

Reflection: Today's Gospel passage deals with the subject of correction and forgiveness. In fact all three of the today's readings touch on the matter. The Prophet Ezekiel speaks of warning people to renounce their wicked ways. St. Paul reminds the Romans of their obligation to keep the commandments and he concludes that the surest way of keeping the commandments is by always having an attitude of love of neighbour at the centre of what directs our actions. In a similar vein, when someone asked Jesus, "Which commandment of the Law is the greatest?" Jesus replied "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. and a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the prophets." The Catechism tells us that the ten commandments and indeed the whole of the moral law must be interpreted in light of this twofold commandment of love. To paraphrase the Catechism, Jesus gave us an example when it comes to forgiveness: During his public life Jesus forgave sins and also made plain the effect of this forgiveness: he reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community of the People of God from which sin had alienated or even excluded them. A remarkable sign of this is the fact that Jesus receives sinners at his table, a gesture that expresses in an astonishing way both God's forgiveness and the return to the heart of the People of God. For us today, his table is the table of the Holy Eucharist. The sentence in the Gospel: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven, is the act in which Jesus imparted to his apostles his own power to forgive sins and the Lord also gave them the authority to reconcile sinners with the community we call the Church. The task of reconciling with the Church is expressed most notably in Christ's solemn words to Peter: "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." We know that the Lord forgives us and gives us the means of receiving His forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance. However, as a consequence, He requires us to forgive one another too. He said: "Be merciful, as your Father is merciful." and "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you." That is the particularly difficult part. It would be impossible to forgive as Jesus forgives, and as he demands, if we didn't have the Holy Spirit in us. To quote the Catechism again: there has to be a vital participation, coming from the depths of the heart, in the holiness and the mercy and the love of our God. Only the Spirit by whom we live can make "ours" the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Then the unity of forgiveness becomes possible and we find ourselves "forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave" us. The Gospel concludes by saying that: If two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. We would do well to ask for the grace to forgive one another in order to ensure or restore peace, unity and harmony that ought to be the hallmarks of followers of Jesus.

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Morgan Hurley
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Patrick Fitzgibbon
May they rest in eternal
peace.

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This weekend we are pleased to welcome
Father Robbie Coffey
as the newest member of the team in our
Cathedral Pastoral Unit.
He comes to us from Bruff Parish.
Father Robbie was ordained in 1991.
As we welcome him, we wish him every happiness and a fruitful ministry
among us.

Saints of the Week:

Tue 8th Sept Birthday of Virgin Mary

Wed 9th Sept St Ciaran

Thurs 10th St Peter Claver



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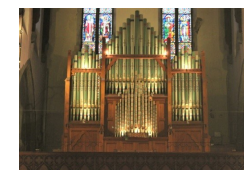
When: Saturday, 12th September 2026

Time: 10am - 4pm

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