

GOSPEL

Lk 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 to you 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.**

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Breaking Open the Word



THE SAVING WORD

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

27 JULY 2025

DO NOT PUT US TO THE TEST

With the ending from last Sunday's Gospel still reverberating in our ears ('Mary has chosen the good part which should not be taken away from her'), Luke moves next to see how Mary's focus on Jesus and his word finds its expression. In today's Gospel which follows immediately on from last week's, disciples come to Jesus requesting that he teach them to pray. This is an important moment, instructive for Luke's audience and us.

What follows is the Lord's Prayer. We note it is slightly shorter (and perhaps more original) than the 'Our Father' we pray each Sunday. This comes from Matthew and the Sermon on the Mount. Luke's version offers the essence of Jesus' prayer: It is an affirmation of God's holiness, a request that God's Kingdom come, for daily bread and forgiveness, especially of others who transgress, and not to be put to the test. This 'testing' about discipleship and fidelity to God is what Luke's listeners (and us) experience. Later, in Gethsemane, Jesus reminds his disciples to pray not to be 'tested' (Luke 22:40, 46).

A parable about persistence follows next. It unpacks further the meaning of Jesus' prayer: God, like parents who respond to requests made of them by their children, will always offer that which is good to those who ask, especially the gift of the Holy Spirit—a divine agent present in Jesus from the beginning of the Gospel story. God's gift to Jesus is now God's gift to us, confirmed through prayer.



Fr Michael Trainor

FIRST READING

Gen 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.**

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

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.

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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!



Est. 1887

17th Sunday of the Year 27 July 2025
St Joseph's Catholic Church, 30 Fitzgerald Street
St Thomas Aquinas' Church, 43 Bromby Street

In the Pastoral Care of the AUGUSTINIANS

- ▶ Fr Luca Park OSA Parish Priest
- ▶ Fr Marydas Arackal OSA Assistant Priest
- ▶ Fr Francis Park OSA (Korean Chaplain)
- ▶ Fr Brian Buckley OSA Prior

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OUR PARISH AND THE AUGUSTINIANS

Commit to creating an environment where the safety of children and vulnerable persons is paramount. All volunteers are required to have a Working With Children Check.

Pastoral and Administrative Support

- ▶ Stephy Coosnapa (Parish Pastoral Assistant) ▶ Joel Sanchez (Business & Facilities Manager: Wed - Fri)
- ▶ Safeguarding: Stephy Coosnapa ▶ Joel Sanchez (St Joseph's Outreach Services: Mon, Tues, Sat)
- ▶ Toni Stuart (Parish Secretary, Weddings & SJOS Volunteer Co-ordinator: Tues/Thurs/Fri)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

St. Joseph's • 10.30am Mass
 Fourth Sunday of the month.
 (except school holidays and long weekends)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

St. Joseph's • Sat: 5.10pm – 5.40pm, or by appointment.

ANOIDING / HEALING MASS

(Sacrament of the Sick) First Tuesday of the month 10am at St Joseph's Church

HOLY COMMUNION AT HOME

Anyone ill or housebound may contact us to request a visit for communion at home.

EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- ▶ **Children's Liturgy & Morning Tea:** 27 July
- ▶ **STA Coffee after Mass:** Sun 27 July
- ▶ **First Communion Classes** from Aug 2nd

POPE LEO – "THE CHRISTIAN LIFE"



"Our relationship with God comes first. Although it is true that we must live out our faith through concrete actions, faithfully carrying out our duties according to our state of life and vocation, it is essential that we do so only after meditating on the Word of God and listening to what the Holy Spirit is saying to our hearts. To this end, we should set aside moments of silence, moments of prayer, times in which, quieting noise and distractions, we recollect ourselves before God in simplicity of heart. This is a dimension of the Christian life that we particularly need to recover today, both as a value for individuals and communities, and as a prophetic sign for our times. We must make room for silence, for listening to the Father who speaks and "sees in secret"."
 (Pope Leo XIV Homily on 20th July 2025)

COMMEMORATIVE TEASPOONS

Teaspoons to commemorate the Holy Year and the Papal election of Leo XIV are available from the parish office for the price of \$25 a set of two.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY & MORNING TEA

All families with young children invited to come to St Joseph's 10.30am Mass this Sunday 27 July. All welcome to morning tea in the coffee room following mass.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Ellen Allery, Gaston Gori, Margaret Wallin, Mark Ho, June Cochrane, Anne Rigg, Mito Gloudemans, Ced John Netto, Julie Mahony, Paul Chong, Isabella Chong, Thomas Bedier, Luke Dennis, Sonia Guzman, Damien Ryan, Stephen Soh, Cecil D'Cruz, Joanna Howe, Janine Forster, Christie De Silva, Anita Zaio, Maurice & Pauline Sheehan, Rosie Gucciardo, Nichole Garnaut, Enid Netto, David Mills

IN LOVING MEMORY



**Recently Deceased
 Anniversaries**

- ✱ Jack Maher
- ✱ Granville De Souza
- ✱ Madeleine Anderson
- ✱ Mary (Ward) Breheny
- ✱ Maeve Reardon
- ✱ Anne Kelly
- ✱ Albert Netto
- ✱ Janet Bradford
- ✱ P.A. Guruswamy

JUBILEE TIME CAPSULE PROJECT



In conjunction with the 2025 Holy Year, we are preparing a parish time capsule to be used to conserve significant objects reflecting our parish community to be reopened in 2050. Any ideas and suggestions are welcome.



PARISH BAPTISM

We welcome the family and friends of Nicholas Duggan who is to be baptised in our parish this weekend.



COFFEE AFTER ST THOMAS' 9.00AM MASS 27 JULY

After mass at St Thomas Aquinas this Sunday 27th July, join us for coffee at Botanical Hotel at 169 Domain Rd.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLICS MAGAZINE

The Australian Catholics Magazine is available in churches this weekend.

PARISH MAGAZINE 'THE SCRIBBLE'

The winter issue of the parish seasonal magazine is also available from the church door this week. Please take one.

MASS COLLECTIONS 20/07/2025

Clergy (Augustinian Community)	
1 st Collection, CDF & bank deposits.....	\$ 730.40
Church (Parish Ministries)	
2 nd Collection	\$ 342.85
Envelopes.....	\$ 535.00
Direct Debit/EFT/ CDF Pay/ Cr Cards...	\$ 740.60
Tap Point Terminals.....	\$ 281.00
<i>Thank you for your generosity</i>	

Liturgical Calendar for the week commencing 27th July 2025

DAY	ST JOSEPH'S	ST THOMAS AQUINAS'
	TIME	TIME
Saturday 26th July	6.00pm Vigil Mass	
Sunday 27th July 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am Mass Children's Liturgy	9.00am Mass
Monday 28th July 17 th Week in Ordinary Time		
Tuesday 29th July Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Wednesday 30th July St Peter Chrysologus	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Thursday 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Friday 1st August St Alphonsus of Liguori	10am Mass	12.45pm Mass
Saturday 2nd August Bl John of Rieti	9.00am Mass	



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

This year the theme is "Blessed are those who have not lost hope", reflecting the resilience and faith of the elderly. Communities are encouraged to recognise the value of older individuals and to foster intergenerational connections.