



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A

Sunday 6 September 2020

Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

A reading from the holy gospel according to Matthew

If your brother or sister listens to you, you will have won that person back.

Jesus said to his disciples:

"If one of my follower's sins against you,
go and point out what was wrong.

But do it in private,
just between the two of you.

If that person listens,
you have won back a follower.

But if that one refuses to listen,
take along one or two others.

"The Scriptures teach that every complaint must be proven true
by two or more witnesses.

If the follower refuses to listen to them,
report the matter to the church.

"Anyone who refuses to listen to the church
must be treated like an unbeliever or a tax collector."

‘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.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection Notes

Everyone likes to be included in a game. No one likes to be left out. How did you feel when someone left you out of a game? How did you respond to that situation? Thinking about the Gospel Reading we just heard, let’s think how we can include everyone in our games and other activities at school. If someone is not playing by the rules, how can we tell them so that they will play fair and show good sportsmanship? Jesus tells us to love one another. If we all follow the rules which are given to us by Jesus, with our parents and teachers to guide us, we will feel happy and safe wherever we are. Like in the Gospel reading, Jesus wants us to listen to each other. If we tell someone that we are sad, hurt or scared and they do not listen, we need to keep on telling until we feel better. You can use our helping hand network to find an trusted adult to talk to that will listen, believe and help you.

Discussion question

Jesus says, where two or three meet in His Name, His Spirit is with them.

- *Who do you come to church with?*
- *If you feel something is wrong at church who do you talk to about it? (You can talk to your parents or you can always talk to the Safeguarding Officer at church). Nothing is so awful that we can’t talk to someone about it.*

Universal Prayer

Leader: Jesus tells us that if a brother or sister of ours listens to us we have won them back. We pray that we will listen to God’s Word.

Reader: May we will listen to God’s Word at Mass and live it out this week so that we can build a safer community.

Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Music Suggestion

We turn to you (CWBII #121)

Universal Prayer

Leader: Jesus tells us that if a brother or sister of ours listens to us we have won them back. We pray that we will listen to God's Word.

Reader: May we will listen to God's Word and live it out during the week so that we can build a happy and safer community.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

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