

# Living Waters Catholic Parish

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Beachmere, Little Flower Bribie Island, St Peter's Caboolture, St Michael's Kilcoy, St Mary's Woodford.

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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We are at the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time and all the Scriptural readings of this Sunday speak about the importance of perseverance in our prayer life. Our prayer life is a reflection of our true faith in God. Prayer is understood as a form of communication, a way of talking to God, raising our hearts and minds to God. In our prayer, we strengthen that recognition of the presence of God, which draws us closer to Him. If we truly have come to know God in faith, then this spiritual encounter has created a growing bond between the Father, Jesus, and us as individuals. The Gospel invites us to encounter God in prayer, to experience his generous love, forgiveness, and compassion. Jesus gives us the Lord's Prayer and teaches us to pray for the kingdom, our daily needs for life, forgiveness, and perseverance.

The first reading, taken from the book of Genesis, gives us the model for perseverance in prayer showed by Abraham in his dialogue with God. Although Abraham seems to be trying to manipulate God through his skilful bargaining and humble, persistent intercession, God is actually being moved to mercy by the goodness of a few innocent souls. The second reading, taken from Paul's Letter to the Colossians, though it does not address prayer, reminds us of the need of perseverance in our living faith in Christ, which provides the basis for all Christian prayers, especially for liturgical prayer: the mystery of the Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

In the Gospel passage, after teaching a model prayer, Jesus instructs his disciples to pray to God their Heavenly Father with the same boldness, daring, intimacy, conviction, persistence and perseverance Abraham displayed and the friend in need in the parable employed. He gives us the assurance that God will not be irritated by our requests or unwilling to meet them with generosity. Jesus concluded His teaching by using three expressions to stress the need for perseverance in prayer saying that we must ask, search and knock. It does not mean God is slow in helping us but he wants to prove our sincerity and filial trust in him. It should be noted here that the reference to asking, searching, and knocking is a reference to requesting the Holy Spirit. For he says, "How much more will the Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him."

Finally, through the *Lord's Prayer*, Jesus is giving us a new vision of human relationships: that we all, irrespective of our colour, creed or social background, are the children of God and thereby are brothers and sisters. When we learn this lesson and are able to treat every other human being as our own dear brothers and sisters and love them accordingly, we experience the Kingdom of God here on earth and enjoy this in the next life. When we love each other and forgive each other's failings God also will love us and forgive us. This is the foundation of true faith. May this *Lord's Prayer* be always a beacon of light in our minds that enable us to call God, Our Father, and accept and appreciate others as our own brothers and sisters?

God bless you, Fr Raju



## Congratulations to Michael Rodrigues

Baptised into our Parish Family this weekend.



World Day  
for Grandparents  
and the Elderly  
2022

*Last year Pope Francis established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is being celebrated on July 24 this year. The theme for this year's celebration is "In old age they will still bear fruit" It is an opportunity to proclaim once more, with joy, that the Church wants to celebrate together with all those whom the Lord - in the words of the Bible - has "filled with days". Let us celebrate it together! Pope Francis asks the young amongst us to "seek out those elderly persons who feel most alone, at home or in residences where they live. Let us make sure that no one feels alone on this day. Expecting a visit can transform those days when we think we have nothing to look forward to; from an initial encounter, a new friendship can emerge. Visiting the elderly who live alone is a work of mercy in our time!"*

### Let us celebrate grandparents and the elderly in prayer.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents and the elderly. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, for the great embrace of life without end.

Amen! (Sourced from [www.majellan.media](http://www.majellan.media))

*Have you checked your calendar for the Little Flower Hospitality Group's Chit-Chat Luncheon at the Bribie RSL in the SMALL TERRACE - BOTANIC DINING this Monday at 1pm. Come along and meet new friends it's open to both our men and lady folk. RSVP Diane 0408 828 047; Sue 0459 439 099 or Marilyn 0407 486 328*

### Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop is Being Celebrated Monday August 8<sup>th</sup> at 10am at St Stephen's Cathedral

Archbishop Mark invites you to join him as he celebrates Mass in honour of the St Mary of the Cross (Patron of the Archdiocese) in the Cathedral of St Stephens. A Light morning tea will follow in the grounds of the Cathedral. If you would like to attend please RSVP either by phoning 3324 3200 or via email [rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au](mailto:rsvp@bne.catholic.net.au)

**\*\*My Grandpa always said: "When one door closes another one always opens up" He was a great bloke my Grandpa, but not much of a cabinet maker!**

**\*\*I asked my Nonna how she was enjoying her new stair lift - she told me "It was driving her up the wall!" Awww Nonna**

**Happy Grandparents Day to all our Grandparents**



## Please Remember in Your Prayers

### Our Recently Deceased

Beryl Whalley, Brian Smith, Joan Cooper, Gerard Kennedy, Kevin Long, John West, Molly Berry, Ian Keen, Agnes Watkins, Georgina Lamond & Mick Casey. *who have recently gone to their eternal reward.*

### Those Who's Anniversaries Occur at This Time

Jean Goodwin, David Meagher, Jeff Jamieson, Bill McNulty, Joan Cuthill, Sheila McCarthy, Gertrude Grealy, Emmett Brown, Kath Haig, Cyril Germain, Jean Jeffrey, David Jeffries, Bevan Dennien, Patricia Kelly, Mabel King, Bernadine Ven de Neys, Maureen Darch, Zbigniew Sudull, Guido Giacomoni, Marija Motika, Ronald Jordan, Christopher Gough, William Hughes, Pam Bryant, Daniel Tully, John Kelly, Bob McNally, Margaret Lomax, Donald Heron, Clive Maher, Gary Conlon, Francis King, Carolyn Whittacker, Sheila Conley & Doug Nagel.

### Our Parishioners, Family & friends who are Sick

Ron Criss, Des Kelly, Joe Flynn, Elmer Rayton, Gwen Bazzo, Leo Schneider, Nikki Williams, Bev McCarthy, Kathryn Mobley, Laurie Barron, Bozidar Howard, Arthur Hangan, Margaret Ryan, Pat Stinson, Peter Glover, Vonnie Barraclough, Cameron Boxsell, Beris Burns, Gerry van Dinter, Mike & Kaye Brown, Susan Genery, Terry Farrelly, Jim Breene, Catherine Johnson, Judy Wade, Jessica Timson, Susanne Weir, Heidi Greentree, Kerry & Felicity McGill, Noah Irvine, Dawn & John Roberts, Les Stephenson, Anton Lenhart, Anne Iverson, Michael Cooper, Col McLaughlin, Helen Teys, Kay Berge, Nicholas Edwards, Joana Van Laart, Bede Brittenden, Miriam Gittins, Tracey Morgan, Abel McHugh, Rita Hyde, Margaret Kelly, Patricia Twinchek & Eileen Ryan.

### Parish Collections:



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Thank you for your constant support of our Parish both financially and prayerfully.

**Growing St Peter's Meeting, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> at 4.00pm  
in the Mary McKillop Hall. All are Welcome!**

From the Desk of Miss Catherine Micklejohn (APRE)

### **St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal**

Earlier this week our Public Relations Student Ministry launched the 2022 St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal. Families in our school community have been asked to support those in need in our local Caboolture community, ranging from the homeless to individuals and families experiencing challenging times. We will collect non-perishable food items as well as personal care items and warm clothing. This is a great opportunity for our students to look outside of themselves and show care and compassion for those less fortunate. I look forward to sharing with you the success of our appeal this year! Thank you to Michelle Quince for leading this important work in our school.

Take care and go gently – Catherine

From the Desk of Ms Kim Mooney (Acting APRE)

Thank you to everyone for their warm welcome as I step into the acting role of Assistant Principal Mission and Identity while Raechel Fletcher is away for Term 3. My name is Kim Mooney, and I am normally employed at St Patrick's College in Gympie. Although you won't see me in church on Sunday here as I worship in the Gympie parish, I would love to continue to meet everyone at our college mass here at St Columban's each Friday morning at 7.45am in our chapel. I was reminded recently to find joy in each day, and last week's mass with Father David and the liturgical band and choir was a wonderful way to do this. The choir were gracious enough to let me join in, and we would encourage the congregation to join in as well. Music helps us feel connected to God, and the music chosen by our choir and band certainly do that. Our students are also stepping up and taking on roles within the mass such as reader.

This week English house are raising funds and awareness for Youngcare. Youngcare supports young people with high care needs and the college staff and students are purchasing 'bricks' and holding a baked goods sale tomorrow (Friday). It is a wonderful initiative.

Next week is Catholic Education Week where we celebrate all the wonderful things, we do within the Catholic education system. We will celebrate this at mass next Friday and we are hosting a Staff vs. Student Catholic Jeopardy Quiz on Tuesday at first break. We thank Father Raju for accepting our invitation to act as a 'phone a friend' for our student team (just to even up the playing field a bit!). We wish both teams good luck. I will publish some photos and the results next week.

We have 21 students and 4 teachers leaving next Thursday the 28<sup>th</sup> of July, for the Red Earth immersion trip. They will return on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August. We wish them all the best as they head off for this fabulous opportunity and pray that God blesses this journey, and our staff and students find it enriching for their mind, body and soul.

*Blessings to you Kim*

### **SCRIPTURE OF THE WEEK**

#### **17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm Resp: *Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.*

Second Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

#### **Weekday Readings:**

**Mon:** *St James* Mass of Feast + Gloria

2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 125; Matt 20:20-28

**Tues:** *St's Joachim & Anne* Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 14: 17-22; Ps 78:8-9,11,13; Matt 13:36-43

**Wed:** Jer 15:10,16-21; Ps 58:2-5,10-11, 17-18; Matt 13:44-46

**Thur:** Jer 18:1-6; Ps 145:2-6; Matt 13:47-53

**Fri:** *St's Martha, Mary & Lazarus*

1 John 4:7-16; Ps 33:2-11; John 11:19-27

**Sat:** Jer 26:11-16,24; Ps 68:15-16,30-31,33-34; Matt 14:1-12

#### **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

First Reading: Ecc 1:2,2:21-23

Psalm Resp: *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Gospel: 12:13-21

*Laudato Si (Care for Our Common Home)*

Don't forget the Community Forum next Saturday at Little Flower, Kedron from 9.30am – 12 noon. For those interested in attending please phone the Parish Office to register – 3356-6640

As Pope Francis says " Our Earth is essentially a shared inheritance, whose fruits are meant to benefit everyone"

Hi parents and caregivers, We hope your week has started well! *Encounter* is on again this Friday night. Last week was a real joy to see everyone after the holidays and to begin this term's theme on the Bible. Every teenager got to take home a Bible (to keep) and we encourage them to keep bringing them along if they want to use them at youth. 🙏

We're looking forward to seeing everyone @ 6.30pm at St. Peter's Hall. There is also Youth Mass coming up next Sunday night 24<sup>th</sup> July Sunday Night (5pm) to keep in your mind. If you would like to, please come in and say g'day at pick-up/drop-off, Darcy and I would love to check in with you. Have a blessed rest of the week! ✨  
God bless, Georgina.

**THE GOING DEEPER PODCAST** - There's so much to know about the Catholic faith that it's easy to get caught up in catechising ourselves while we forget about what it means to implement the Faith in our daily lives. In this new Catholic podcast, join Shane Dwyer (*Associate Director Adult Formation, Evangelisation Brisbane*) and a special monthly guest in an organic discussion about Catholicism, theology and life. If you're interested in learning more, experiencing more or just getting some perspective on Catholicism, tune in for a weekly chat! The Going Deeper Podcast can be found on all mainstream podcasting services or head to <https://goingdeeperpodcast.buzzsprout.com/>

**Quote of the Week:** "What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside of you." *Ralph Waldo Emerson*  
**Have a great week, be kind to yourself and each other.**

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