



# ST. JOHN'S CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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## TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

Reading I: Sir 27, 33-28, 7

Reading II: Romans 14, 7-9

Gospel: Matthew 18, 21-35

Revised Roman Missal: 560

### Gospel Summary

This great story illustrates God's tremendous love for us. In the story a servant (someone like us) owed an incomprehensible sum of money (our sinfulness) to a king (God). The servant begged for time to repay the debt. The king, out of love and compassion, forgave the entire debt. But the sad ending of the story described the servant's inability to forgive another person's much smaller debt.

### Reflection for Families

This is an easy gospel for parents to understand. We are called to love one another and forgive one another just as God loves and forgives us. Just as God loves us unconditionally, we freely love our children. They return this love, not out of fear or obligation. They love us because we love them.

### Bringing the Gospel Into Your Family

As you watch television this week or see movies, notice how many times the theme of forgiveness is used in the media. Rethink the story's ending. What if forgiveness had not taken place? Share your ideas with one another. How would the world be different if we didn't forgive one another? Talk about times forgiveness has made a difference in your own lives.

### Discussion Starters

1. I try not to make the same mistakes twice, but there is one person who has had to forgive me for the same thing more than once...
2. I know the power the servant felt over the second servant. Sometimes I feel more powerful when someone owes me something. I had this feeling when...
3. It feels good to be generous like the king. One time I remember especially is...

# “ PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS”

- **LIVE BROADCAST FOR MASSES AND OTHER PROGRAMS**

You may follow the live broadcast by subscribing to Bishop Cornelius Sim or Fr Robert Leong YouTube channels. More information can be found at the Vicariate website at [rcvbd.com](http://rcvbd.com)

- **RELIGIOUS CLASSES**

There will be NO religious classes during the school holidays [11<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020].

- **PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION**

The collection from the Masses this weekend is in support of Christians in the Holy Land. Envelopes have also been provided for you to give generously. Please put them in the basket at the exits. Thank you for your generosity.

- **MEMBER UPDATE REGISTRATION**

If you have not registered at the Member Registration Portal, please register yourself to receive the confirmation code. The member update is to assist us in planning for the resumption of Mass. It will also inform us of the number of parishioners currently attending Mass at St. John's Church.

The link can be found via the Vicariate website at:

**[rcvbd.com/ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KUALA BELAIT](http://rcvbd.com/ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KUALA BELAIT)**

- **SJC MEMBER REGISTRATION MASS ATTENDANCE HELP DESK**

If you know of anyone who has not registered at the Member Registration Portal, please ask them to go to the Parish Office (during office hours) to fill in a physical form or they can visit the link at the Vicariate website at: **[rcvbd.com/ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KUALA BELAIT](http://rcvbd.com/ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, KUALA BELAIT)**

- **MASS ATTENDANCE WEBSITE**

For Mass Attendance, please note that registrations open at 12noon on Sundays and will close at noon on Fridays for Sunset mass and noon on Saturdays for the Sunday Mass.

Please register at the website for one Mass either on Saturday or Sunday to expedite registration and for head count.

- **SUNSET MASS AND NOVENA**

Sunset Mass will continue every Saturday at 6:00pm followed immediately by the Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Please note that the age limit still applies from **12 years and above**.

- **DAILY MASS AND HOLY HOUR**

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 5:30pm in the Church daily except for Fridays at 12:15 pm. Holy Hour will be on Wednesdays immediately after the Mass.

No pre-registration is needed, however please ensure you have your BruHealth App and are feeling well. Please come at least 30 minutes before Mass begins. Mass resumption guidelines apply. Please note that the age limit still applies from **12 years and above**.

<b>DAY</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>READINGS</b>	<b>TIME</b>
<b>Monday 14</b>	THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS	Num 21, 4b-9 or Phil 2, 6-11; Jn 3, 13-17	5:30 pm
<b>Tuesday 15</b>	24TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	Hebr 5, 7-9; Jn 19, 25-27 or Lk 2, 33-35.	5:30 pm
<b>Wednesday 16</b>	24TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	1 Cor 12, 31-13, 13; Lk 7, 31-35.	5:30 pm
<b>Thursday 17</b>	24TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	1 Cor 15, 1- 11 Lk 7, 36-50.	5:30 pm
<b>Friday 18</b>	24TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	1 Cor 15, 12-20; Lk 8, 1-3.	12:15 pm
<b>Saturday 19</b>	24TH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME	1 Cor 15: 35-37. 42-49 Lk 8: 4-15	6:00 pm (Pre- registration)
	SUNSET MASS AND NOVENA	Is 55, 6-9 Phil 1, 20c-24. 27a Mt 20, 1-16a.	
<b>Sunday 20</b>	25TH SUNDAY OF THE ORDINARY TIME	Is 55, 6-9 Phil 1, 20c-24. 27a Mt 20, 1-16a.	9:00 am (Pre- registration)