

# 17th Sunday in Ordinary time - Year C

## 27th - 28th July 2019

**First Reading:** Genesis 18:20-32

*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/** Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**Second Reading:** Colossians 2:12-14

*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.

The Word of the Lord

**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:** Luke 11:1-13

*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



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### “ Lord Teach Us to Pray!”

How often have we heard comments from a grieving family member or friend of a loved one who is dying or suffering like, “ Why does God do this? He/she is such a good person...goes to Mass, helps others, is involved in the church community...” Sometimes, if only in our use of language it can seem that we hold on to a faith that involves bartering with God... with an attitude of “I’ll do that so I’m rewarded. We find it hard to accept that life can be both wonderful and painful.

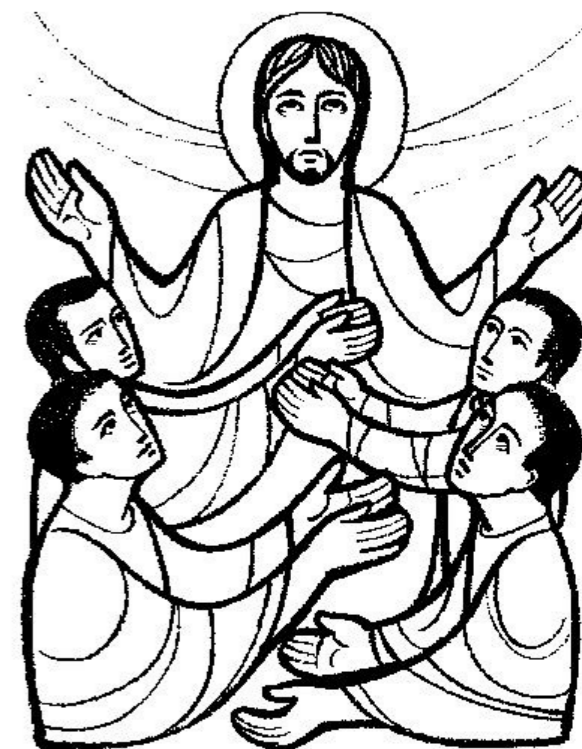
The God whom Jesus revealed and prophets before him in times of deep social upheaval is not a God who tests, punishes or needs to be bribed. “Can a mother forget her child? Even if she could possibly do that, I will never forget you my people!” (Isaiah 49) ‘God,’ we are told in a letter of John, ‘is love’. Those who abide in Love, abide in God and God in ‘them’. God reflected in Jesus’ mission is a God who each person can say ‘loves me, wants to best for me; who laughs and weeps alongside me, who carries me when I need to be carried, forgives me when I have acted selfishly and hurtfully towards Him or another: One with whom I simply love to be in relationship.

Jesus did so much good, yet bad things still came his way through others. But he kept responding to all life’s challenges with love and forgiveness enabled by his faith in God who was ever faithful and ever present with his people whether they realised it or not.

Luke’s Gospel presents the core of our faith through Jesus’ teaching on prayer. As he teaches his disciples the Our Father and advises them to keep on asking and keep on knocking at the door, some features of Jesus’ own prayer and humility of heart emerges.

Life kept on testing his belief in a loving God, so he needed to pray with trust as a child has instinctive trust in the care, protection and love of a parent. Human experiences, such as a parent feeding a child or a neighbour answering the door to someone’s persistent knocking, were helpful to his understanding of what God is like.

Through his teaching, Jesus encourages us to be persistent in prayer, to be aware of God’s presence in our lives and, just as Jesus lived what He prayed, He urges us to do the same: so drawing on the power of God’s love abiding with us, we are to be active messengers of God’s love, mercy and kingdom in the midst of our broken world.



**Office Hours:**

Tues to Fri: 10.00am - 12.30pm

**Parish Priest:**

Fr Jan Szweda, SVD

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Teresa Dang, Kay Dufty, Robert

Dullard, Mary Harb, Sharron Kotz,

Pauline O’Day, Fr Jan Szweda

**Parish Council Members:**

Catherine Zanatta (chairperson),

Kay Dufty (secretary), Gerard

Grant, Ophelia Swai, Anisasio

(Pauline) Veamatahau,

Mark Tierney

**St. Vincent de Paul Society:**

Pauline O’Day (President)

Ph: 9484 2445

**Parish Mass Schedule**

**Weekend Masses:**

**Saturday:** 6:00pm

**Sunday:** 9:00am (*Italian*),  
10:30 am, 6:00 pm

**Weekday Masses:**

**Monday to Friday:** 9.10am

**Healing Mass:** 1st Thursday of  
the month at 1.30pm

**Devotional Practices:**

**Adoration of the Blessed**

**Sacrament:** Wednesday after  
9.10am Mass

**Holy Rosary:** Thursday (Eng) &  
Friday (*Italian*) after 9.10am Mass

**Legion of Mary:** Thursday  
7.30pm, in the Presbytery

**Reconciliation:**

Weekdays: 30 minutes before  
Mass or by appointment

**Baptisms & Weddings:**

By appointment only

**National Themes for Discernment for the Plenary Council 2020**

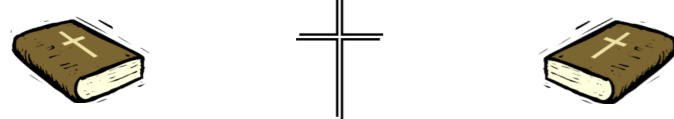
**National Theme for Discernment #1: How is God calling us to be a Christcentred Church that is Missionary and Evangelising?** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared a passion for participating in the missionary nature of the Church and desire stronger support, involvement and formation among all the baptised who make up the Church.

**National Theme for Discernment #2: How is God calling us to be a Christcentred Church that is Inclusive, Participatory and Synodal?** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a desire for individuals and groups within and also beyond the Church to find a better welcome and be incorporated more into her life and mission.

**National Theme for Discernment #3: How is God calling us to be a Christcentred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?** This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who shared how deeply they treasured the Eucharist and the sacramental and liturgical life of the Church. Find out more at [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au)

**Dates to Remember**

- Thursday 1st August:** Mass at 1.30pm  
Mass with Anointing of the Sick
- Tuesday 6th August:** Mass at 9.10am  
The Transfiguration of the Lord
- Thursday 8th August:** Masses at 9.10am & 7.30pm  
St. Mary of the Cross, Mary McKillop
- Thursday 15th August:** Masses at 9.10am & 7.30pm  
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



**Welcome!**

This weekend through Baptism we welcome:  
**Cristiano Tevita Gino Fonua**  
into our Parish family



**Last Week's Collection: 21/07/19**

1st Collection for our Church: \$1255.35  
2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$594.30

Thank you for your kind generosity!



**Sacred Heart Parish Prayer**

**Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

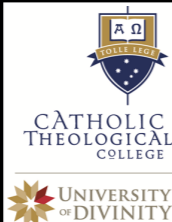


**First Holy Communion 2019**

A parent information session will be held on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August, in the presbytery at 11.20am, after the 10.30am Mass. All students who are intending to make their First Communion and their parents, **must** attend this session.

The first class will begin immediately after the Parent Session on 4<sup>th</sup> August. Students are asked to bring a notebook and their pencil case. Class will finish at 12.35pm.

If you have any queries, please contact Judeline Wadhvani on 0490660787 or at [judeline.wadhvani@gmail.com](mailto:judeline.wadhvani@gmail.com). Thank you.



**Catholic Theological College  
2019 Knox Public Lecture**

Wednesday 21 August at 7.30pm

**Dr Trudy Dantis**

**The Voices of Plenary Council**

Bookings and Information: [sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au](mailto:sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au)  
or phone 9412 3366

R.S.V.P.: Tuesday 13 August

Venue: Catholic Leadership Centre,  
Corner Victoria Parade & Hoddle Street, East Melbourne

**Children's Liturgy of the Word**

The Sacred Heart Parish Children's Liturgy has commenced! Parents are most welcome. Very young children must be accompanied by an adult.



Children's Liturgy will run during school terms only. Dates for Term 3 are: July: 28<sup>th</sup>; August: 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>; and September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Personal question/action for today**

What is my concept of prayer? When and how often do I pray? Do I spend at least as much time praising and thanking GOD as I do rattling off my list of petitions? How can I be more conscious of my need for a prayerful relationship with GOD? What steps will I take today in order to spend more time with GOD? What are some practical ways that I can remember to pray constantly?

**Sacred Heart Social Committee**

The Sacred Heart Social Committee asks for your feedback about the celebration we had for our recent feast day. Please complete a simple feedback form in the church foyer, and put it in the box provided. This will assist us to understand how you felt about this celebration and how we can work to improve the future parish celebrations.

**Sacred Heart Fundraising Committee**

Do you have experience in fundraising, or would like to work with others to raise funds to support the Sacred Heart Parish? Anyone interested in being part of a fundraising committee are asked to put their name and contact details on the sheet in the foyer of the church. All levels of expertise and enthusiasm are welcome.

**Call to end Offshore Detention Centres**

Catholic leaders have denounced Australia's tough offshore detention policy as thousands of people rallied in capital cities last weekend, calling for the release of about 800 refugees and asylum seekers remaining on Manus Island and Nauru.

Already, 12 young men have died over these past six years and many more have attempted self-harm out of utter despair. International agencies have been appalled by the conditions under which they live and the effects on their health, spirits and self-respect.

July 19<sup>th</sup> marked six years since the Labour Government, under then prime minister Kevin Rudd, reintroduced offshore detention for asylum seekers who arrived by boat. 'We call on our government and political leaders to act in accordance with our honourable tradition and put an end to a deplorable situation.'

**MELBOURNE ACYF PILGIMRAGE TO PERTH**

The Festival for youth and young adults, Year 9 - 30 years  
Details: [www.cam.org.au/acyf19](http://www.cam.org.au/acyf19) or call 9287 5565

Like our Facebook page to keep up to date: [@melbacyf](https://www.facebook.com/melbacyf)  
Subsidies available and applications need to be received by 11<sup>th</sup> August.

Apply online: <https://www.cam.org.au/acyf19/Announcements>

ACYF Prayers: [https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/ACYF\\_Prayers.pdf](https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/ACYF_Prayers.pdf)



**Cleaning Roster:  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2019**  
*Volunteers*  
Thank you for your help!

**PLEASE TAKE THE BULLETIN HOME**

Roster for weekend of 3 <sup>rd</sup> - 4 <sup>th</sup> August 2019			
	Readers	Ministers	Projector
Sat 6.00pm	Rohan Lemos Mary Harb	Barbara Fitzgerald	Rohan Lemos
Sun 9.00am (Italian)	Ilardi L. Orsini A.	Gugliotti A. Recchia I.	Tamburrini M.
Sun 10.30am	Marilene Fortuna Ophelia Swai	George McBrien	Jessy Thambiraj
Sun 6.00pm	Carolina Constable Mariana Jurjevic	Sharron Kotz	Jessica Suppiah

**WE PRAY FOR:**  
The elderly and the sick  
*Brian Donnellon, Stanislawa Kotowski,  
Maria Santa Lucia, Stephen Meese,  
Irene Navascues, Dale O'Keefe, Veronica Parkes,  
Rosie Poter, Lidia Razzi, Raul Reinal &  
Ercolina Zoppi*  
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Those who have died  
*Visitacion L. Aguilar, Michela Gandolfo,  
Duilio Malavisi, Theresa McVeigh,  
Antonio Potenza (1 month), Filippo Tovoli (Italy)  
& Anna Tropeano (2<sup>nd</sup> Anni.)*  
O Lord, may perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.

**ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGIUM**  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 6pm  
St Joseph's Church, corner Melville Road and Hope Street, West Brunswick  
St Joseph's Collegium, a chamber choir of young singers singing liturgical music from the 16th century to the present day, directed by Anthony Halliday, will sing at the 6pm Vigil Mass at St Joseph's.  
**Mass:** *Mass for four voices* William Byrd  
**Motet:** *Ave Maria* Sergei Rachmaninov  
**Motet:** *Pater Noster* Flor Peeters

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**  
*Invest in your most precious asset..... Your Marriage!*  
Married couples, come and learn how to keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! This weekend is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.  
**2019 Victorian weekend dates: 23-25 Aug and 15-17 Nov.**  
*Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided.*  
Information: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)  
Website: [wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)