

FR ALO WRITES...

“Settling Differences”

(Matthew 18:15-20)

There were three religious men living in a community. They had a regular monthly meeting to express what they felt, thought and planned for the life of their community. They mostly engaged with external issues that are related to the life of the community like community prayer, meal times, outings and pastoral. They hardly shared their feelings and personal issues. They were aware of what they had been doing that concerned their personal issues and sometimes affected their commitment to community life. Therefore, three of them decided to share their personal issues. The time came for them to have their in depth time of sharing of their own stuff. The first one said: *“I have been hiding a bad attitude of mine from you for years, I am an alcoholic. I hardly wake up in the morning because I get drunk sometimes”*. The other two nodded to show their love and concern for their brother’s weakness. The second said: *“I haven’t been open to you so far and now I would like to share with you that I am in love with Patty. Almost every night I spend time talking to her on the phone till midnight. That’s why sometimes I arrive late for Morning Prayer”*. The other two were showing their care and acceptance of him by words of encouragement like ‘we understand, you are still young’, or ‘it’s normal for a man’ or ‘we know you love God more than Patty’, etc. The third man was silent for awhile and was in tears. He finally said: *“I am not good enough to become your brother. I am an excessive gossiper”*. The other two were really shocked since they knew him as a quiet person.

Jesus’ message in today’s gospel is clear enough. 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. And do not do things like the third religious man did in the story above. 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, trustworthy and gracious rather than someone who is hot-tempered or judgmental. Seeking advice or help from the third person cannot be classified as ‘gossiping’. It is because our intention is not to spread the person’s bad reputation but mainly to help. 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.

One of the things that we should do in helping a person to be aware of his/her wrong doing, if the person is still showing his/her stubbornness, is to pray for him/her. Prayer is not about changing God’s approach to the person. God always appears as a “loving” and “compassionate” God. Our prayer cannot change this identity of God. Our prayer is that we and the offender may open to experience God as a loving and compassionate God. Trust the power of prayer. Jesus’ words are still relevant for us today: *“Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”*



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 6 SEPT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 7 SEPT

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea
 11:00am Baptisms
 3:30pm Indonesian Mass
 6:00pm Mass



MONDAY 8 SEPT

9:00am Mass
 9:30am Reconciliation

WEDNESDAY 10 SEPT

9:00am Mass

FRIDAY 12 SEPT

9:00am Mass

SATURDAY 13 SEPT

6:00pm Mass

SUNDAY 14 SEPT

9:30am Mass + Kids Church, Morning Tea
 3:30pm Indonesian Mass
 6:00pm Mass



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MASS TIMES
 Sat - 6pm (Vigil)
 Sun - 9:30am (Family), 6pm
 Mon, Wed, Fri - 9am
 Indonesian Mass Sun - 3:30pm
 French Mass Third Sun - 11am

RECONCILIATION
 Mon 9:30am or by appointment

HOLY HOUR + RECONCILIATION
 Thursday before 1st Friday - 7:00pm

INDONESIAN COMMUNITY
 Fr Aloysius Tamnge msc – 0426 042 624

BAPTISMS
 First Sunday - 11am, bookings required

WEDDINGS
 By Appointment

SACRAMENTS
 Contact parish office

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RESPONSES

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

FIRST READING
 Ezekiel 33:7-9

RESPONSORIAL PSALM
 O that today you would listen to his voice!
 Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING
 Romans 13:8-10

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION
 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

COMMUNION ANTIPHON
 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.

OREMUS

Let us Pray

SICK
 Miriam McKoy, Fr Roger Duggan msc, Neville Dunn, Mr MacKenzie, Fr Chris Murphy msc, Tom Regan, Pam (Rose’s friend), Derek Chick, Tony (Dulwich Hill), Br James Maher msc, Francesco Alessi, Fr Peter Robinson msc, Lucia Simeone, Assunta Ciaglia, Natalina Beghetto, Frank Zakrzewski, Llewellyn Samuel, Antonio Laquian, Joe Di Blasio, Rina Vecchief, Betty Mansfield, Anton’s mum, Nella Custorella, Marie LaBrooy, Patty Ingram, Dee Piper, Rosaria Ciaglia, Frank George, Colleen Corcoran, Zanita Banzon, Angela Breen Ortega

BELOVED DECEASED
 Lupo Vaccarella, Magdalena Mini Sutanta, Elaine Patricia Bonnet

ANNIVERSARIES
 Josephine Tripodi, Augustinus Hardjawana

ROSTERS

SEPT 6/7	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	Dennis Fenech	Roel Castillo	Terry Gormley
Readers	James Lynch Judith Lynch	Ross Martin Vicky-Kerry Offord	Virginia Black Nicholas Black
E. Ministers	Alice Mouco Jan Nicholas	Mary Martin Stephen Gatt Nani Widarto Henny Ramali Robyn Kildea Hartono Ong	Susan Tauemoepenu Francine Pirola
KidsChurch	Aubrey Curley, Holley Curley		
Counting	Terry & Val Gormley, Ratna Santoso, Rob Payten		
Comm to Sick	Roel Castillo, Robyn Kildea		
SEPT 13/14	SAT 6PM	SUN 9:30AM	SUN 6PM
Acolyte	John Allen	Gus Alimhamzah	George Bedirian
Readers	John Dorahy Sr Monica Donnan	Bernard Pacia Ana Corpuz	Selvi Ung Marieann Duncan
E. Ministers	Judith Lynch Dewi Suryani	Robyn Kildea Brigid Siely Amelia Iovanella Thomas Chia Ana Corpuz Barbara Hitchcox	Grace Pandiangan Trish Veness
KidsChurch	Michelle Nash, Erin Beavis, Harriet Beavis		
Counting	John Moore, Ray Delohery, Selvi Ung		
Comm to Sick	Thomas Chia, Mary Martin		

YOUTH

Big KidsChurch

Join the team and lead the 9:30am Mass every fourth Sunday. Ages 10-15.
Contact: Ana Corpuz – 0416 166 149.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY



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WHEN I GROW UP
I WANT TO BE **ALIVE**



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*<http://jamaica-gleaner.com/gleaner/20130609/focus/focus4.html>

Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/Jamaica

JAMAICA—A COUNTRY TROUBLED BY VIOLENCE AND CRIME



PARISH CHAT.....

Holy Hour - First Thursday Vigil (7pm)

This Hour of Grace and Mercy is a time to encounter the healing presence of Jesus and refresh your soul. Reconciliation is also available during Adoration.



**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL
OUR FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS
AND FATHERS TO BE...**

A Father's Day Prayer:

God our Father,
bless all the fathers in the world.
Guide them to be good role models
and loving to all their children.
Help them to be a father like you are.
Give them grace and patience
to handle situations in a loving way.
Grant this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

PARISH PLANNING

The Mission and Outreach Core Group plans to meet on Thursday 18th September next at 7pm.

The role of this Core Group is to expand and develop the activities of the Parish in such areas as the works of St Vincent de Paul, social justice, support for our elderly, sick and newly bereaved parishioners, hospitality, building our Parish community, family support, support in the administration of the Parish and care of the Church and surrounds.

If you are interested in joining this group please contact Fr Alo or Judith Lynch on 0412 399 479

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WE'RE CELEBRATING...

Baptisms - 7 September
 Alexander & Charlotte Leong
 Indiana Ruby Watts
 Jackson James Izhik

NOTICES



Youth Leaders' Formation Course

Are you aged 18-30? Are you looking for the next step? Are you willing to take a leap of faith? From 24 November to 22 December 2014 the 8th Youth Leaders' Formation Course (YLFC) will be held by the Archdiocese of Sydney out at the Benedict XVI Retreat Centre. The YLFC is a unique opportunity for 20 young adults to live in community while being immersed in a transformative spiritual, pastoral and intellectual life. The YLFC includes over thirty presentations from dynamic speakers, daily Mass and prayer, silent retreat, parish mission, social outreach and life changing friendships! See the promo videos and find out more at www.catholicyouthservices.org/ylfc or email ylfc@catholicyouthservices.org.

Quarterly Memorial Mass for the Deceased Interred in the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Gardens, Botany

The next Memorial Cemetery Mass for the deceased interred in the Eastern Suburbs Memorial Gardens and Crematorium, Botany will be celebrated in the Crematorium South Chapel on **Saturday 13th Sept at 11am.**

JOKE CORNER

"Dad, are bugs good to eat?" asked the boy. "Let's not talk about such things at the dinner table, son," his father replied. After dinner the father inquired, "Now, son, what did you want to ask me?" "Oh, nothing," the boy said. "There was a bug in your soup, but now it's gone."

Come Back, Brother!

