Devotion – Mondays, 14, 21 & 28 September, 7:00 pm for 7:30 pm. Venue: Parish Centre.** Register at innernorth@cg.org.au. For more information, contact Roger Paul at rpaul2572@gmail.com | <https://tinyurl.com/EucharisLifeChurch2026>
- **Ecumenical Creation Service – Sunday, 20 September, 9:30 am.** Join the Holy Roundabout churches for an Ecumenical Creation Service under the cherry tree at St Margaret's and Holy Cross, Hackett. This year's Season of Creation theme is "Living Water", focusing on hope and ecological healing. Morning tea follows; please bring a plate.
- **The Craft Group.** Offering friendship, company and cuppa on Wednesdays (except 3rd Wednesday) from mid-day in the parish centre. All welcome!
- **Scripture Reflection** for the following Sunday is held each Wednesday in the parish centre from 7:30 pm to 8.30 pm. All welcome.
- **ACU Noon Masses.** Starts with adoration at 11:15 am every Tuesday and Wednesday at the Signadou Chapel (during Semester period)
- **Cana Kids (Years 4-6) – Sundays, 6 & 20 September, from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm following the 10:00 am Mass.** Venue: Parish Centre.

FROM THE OFFICE

- **Cursillo 60th Anniversary Reunion, Saturday, 24 – Sunday 25 October, St Christopher's Parish Centre, Manuka.** To all who have participated in a Cursillo recently, or in the long-distant past, are invited to register and come along. Please register before 16 October. Contact acgcursillo@gmail.com More info and registration <https://tinyurl.com/cg60reunion>
- **Vocations Discernment Dinner at Evatt Presbytery – Thursday, 10 September, 6:00 pm.** For men interested in discerning a call to the Priesthood. A hearty meal provided with insightful discussions & prayer. To rsvp please contact Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au or 0414 523 036.
- **Fatima Day Pilgrimage to Penrose Park Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy, led by Fr Emil Milat - Tuesday, 13 October.** The day includes the Rosary, Solemn Mass, Eucharistic Procession, and Confession. Return bus transport: \$55 pp. No refunds. For bookings and information: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1635863> or email wodensouth@cg.org.au.

"I would rather have learning
joined with virtue than all the treasures of kings."

~Saint Thomas More



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(Supporting all the priests of the Archdiocese)

A/C Name: **Central Presbytery Fund**, BSB: 062-786 and Bank Account: 00029248
Reference: Your parish location, name and intention (e.g., Campbell Smith 1st collect)

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~ **St Thomas More, Campbell**: A/C Name: **St Thomas More Parish**
BSB: 062-786, A/C: 00014869, Ref: Name & Giving Number

~ **Blackfriars, Watson**: A/C Name: **Blackfriars Parish Watson**
BSB: 062-786, A/C: 00013341, Ref: Name & Giving Number

Annual Father's Day Appeal for our Retired Priests.

The Appeal supports the 22 retired priests who have faithfully served our communities for many years. Please consider making a generous, tax-deductible donation. Donations can also be made online at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate. Thank you for your support.



PARISH SAFEGUARDING COMMITMENT

The CINCC is committed to safeguarding and upholding the dignity and rights of our children and vulnerable people. We seek to empower children, their families and carers, and vulnerable people, to have a say, to be listened to, and to be protected. This approach is at the center of all of our thinking and action.

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"BE WHO YOU WERE MEANT TO BE
AND YOU WILL SET THE WORLD ON FIRE"
ST CATHERINE OF SIENA

The CINCC acknowledges the Ngunnawal people, the Traditional Owners who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the continued deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of Reconciliation.