

## SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Welcome to the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

### Teach us to Pray

There are methods of prayer a-plenty and many gurus offering to teach us meditation. We can readily identify with the disciple who asked, after watching Jesus at prayer, "Lord, teach us to pray." They wanted to know how Jesus set about prayer, in his own heart. St Luke's Gospel is notable for its prayerful focus. More than the other Evangelists he draws attention to Jesus praying – whether alone, on the hills or in the garden of olives.

Like that unnamed disciple, we can sincerely ask, "Lord, teach us to pray." But first we need to sit in silence, just aware of him. Then gradually, like the apprentice learning from the master, or rather, like good soil becoming fertile from the falling dew, his prayer takes root and germinates in our hearts. Slowly we too begin to repeat that central prayer which links our whole being to the one that Jesus calls, "Abba, Father."

We are unused to Luke's wording of the Lord's Prayer. The official version adopted by the Church is Matthew's, which is longer and more liturgical, with its seven petitions. Luke's is shorter, containing only five petitions, but is more directly personal. Instead of "Our Father who art in heaven," as in Matthew, Luke's version begins with the simple cry "Father!" It is a form of address that would not have been on the lips of anyone but Jesus. It originated in, and revealed, his profound

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bond with the Father. Jesus was Son of God in the depth of his being.

The early Christians, especially those who listened to St Paul, cherished the moment of Baptism when they became children of God. In the depths of their hearts they could hear the Spirit of Jesus urging them to make their own his intimacy with God, "Abba, Father" (Rom 8:15; Gal 4:6). This title of familiarity expressed perfectly the sweet intimacy and total confidence of their new status. Even as it revealed the core identity of Jesus, it makes us aware of the dignity of our adoption as children of the Father. Who better to introduce us to prayer than Jesus himself and, of course, the Holy Spirit he shares with us?

*Taken from the Association of Catholic Priests*

### ST PAT'S NANANGO -Sarah McCarthy Acting APRE



St Patrick's Prep class joyfully celebrated their 100th day of Prep on Tuesday! The students arrived in special T-shirts (made by their teacher and school officers) and

spent the day engaging in fun, number-themed activities focused on 100, especially in maths. It was a wonderful celebration filled with learning, creativity, and excitement.

Blessings, Father Stanley.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME				PARISH PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK
Friday 25th July	Cooyar	6pm	Vigil	<u>Recently Deceased:</u> Eileen Curtain, John Curtain.
Saturday 26th July	Blackbutt	5pm	Liturgy	<u>Death Anniversaries:</u> Martin Kruger, Hunter Magee, Jean-Claude Robineau.
Sunday 27th July	Kumbia	6pm	Vigil	<u>Prayers for the sick:</u>
	Nanango	8am	Mass	<b>OLHC Parish</b> - Amelia Cole, Pauline Giles, Greg Knaggs, Joan Cronin, Damian Wyvill, Mick Wyvill, Kyle Sutherland (Perrett), John Fowke, Chris Stevens, Shirley Warner, Bruce McCarthy.
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass	<b>St Mary's Parish</b> - Denise Mann, Liz Mamczur, Ellie Spicer, Joe Smoother, Judy Stanton, Jo Saunders, Michael Carroll, Therese Hanley, Teresa O'Sullivan, Maree Janz, Tony Cavanagh, Juliette McCorley, Bruce McCarthy, Terry Burns.
<b>First Reading:</b> Responsorial Psalm:	<b>Genesis 18:20-32</b> <b>Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.</b>			
<b>Second Reading:</b> Gospel Acclamation:	<b>Colossians 2:12-14</b> <b>Alleluia, Alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.</b> <b>Alleluia!</b>			
	<b>Luke 11:1-13</b>			
<b>WEEKDAY MASS - 17TH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME</b>				
Thursday 31st July	Blackbutt	9am	Mass	
	Kumbia	5:30pm	Mass	
	<b>ANointing MASS</b>			
Friday 1st August	Kingaroy	9am	Mass	
	Nanango	12pm	Mass	
<b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>				
Saturday 2nd August	Blackbutt	5pm	Vigil	
Sunday 3rd August	Kumbia	8am	Liturgy	
	Nanango	8am	Mass	
	Kingaroy	10am	Mass	
<b>FROM CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS</b>				
Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." Luke 11:1 Reflect, today, upon that perfect prayer, The Lord's Prayer. Spend time studying it, thinking about each petition, the order in which Jesus laid it out, its simplicity and its clarity. Acknowledge that because we pray The Lord's Prayer so often, we can sometimes miss its true meaning and beauty. Our Lord gave us this prayer for a reason. Make sure that you do all you can to discover its meaning and practice its teaching.				
<b>VOCATION VIEWS</b>				
Vocation Brisbane's weekly Vocation Views are a simple way to keep the question of God's call in the minds of your parishioners and a great way to promote the message of vocations to those who might come across it.				
<p><i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C</i></p> <p>Ask, and you shall receive; seek, and you shall find, knock, and it shall be opened to you.</p>				
				
Saint Mary's College has again been fortunate to be able to run Breakfast Club this year. Breakfast is available every day and is run by both our Pastoral Assistant Mrs Leisa Walker and our Campus Minister Mr Troy Miller. Each morning, Monday - Thursday students have the opportunity to have toast with various spreads, together with either hot or cold milo. On Friday, students are provided with a hot breakfast, - which can include: bacon and egg on a muffin, scrambled eggs, pancakes, hash browns. We have been fortunate to have been sponsored by 'Love to Live Disability Services' run by 2 of our parents: Paul Lowe and Trent Wagenmakers. Most Fridays you will see Paul and his 2 children, Daniel and Chloe assisting in cooking and serving breakfast to students.				
<i>Our Parishes acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we stand, the Wakka Wakka people and pay our respects to the elders past, present and emerging.</i>				