



Gospel Lk 11:1-13

Ask, and it will be given to you.

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in
debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

People often imagine huge distance between Earth and a Heaven beyond the horizon of the universe. But Jesus Christ taught us to pray 'Thy will be done on Earth as it is in Heaven.'

How can this come about? Jesus identified two areas on which we need to focus to help make Heaven and Earth share the same space.

'Give us this day our daily bread.' This petition is very real for most inhabitants of the world – a plea for the necessities of life to stave off real hunger. If we respond to this plea, we can change a Hellish situation to a place where Heaven and Earth coincide.

'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' But, first to Shakespeare: 'The quality of Mercy is not strained. It falleth as the gentle rain of Heaven on to the place beneath.'

If we develop a hardness of heart which refuses to show forgiveness, then we are like earth concreted over and are unable to absorb God's forgiveness into our own lives. When we forgive someone, we become more able to absorb the gentle rain of heavenly mercy and forgiveness.

So, Heaven and Earth need not be as distant as supposed. Our Lord has shown us how we can help make these dimensions of existence coincide.

We could take a moment to resolve to pray the 'Our Father' by our lives, helping to provide evidence for our acclamation:

'Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts,
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory'

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St Patrick's Parish Cooma

St Columbkille's Parish Jindabyne



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

27 July 2025

First Reading Gn 18:20-32

Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

*(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help,
you answered me.*

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Second Reading Col 2:12-14

He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

Gospel Acclamation Rom 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

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



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THE SEVENTEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 27TH JULY 2025

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WEEKEND MASS

& LW&HC TIMES

Adaminaby

No Mass until further notice

Berridale

2nd & 4th Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday 3.30pm

All other Sundays

LW&HC 10am Sunday

Cooma

Mass Sunday 10am

Mass Tue, Thu & Fri 10am

Except 3rd Friday

Mass Yallambee Lodge 9.30am

Mass Hudson House Respect 11am

Jindabyne

2nd & 4th Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm

All other Sundays

LW&HC 5pm Saturday

Nimmitabel

5th Sunday

Vigil Mass Saturday 5pm

All other Sundays

LW&HC 5pm Saturday

Numeralla

2nd Sunday LW&HC 5pm

4th Sunday Mass 5pm



PRAYER INTENTIONS

POPES INTENTION JULY

For formation in discernment



Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.

JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

25th September – 4th October.

Cross the Holy Door in Rome. Celebrate the Jubilee Year 25 September - 4 October 2025 visiting holy places in Rome, Lanciaio (Eucharistic Miracle), Assisi, Pompei, Montecassino and the Amalfi Coast. Open to all, it will be extra special for those involved in teaching the faith as it coincides with the Jubilee of Catechists.

Enquiries: pp@mibp.org.au or text 0417 259 617.



A journey with
SAINT MARY
of the Cross
MACKILLOP

Let not weaknesses make you discouraged. (4.7.1876)

Marriage of Flora and Alexander MacKillop, Melbourne. (14.7.1840)



It was a true joy to welcome Fr Mark back last Sunday with a morning tea following Mass, made all the more special as we celebrated his birthday. We give thanks for his return and pray that God continues to bless Fr Mark with good health, renewed energy and abundant grace as he faithfully shepherds our Monaro Mission.



PARISH CALENDAR

Week 28th July	
MON	11am Funeral late Bill Fasch
TUE	10am Mass Cooma Sts Martha Mary and Lazarus
WED	Bombala Mass 12.30pm
THU	10am Mass Cooma St Ignatius of Loyola, priest
FRI	10am Mass St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop dr
SAT	Mass Jindabyne 5pm LW&HC Nimmitabel 5pm
SUN	Mass Cooma 10am Berridale Liturgy 10am



REMEMBERING THEIR FAITH AND LOVE

Recently Deceased

Bill Fasch funeral Mon 28th 11am;
Adela Roach -funeral Mon 4th Aug
11am Cooma then Numeralla Cemetery;
Elaine Mooney, Don McDonald,
Celia Dalby, Mary Penfold,
Mary Hanna, Graeme Russell

Anniversaries & Intentions

"We have loved them in Life:

Let us not forget them in death."

Fr Peter Gannon, Fred Hanna,
Mrs Pat McDonald



Prayer of the Faithful

Response: (R)

Lord, hear our prayer



PRIEST: In the same Spirit as Abraham let us bring the needs of all to our merciful God

COMMENTATOR: For the church that we, like Abraham may grow in our relationship with God and confidently call upon God in every situation of our lives. We pray to the Lord.

For the grace to be ministers of reconciliation, that we may witness to God's mercy by offering forgiveness to one another and to all who touch our lives. We pray to the Lord.

For the gift of prayer, that God will guide us to true and authentic expressions of our innermost self as we seek to pray and deepen our relationship with God.

We pray to the Lord.

For all who seek to help the poor and forgotten of our society, especially through such organisations as the St Vincent de Paul Society, that God will strengthen and encourage them in their sometimes difficult ministry.

We pray to the Lord

For all who have gone before us: We pray for Adela Roach, Elaine Mooney, Bill McDonald & William Fasch. May they be raised up with Jesus to share in the eternal joy of our loving God.

We pray to the Lord.

We pray with Mary the Queen of Peace that we all may seek peace in our world and our own lives: Hail Mary....

PRIEST: Loving and merciful God, we ask you to hear these and all our prayers for we make them through Christ your Son. Amen.

Chess Club - Help Required

at St Patrick's Parish School

Pleasingly, we are seeing a growing interest in students wanting to learn and play chess at lunchtimes. If you have a level of expertise in chess and would like to encourage young people in this strategic game, we are looking for a volunteer at the school for 1-2 hours per week. The day(s) can be negotiable, and you would need to have your Working with Children Check (WWCC).

Please contact Sean Mangan (Principal) on 0409 913 038 if you can support or have a suggested person we can follow up with.

Come to me all, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Matthew 11:28

Daily Prayer Intention –

We pray for the church in Australia, that the practice of synodality will take root in every diocese, parish and organisation across the nation.



READINGS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time/Year C

First: Gn 18:20-32

Second: Col 2:12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13



ROSTER

	27/7	3/08
Acolyte	Richard Cmund	Kaitlyn Bosco
Usher	Joan Simpson	Mary Bennett
Reader/ Commentator	Joan Simpson Suja Tessa	Fran Robertson Tony Goodwin
Mass Servers	Volunteers welcome please	
Special Minister	Mary Bennett	Marg Quodling
Children's Liturgy	Carol Byrne	Joan Simpson
Linen	Michele Atkins	Gaie Mooney
	2 nd S McPhie	9 th C Byrne
Church Care	L Baker B Moser	J Upton P Stewart
Hospital	Marg Qudling	Leah Baker
Flowers	Claire Nuemeyer	

MINISTRY TEAM: Volunteer Rosters are being prepared for Sep - Feb '26, we would love to hear from you if you are able to assist with the volunteer ministry of our Parish, please phone Parish Office 64522062 and Sharon will be able to assist you with your availability dates. Thank You

Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage 9th August

Join us for the Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden. This special church has been designated for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Location - Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden (a designated church for the Jubilee Year of Hope)

- Pilgrimage walk at 11.00 am from Sports Ground
- Reconciliation available during the walk
- Mass at 12.00 pm
- Visit Mary MacKillop Hall
- Please arrange your own transport

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