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 vou 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.

Gospel *Luke* 11:1-13

Alleluia!

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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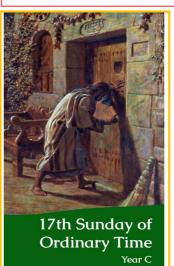


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CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice Second & Fourth Mondays

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 **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 (a) 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

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

"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 Mass 9am Thursday 31st:

Mass 9am Friday 1st: Saturday 2nd: Croatian Mass 11am

Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 3rd: Mass 9am

ROSTERS

26/27 JULY Cleaning

28/7-1/8 D & L May

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer : C Brownlie Commentator Reader M Weatherall **Eucharistic Ministers** L Butt Computer Screen

9.00 AM MASS:

K Conway

Welcomer S Beashel Commentator J Whiteford Reader: D Herring **Eucharistic Ministers** A Skinner, A Scicluna Computer Screen T Priest.

MORNING

M & C Lowe **COUNTERS**

2/3 AUGUST

Cleaning 4-8 Sept M deSmet/J Maher

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer: J Anderson Commentator M Weatherall Reader: MO'Neill **Eucharistic Ministers** L Mvlott Computer Screen J O'Sullivan

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer T van den Broek Commentator B Basevi Reader: A Skinner Eucharistic Ministers D Herring, L Stevens Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:

J Barroman & G Berryman

COUNTERS D & L May

MASSES in AGED CARE FACILITIES

- THE GLEN
- Second Wednesday of each month
- 10.30AM
- THE MANOR
- Third Wednesday of each month
- 2pm
- **MARANATHA**
- Fourth Wednesday of each month
- 2pm

CLAIM THE DATE:

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.

The Feast Day of St Mary MacKillop of the Cross

Friday August 8th, 2025

There will be a Mass at 9am followed by a cuppa and short Reflection in the Church Meeting Room. Facilitated by Marie Weatherall All are welcome.

PASTORAL CARE ONE DAY INTRODUCTORY **COURSE**

Saturday August 16th 9am—4pm In the Church Meeting Room If you hae never trained for Pastoral Care or are interested in Pastoral Care Ministry, this is the course for you! This course will only go ahead if we have at least 4 participants. BOOKING ESSENTIAL by Monday August 11th Marie: 0405 028 057

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS: (RCIA)

Information evening: Thursday AUGUST 21st at 5.30pm at Parish meeting Room

All Adults who wish to become a catholic or interested in learning more about their faith are invited.

For enquiries, please contact Fr Joshy 0412 358 222

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate Heaven and Earth can coincide

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 accla-

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

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The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread

the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever.

Amen.

Pope LEO Monthly Prayer **Intentions**

AUGUST

For mutual co-existence

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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Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can be added to it if dates are provided.

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