



The water that I will give them will
become a spring of water within,
welling up to eternal life.
JOHN 4:14

Parent Prayer Sheet – 23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

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For parents in a Catholic primary school community, the Gospel for the **23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**—taken from Matthew 18:15-20—offers a profound lesson on Christian accountability, conflict resolution, and the power of community. In this passage, Jesus outlines a gentle, step-by-step approach to addressing wrongdoing: starting with a private, one-on-one conversation to preserve a person's dignity, and moving toward broader community involvement only if necessary. For families, this reading serves as a powerful reminder that love sometimes requires courageous, honest communication rather than gossip or silent resentment. It teaches us how to guide our children through sibling squabbles, playground disagreements, and broken friendships by modelling forgiveness, patience, and restorative justice. Ultimately, Jesus reminds us that whenever we gather in His name to mend relationships and seek peace—whether around the family dinner table or within the school yard—He is truly present among us.

Prayer:

Loving God,

We thank You for blessing our families and our Catholic primary school community.

As we reflect on Your Word today, give us the courage and grace to seek peace in our homes. When conflicts arise between siblings, friends, or neighbours, help us to follow Your gentle path of love: to speak the truth with kindness, to listen with open hearts, and to offer forgiveness just as freely as You have forgiven us. Bless our children as they learn how to navigate friendships, share, and mend broken trust. May our school be a place where Your presence is felt in every act of patience, reconciliation, and understanding.

Gather us always in Your name, Lord Jesus, and guide us to be instruments of Your peace today and every day.

Amen.

