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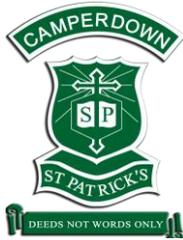
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Dear Friends, In today's gospel we saw that Jesus went to pray in a lonely place and was returning to his disciples after his prayer. One of his disciples asked him: Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples pray. The disciple who asked Jesus, teach us to pray, probably would have felt the need of a prayer or the value of prayer in his discipleship. We are called to be his disciple through our baptism. So we need prayer in our life. Prayer is to our spiritual life what oxygen and breathing are to our bodily life. If we do not pray, we will not survive spiritually. Prayer should thus come naturally for children of God. Yet, it is also true that we often do not know how to pray or what to pray for. Hence we need to be taught how to pray. And who is better to teach us than Jesus himself. Thus we need to ask Jesus, like the disciple, Lord, teach us to pray. Jesus has given us what we call "the Lord's Prayer" whose shorter version is given here in the gospel by Luke. We can say this prayer, not only with our lips but also with our hearts and be certain that we are praying according to the mind of Jesus. We ask, seek and knock repeatedly not because God is deaf to our pleas, but because in our way of asking, seeking and knocking we enlarge the capacity of our hearts to receive the grace God wants to give us in answer to our prayer. We need persistence in our prayer like the Canaanite woman whose daughter Jesus heals because of her persistent pleading. Let us ask the Lord the virtue of Persistence for our Prayer -Neville.



Weekend Mass Times

Saturday: 6.30pm Cobden

Sunday: 9am 1st Sun. Simpson

9am 2nd/4th Sun. Lismore

9am 3rd/5th Sun. Timboon

(Lay led assembly will be held on the other weekends)

Next Weekend Masses

Sat: Cobden 6.30 pm

Sun: Timboon 9.00 am

Camperdown 11.00 am.

Next Weekend Readings:

Ecc 1:2,2: 21 – 23, Col 3: 1 – 5,

9 -11; Lk 12: 13 – 21.

Saints and Feasts:

Mon- St James, Apostle

Tues- Ss Joachim & Anne

Wed- Ss Natalie & Aurelius

Thu- St Innocent I, Pope

Fri- Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Sat- St Peter Chrysologus

Pray for the Sick:

Please remember those who are ill:

Vincent Bacha, Brendan Fowler,
Wilson Watts, Kristen Pickford,
Devin McClaren, Brian Wain, Mary
Hickey, Bernd Menz, Teresa
Gittany and Peter Karlsen.

Recent Death: Peter Saunders

Anniversaries: We pray for those who died recently & those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Noel Russell, Maureen Gatens,
Thomas Darcy, Rupert Gstrein,
Christopher Jewell, Adriana
Duynhoven, Patricia Murray,
Margaret Timms.

Please consider making your Planned Giving contributions and Sunday collections via bank transfers. This will help running the parish which still needs to cover its costs while the current situation continues. **Parish bank details:** BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8126 (Envelopes). **Presbytery:** BSB: 083-561 Acct No: 51-571-8142. Thank you.

We pray for all who are suffering and bereaved. At this time of sorrow, incomprehension, and tragedy, we stand together. In this crisis, we pray for God's mercy and healing for the sick and for health and strength for all who care for them. Amen.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C. 24/07/2022

Novel coronavirus (COVID-19): Checking-in is no longer required. Face masks are no longer required in most indoor settings, but they are still recommended. Carry a mask when leaving home. They are strongly recommended if you have any COVID-19 symptoms and are with people who may be vulnerable to COVID-19.

Last weekend's Collection:

I would like to thank everyone for their assistance & support. Last week you generously gave to the Parish \$210.00 & Presbytery \$607.15. God bless you and keep you all safe in His Care.

Heart of Life is offering an "At-home Retreat: Held in Hope" – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.

Praying with Pope Francis

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network (Apostleship of Prayer) is an international movement that is more than 170 years old. Each month, the Pope puts forward a prayer intention and asks Catholics around the world to join him in prayer. These intentions cover all sorts of areas of life, encouraging faith, renewing hope and calling us to loving service. Praying each month 'The Pope Video' forms part of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network – view at www.thepopevideo.org. **Pope's intention for July: For the elderly:** We pray for the elderly, who represent the roots and memory of a people. May their experience and wisdom help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility.

New Online Learning Module Registration Details

Over the past few months Michael Myers, Professional Standards Co-ordinator, has been requesting parishes to provide names and the email address of staff and volunteers who will be asked to undertake the new online Safeguarding Essentials module. (Please refer to the emails sent by Michael on March 23 and May 31 for further information, with the subject: Salt online learning). If your parish has not yet provided the relevant information we ask that you please send it to Michael.myers@ballarat.catholic.org.au as soon as possible.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – THIS SUNDAY

On Sunday, July 24, 2022, the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be celebrated throughout the universal Church. The theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion is "In old age they will still bear fruit" (Psalm 92:15). Resources available at <https://catholic.org.au/grandparents>

Prayer for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

I give thanks to you, Lord, for the blessing of a long life. For, to those who take refuge in You, grant always to bear fruit. Forgive, O Lord, resignation, and disillusionment, but forsake me not when my strength declines. Teach me to look with hope to the future you give me, to the mission you entrust to me and to sing your praises without end. Make me a tender craftsman of Your revolution, to guard with love my grandchildren and all the little ones who seek shelter in You. Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis and grant Thy Church to deliver the world from loneliness. Direct our steps in the way of peace. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

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.'

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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. **All: 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. **(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: *(Please stand for the 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!

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 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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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’

24-July-2022 17th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	B Hammond	K Daffy		
9 a.m. Lismore	S Bialek	S McLeod		M Barry
11am: Camperdown	M Saunders	J Seuren		R Henry
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: M Lucas G McMillan		
Church Cleaning: R Henry		Altar Cobden: Sue Ralph		
Marian Statue: M Spokes				

31-July-2022 18th Sunday O.T.	Reader	P.O.F.	Offertory	E/Minister
6.30pm: Cobden	M McKenzie	G Kelson		
9 a.m. Lismore	A Coutts	A Mahony		S McLeod
11am: Camperdown	S Gillett	M Lucas		T O’Leary
Counting Team: P & L Hickey		Altar Camperdown: C McCarthy J Delaney		
Church Cleaning: B Hewitt		Altar Cobden: Sue Ralph		
Marian Statue: M McKenzie				

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