



**Gospel Lk 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!'

**Reflection by Dianne Bergant CSA**

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need.

The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be.

The salutariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

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**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C**

**24 July 2022**

**First Reading Gn 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.'

**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**

*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.

**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!*

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE – COVID-19 General Liturgical Guidelines Update**

The Chief Health Officer has strongly recommended the use of face coverings in indoor and crowd settings during this winter period (from July 0222 onwards). Face coverings remain optional within Places of Worship, however please be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity. Thank you.

**IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**SICK**

Desmond Wijetunga

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Vincenzo Chivalo

**ANNIVERSARIES**

Joseph Micallef, Jack Rennie, Evelyn Chy, Leo Alvares, Maria Luigia Fratangelo, George Abilameh, Ronickammal, Kulandaisamy

**BAPTISMS, MARRIAGE, PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK**

For details regarding the celebration of these sacraments, please contact the Parish Office or speak directly to Fr Sebastian.

**PARISH SUPPORT** Thank you all for your continued support. For those who prefer to, online donations can be made as follows:-

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**FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK**

Mon 25 July	St James
Tue 26 July	Sts Joachim & Ann
Fri 29 July	St Martha
Sat 30 July	St Peter Chrysologus

**PARISH NEWS**

**INVITATION TO MEMORIAL MASS & DINNER**

There will be a Memorial Mass on **Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> July** commencing at **6.30pm**, to commemorate the 3<sup>rd</sup> Death Anniversary of the Soul of the late Sebastian Manickam, Fr Sebastian's dad. Following the Mass there will be a Dinner in the Parish Centre from approx. **7.15pm**. There is no cost for the Dinner (BYO alcohol). Please **RSVP** by **Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> July** to the Parish Office.

There is also a clipboard in the narthex to add your name and contact details. Fr Sebastian would value your presence and you are all very welcome to attend.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) Enquiry Period**

*Are you interested in becoming a Catholic* or do you know someone who is?

The Enquiry Period continues. There will be a final **Enquiry Night** on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> July** in St Peter's Parish Centre Meeting Room at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. Please pass this on to those you think who might be interested. For further information, please contact Teresa Paradowski on 9337 3103. Please remember our Enquirers and the RCIA Team in your prayers.

**CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF MELBOURNE - Winter Fiesta and World Youth Day Launch**

Join Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli for SIX30 Holy Hour followed by a Winter Fiesta in the grounds of the Cathedral. This will be a great opportunity to shake off the winter chills with some live music, delicious food and great company. We are looking forward to a great night of prayer, music, food and fun, and Archbishop Peter will also use this opportunity to launch our pilgrimages to WYD 2023. **Thursday 4 August** 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm, St Patrick's Cathedral More information: <https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/events/winter-fiesta>

**2<sup>ND</sup> WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY – SUNDAY 24 JULY, 2022**  
*“In old age they will still bear fruit” – Psalm 92:15*

Pope Francis has chosen this theme to awaken our collective sense of gratitude and respect for the elderly and to seek new ways of making the elderly a living part of our community. Not only are young people called upon to show their respect for the lives of older people, but the elderly also have a mission – to pass on their faith. Each of us, whether single or married, religious or priest, share in this mission. The elderly are part of a vast reservoir of prayer – a huge, powerful gift for Church and society.

Saints Joachim & Anne - Grandparents of Jesus - Feast Day 26th July  
[www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.com](http://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.com)

**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**

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**MASS TIMES**

**Weekend Mass Times:**

9.15am Saturday Morning Mass

6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

8.30am & 10.30am & 5.00pm Sunday Masses

**Weekday Mass Times:**

9.15am Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday (followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction)

**RECONCILIATION**

9.45am Saturday; 5.30pm Saturday

(Please let the Priest know you would like to make your Confession)

**ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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**SCHOOL NEWS**

**Prep SC Class Mass**

Saturday 23 July at the 6pm Vigil Mass. All welcome.

**Grandparents Day Masses**

Tuesday 26 July & Thursday 28 July

Children and their Grandparents/ Grandfriends are very welcome to attend the 9.15am Mass. Please contact School for further information.

*The Parish of St Peter's, Keilor East and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and vulnerable people in our community.*