

LITURGY OF THE WORD  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time Year C

First Reading *Genesis 18:20-32*

A reading from the book of Genesis  
*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.’

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

**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.

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.

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.

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

**Second Reading** *Colossians 2:12-14*

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

*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.

*The Word of the Lord*

**R. Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation** *Romans 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!

**Gospel** *Luke 11:1-13*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*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!’

*The Gospel of the Lord*

**R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

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**17th Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
Year C

**CHURCH EVENTS**

**Choir Practice**  
**Second & Fourth Mondays**  
**1pm**

**Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am**  
**Fridays after Mass**

**“Good News” Wednesdays**  
**after Mass to discuss reading**  
**for the following Sunday. CMR**

**Croatian Mass Saturday**  
**August 2nd 11am**

**Parish Sacramental Program 2025**  
**First Eucharist**  
**Enrolment Evening**  
**Thursday 31st July, 5pm**  
**Church**

**Wrap with Love**  
**Wednesday**  
**30th July 1-3pm CMR**

**Craft Group 10am Thursdays**  
**Church Meeting Room**

**ADORATION TUESDAYS**  
**@ 4pm**

**COFFEE CLUB Thursdays**  
**after 9am Mass**

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation.

We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging

**Lord Teach Us To Pray** *Luke 11:1-13*

In response to the request of his followers “Lord, teach us to pray as you do”, Jesus gave them the Our Father or the Lord's Prayer (Luke 11:1-13; Matthew 6:5-15). The origins of The Lord's Prayer are deeply rooted in the Jewish tradition. The Our Father is a central prayer in Christianity and an integral part of Catholic liturgy.

**Seven petitions** are identified in The Lord's Prayer:

**Hallowed be your name**

**Your Kingdom come**

**Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven**

**Give us this day our daily bread**

**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us**

**Lead us not into temptation**

**Deliver us from evil**

The first three petitions **praise God**. The remaining four petitions **present to God the needs of believers**.

Explicit teaching about **prayer** is part of the Religious Education Curriculum for students attending Catholic schools. Its explicit teaching is complimented by opportunities for staff and students to engage in prayer on a daily basis.

Year 6 students develop their understanding of prayer in the Christian tradition through an exploration of the **Our Father**, The Examen, and meditative prayer practices including prayer journaling.

Skill development is focused on comparing different texts of the Lord's Prayer (including Scriptural references and traditional Christian versions) and identifying the use of The Lord's Prayer in Catholic liturgy (e.g. Communion Rite, Baptism and Anointing of the Sick). Students also investigate the origins of the prayer in the Old Testament and in Jewish prayer and ritual.

Powerful opportunities arise when students are given the opportunity to make connections between their own experiences and the seven petitions. Questions posed for students may include:

**What picture of God do I hold in my head? Where/what is “heaven” for me?**

**How often do I praise or thank God for all the good things that happen to me every day?**

**Do I recognise that God is my constant companion present in good and bad times?**

**If I am called to be a steward of God's creation on earth, how am I helping God's dream come about?**

**“Take away our selfishness and greed?” What is one thing I can do in God's name to help this prayer be answered for every human on the planet?**

**Are there people in my life whom I have not forgiven or feel I cannot forgive? Has God**

**forgiven them? Where does that leave me?**

The Lord's Prayer calls for a transformation of our hearts and actions, aligning our lives with God's will and with love for others. Through the intercession of Mary MacKillop we pray that God will also give us the strength to share his message of love and forgiveness with others in our community.

**‘I do not spend much time in prayer, but God's presence seems to follow me everywhere and make everything I do or wish to do a prayer.’** Saint Mary of the Cross MacKillop

Sharon Beashel - Teacher and Parishioner  
Reference: curriculum.bne.catholic.edu.au



**MASSES THIS WEEK**

**Monday 28th—Sunday 3rd August**

**Monday 28th:** NO MASS

**Tuesday 29th:** Mass 5pm

**Wednesday 30th:** Mass 9am

**Thursday 31st:** Mass 9am

**Friday 1st:** Mass 9am

**Saturday 2nd:** Croatian Mass 11am  
Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

**Sunday 3rd:** Mass 9am

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<p><b><u>26/27 JULY</u></b>  <b><u>Cleaning</u></b>          28/7-1/8 D &amp; L May</p> <p><b><u>5.00PM MASS</u></b>          Welcomer : C          Brownlie          Commentator          Reader M Weatherall          Eucharistic Ministers          L Butt          Computer Screen          K Conway</p> <p><b><u>9.00 AM MASS:</u></b>          Welcomer S Beashel          Commentator J          Whiteford          Reader: D Herring          Eucharistic Ministers          A Skinner, A Scicluna          Computer Screen T          Priest.</p> <p><b><u>MORNING</u></b>  <b><u>TEA:</u></b>          M &amp; C Lowe</p> <p><b><u>COUNTERS</u></b></p>	<p><b><u>2/3 AUGUST</u></b>  <b><u>Cleaning</u></b>          4-8 Sept M deSmet/J          Maher</p> <p><b><u>5.00PM MASS</u></b>          Welcomer: J Anderson          Commentator M          Weatherall          Reader : M O'Neill          Eucharistic Ministers          L Mylott          Computer Screen          J O'Sullivan</p> <p><b><u>9.00 AM MASS:</u></b>          Welcomer T van den          Broek          Commentator B Basevi          Reader: A Skinner          Eucharistic Ministers          D Herring, L Stevens          Computer Screen D May</p> <p><b><u>MORNING TEA:</u></b>          J Barroman &amp; G          Berryman</p> <p><b><u>COUNTERS</u></b>          D &amp; L May</p>
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- ◆ **THE GLEN**
- ◆ Second Wednesday of each month
- ◆ 10.30AM
- ◆ **THE MANOR**
- ◆ Third Wednesday of each month
- ◆ 2pm
- ◆ **MARANATHA**
- ◆ Fourth Wednesday of each month
- ◆ 2pm





**Gathering Invitation:** Tuesday August 5th 9.30-3.00pm in the  
Church Meeting Room  
Sr Virginia Bourke rsg returns to speak to us about  
**Celebrating Mary MacKillop and Fr Tennison Woods**—their  
life and influence on Australian Spirituality.  
**COST = \$2 donation**, so we can present a gift to Sister (parish  
will pay for petrol cost)  
Morning tea provided  
BYO Pot Luck lunch to share  
**Bookings Essential by Tuesday July 29th**  
Marie: 0405 028 057  
All Welcome—Encourage a friend to join us at this special  
Gathering.

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**We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community:** Ena Noronha, Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem Anthony Cabardo, Judy Spruce, Zora Domitrovic, Rod Sanders, Colin Platt, Indy Roth, Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk, Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn, Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel

**Amen.**

Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious, or ideological reasons.

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