

~ GOSPEL REFLECTION ~

This Sunday's gospel offers three little cameos about praying and about God's generous giving. There are two teachings on prayer forming a frame around an enigmatic parable. In the first cameo, Jesus has finished praying and one of the disciples asks him to teach them to pray. Jesus responds as any devout first century Jew might respond. He evokes the words of the Jewish blessing prayer: "May the great name of God be exalted and sanctified, throughout the world. May God's kingship be established in your lifetime." Jesus calls God "father", a metaphor or image denoting the saving power of God over against the destructive power of the Roman emperor. The prayer continues with an acknowledgement that bread, the fruit of the earth, is the gift of God: "Keep giving us each day the bread we need." This is not a prayer for more than is needed, but for just as much as is needed to sustain Earth's beings. The final petitions in the prayer are for forgiveness of sin "as we forgive each who is in debt to us" and for freedom from testing. We cannot live without the peace of mind that comes from forgiving, from being forgiven and from the knowledge that God is with us in times of trial such as the present ecological crisis with all its demands for radical change. The parable that follows has raised questions for interpreters. Is it about persistence or about avoidance of shame? These are two very different concepts, but both have been suggested as the motive for the sleeping neighbour's response to the friend in need and as the proper rendering of the Greek word *anaideia*. The literal meaning of *anaideia* is avoidance of shame. This makes sense in a culture where anyone would be shamed by refusal to help a neighbour unable to meet the demands of hospitality, especially where one could well find oneself in similar need some time. No one would dream of refusing such a request for help, whether for the sake of friendship or to avoid being shamed, not even those who let it be known that they resent having to get out of bed in the middle of the night. Persistence in prayer is a desirable quality but it has nothing to do with the parable of the friend in need who asks only once for "three loaves" and can expect to receive them. The translation "persistence" seems to derive from association with the repetition of seeking and searching and knocking, in other words with the sayings that form the third little cameo. Here Jesus draws on the experience of his listeners: if flawed disciples know how to give "good gifts" to their children, then they should not be surprised that those who ask for the Holy Spirit will receive this best of all gifts from God as they seek to renew the face of the Earth.

An excerpt by Veronica Lawson

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'WEEKEND MASS TIMES'

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 10am

Talbingo: in recess during Winter

'THIS WEEKS MASS TIMES'

Tuesday: 6pm Mass in Chapel

Wednesday: 10am (School Mass)

Thursday & Friday: 8am in Chapel

'ROSARY'

Saturday: 8.30am Mass & exposition (1st Sat of month)

Sunday: 9.40am

'RECONCILIATION'

Saturday: 5.15pm

'LITURGY MEETING'

Tuesday: 2.00pm in Chapel

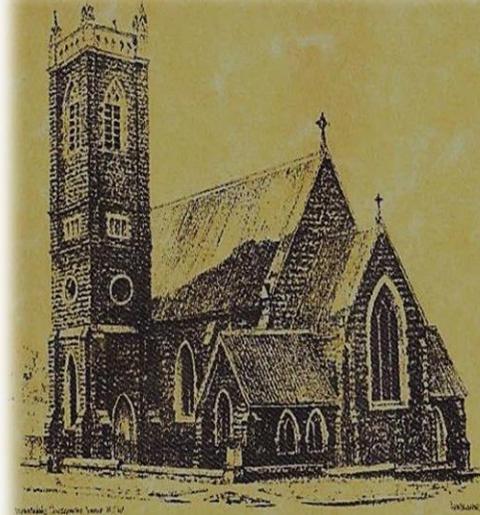
'PRAYER GROUP'

(Rosary & Divine Mercy)

Still in recess

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17th Sunday Ordinary Time
Year C
July 28th 2019

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

ROSTERS

THIS WEEK *Saturday & Sunday 27th & 28th July*

Ministry	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Sunday 10am
Acolyte	Trish Matthews	Sue Bulger
Reader	School Mass	Howard Young
Commentator	School Mass	Liz Boxall
Children's Liturgy	-----	Pat Spannagle
Musicians	Anna & Maureen	Howard Young
Altar Servers	Jude & Fanz Moreno	Ava Lindley & Taylor Kelly
Church Care	-----	
LINEN	Bev Piper	MORNING TEA

NEXT WEEK *Saturday & Sunday 3rd & 4th August*

Ministry	Saturday Vigil 6pm	Sunday 10am
Acolyte	Anita Mason	Dave Shedden
Reader	TBA	Mary Kelly
Commentator	Lana Turner	Howard Young
Children's Liturgy	-----	Herrin Henderson
Musicians	Patricia & Monica	Anna Quinn
Altar Servers	Georgie Austin & Alana McInerney	Jessica & Emily Kelly
Church Care	Group 5: Sandra, Maria, Margaret Dean & Jess Smith	

FEAST DAYS 29th July: Saint Martha 31st July: Saint Ignatius of Loyola 1st Aug: Saint Alphonsus Liguori 3rd Aug: Saint Dominic

In the end, we will remember not the words of our enemies, but the silence of our friends. *Martin Luther King Jr.*

~PARISH NEWS~

PARISH WORKSHOP FOR ACOLYTES This Sunday 28th July 2019 at 11am. Fr. George and Fr. Namore will both run this session for approximately 1 hour, please bring a plate to share.

PARISH STREET STALL Friday 16th August in front of House to Home. Please place your name on the roster provided in the church foyer if you are able to donate an hour of your time to assist on the day. There will also be a basket in the church foyer for anyone wanting to contribute to the hamper. Cooking and saleable items would be very much appreciated. Still looking for a kind donation of wood. Any enquiries contact Pat on 0401472161.

ST.VINCENT DE PAUL Winter Appeal envelopes are available from the church foyer for your kind donation. Conference meetings for August are the 3rd, 17th and 31st at 9.30am.

'DONATION POINT TAP' we thank our generous community for the on-going support of these contributions. To donate \$5.00 simply tap your card once.

SPECIAL THANKS to Marissa and her helpers for organising the lovely morning tea after last Sunday's Mass – it was a delight!

To McAuley students and staff for presenting the Vigil Mass this weekend.

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We pray for those who have gone before us marked with the sign of faith:

MASS HAS BEEN REQUESTED FOR:

Gavin Foley, Geoffrey Carney, Tom Sturt, Noel Cook, Hassel McGrath, Rudi Comai, Hugh Oliver, Leo & Elvie Holt, Tereasa & Lionel Holt, Eddie & Betty Mangelsdorf, Mary Tetris, Noel Patrick, Sr. Geneiva McRae, Neil Masters, Maree Filley, Matt & Edith Downing, Andrew Sturt, Kitty Black, Paul Kelly, Harvey Evans, Russell & Peter Ritchie, Len McInerney, Pat Malone, Richard Green, James Brennan, Ken & Brian Gee, Brian Rosetta, Gus & Kath Clout, Ina Clout, Ab & Mildred Shanahan, Fr. Peter Quirk, Marie & Jim McInerney, Ted & Kath O'Sullivan, John Hourigan, Joan Malone, Max Butler, Eileen Flood, Filomena Comai, Frederick & Mabel McInerney, Ken Elliott, Jock Roberts, Ralph Klaus, Steph Scott, John Marzol, Alfred & Bridget Claffey, Stan Kenny, Imelda, Bede and Francis McInerney, Fr. Geoff Lloyd, Kathleen & Roy Wilson, Joy McGrath, Joan & Bob Liddell, Teresa & Bert Butler, Anne Lawrance, Harry & Muriel Nancarrow, Harry & Pat Nancarrow, Thelma & Jack Cobden, Denise & Julie Cobden, Christine Welsh, Paul & Nick Young, Nicole Barby, Allison Brady, Ben Roddy, Chris Ballard, Frank Stanfield, James Kelly, Tom & Dorothy French.

