

St Brigid's Marrickville

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We stand at the Crossroads of life for many people



17th Sunday of the Year - Year C
27/28 July 2019

HEAVEN AND EARTH CAN COINCIDE

People often imagine huge distance between the 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 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 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'

In today's Gospel, Jesus provides his disciples, and all Christians, with a model of prayer. In keeping with this modelling by Jesus, it is significant that

it is significant that the Lord's Prayer, or Our Father, is the common prayer of all Christians, regardless of denominations.

The parables and teachings that follow the Lord's Prayer make clear the purpose of prayer that Jesus was highlighting—prayer at petition. In this instance, Jesus assures us that if we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence, then God cannot fail to respond to our prayer. Jesus in fact encourages us to be demanding and persistent in our prayer. How the parable is used to demonstrate the persistent nature of prayer is not focused on demand for selfish purposes, but rather the neighbour needs assistance in fulfilling his obligations of hospitality to a traveller. He is not waking his neighbour in the middle of the night to ask for bread for himself; he asks for bread to give to his guest. He asks for help to fulfil his duty and responsibility. This gives us something of an idea about how we might focus our prayer. Praying for a pony or a new bike isn't quite in the same league!

The final element of the Gospel passage provides us with a description of God's love - it is greater than anything within our experience or imagination.

Jesus says in the Gospel, 'Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you.' Asking, searching and knocking are means by which we initiate the encounter with God. If we don't ask, search and knock, how is anyone (including God) to know our needs or know what it is that we are searching for. Particularly in our spiritual lives, it is only through the search and the knocking on the doors of different experience that we ever come close to finding answers.

Fr Michael Tate

What commitment for the coming week would you like to make as a response to today's Gospel?

Planned Giving 2019-2020

Please pick up your NEW set of envelopes for 2019-2020 if you have not yet done so.

Tax deductibility for NEXT year, 2019-2020, has been raised from 25% to 30%.

Please **DESTROY ALL old envelopes and only use the current set from now on.**

Receipts for Planned Giving 2018/19,
CWF Appeal 2018/19 and
Project Compassion 2019

are available for collection in the church until the end of July. If there are any issues relating to these, please contact the Parish Office.

CWF Fund Appeal: 3-4 August 2019 throughout the Archdiocese of Sydney

Funds raised go to important works throughout the Archdiocese including family counselling; scripture teaching and youth works; seminaries; outreach to Indigenous communities; and support for our Catholic deaf community. Special envelopes will be available next week for returning on 3/4 August. Parish Levy this Appeal: \$10,100.00 100% tax deductible

Thank You!

To everyone who contributed to our recent Catholic Mission (Peter's Pence) Appeal. A total of **\$3,059.75** has been forwarded to the Mission Office.

"ReUnyte"

All of Christ's family together in prayer and worship

THIS SUNDAY, 28 July 2019—ecumenical prayer gathering at 7.00pm at Holy Trinity Anglican Church, 11 Herbert St, Dulwich Hill. ALL Welcome!

Healing Mass

Friday 2 August 2019 at St Joseph's Enfield, Rosary at 7pm, Mass at 8pm. Celebrant: Bishop Anthony Randazzo DD. Enquiries: 9642 2359

Anniversary

Our Lady of Mt Carmel Parish, Waterloo, is celebrating its 160th Anniversary as a parish on Friday 16 August 2019. Mass celebrated by Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP at 7.00pm followed by supper in Patrician Brothers Hall. Anyone who has a connection with Waterloo is invited to the celebration. RSVP: roseberycatholic@gmail.com

Ignite Conference

For the first time ever, this Catholic youth and family conference will be held in Sydney—3-6 October 2019. For high schooler and young adults, families, teachers, ministry leaders, priests and religious. Students from all Sydney Catholic Schools are offered a 50% discount and special packages for families are also available. Details: www.sydneycatholicyouth.org/ignite19/ or 9307 8512.

Courses for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

On Wednesday 7 and 14 August 2019 at Our Lady of the Rosary, Kensington, 7.00-9.00pm. This course is a pre-requisite for those who wish to attend Acolytes/Senior Altar Servers Training Courses. Please Note: BOTH nights are to be attended to receive certificate.
Enquiries: patricia.marsh@sydneycatholic.org

"Rene Girard Through Film"

Film afternoon illustrating some of the thought of the French philosopher. Presented by Sr Susan Connelly rsj and Sheelagh Hidden. Sunday 11 August 2019, 2-5.00pm at the Grail, 22 McHatton St, Northe Sydney. Refreshments provided. Donation: \$10 or whatever you can afford. No previous knowledge of Girard's thought required. Space limited so RSVP ESSENTIAL: susan.connelly@sosj.org.au

Pilgrimages

"Footprints of Jesus"

14 Day Holy Land Pilgrimage to Jordan and Israel led by Fr Robert William. Departing 16 September 2019. Cost: \$5,690 + \$150 Tips. Enquiries/bookings: info@magiholidays.com.au. Bookings open for 2020 Pilgrimages—call 03 8839 6615 for Early Bird Discounts.

"In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop"

25th Anniversary National Pilgrimage—commencing in Melbourne on 22 October 2019, visiting Penola, Adelaide and other significant places, and finishing in Sydney on 2 November. Further info/brochure: national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au.

Plenary Council Update

More than 222,000 people participated in listening and dialogue sessions and contributed 17,457 submissions during the first stage of preparation for the Australian Plenary Council. The six national themes that emerged included: ***Missionary and evangelising; inclusive, participatory and synodal; prayerful and Eucharistic; humble, healing & merciful; a joyful, hope-filled & servant community; open to conversation, renewal and reform.***

We now move into the second phase—Listening and Discernment. Our voices will continue to be integral in the formation of the Plenary Council agenda through a process of communal discernment of these themes which can be undertaken in parishes and other groups.

Watch this space for further details

A Message from the Safeguarding Office

Child sexual abuse is a crime. The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you—or anyone you know—have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office on safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org OR 9390 5810. You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has a legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

Information Directory

St Brigid's Primary School

9558 6926

Casimir Catholic College

9558 2888

Baptisms

Preparation: 1st Sundays 10am-11.30am
Presentation: 2nd Sunday 9am/ 10.30am
Masses
Baptisms: 3rd & 4th Sundays at 12 noon

Marriages

Saturday: 10am—3.00pm
Preferably 6 months notice
Contact: Parish Secretary 8577 5670

Pastoral Ministry Contacts:

Adult Sacraments: Sr Elena
Bereavement Ministry: Sr Elenita
Care of Sick & Aged Sr Elena
CCD in State Schools Sue King
Children's Sacraments Sr Elenita
Children's ministry Sr. Elenita
Ecumenical & Interfaith Jim Yeo
Family Groups Contact: Adrienne Harverson
Finance C'tee : Hamish Flett
Justice & Peace Network Peter Jennings
Liturgical Ministries Fr Erick, Sr Elena
Maintenance C'tee: Michael Daher/Pongia Fenukitau
Men's Club: Arthur Kassis; John Skinner, Mick Ward
Parish Safeguarding Support: Sue King
Pastoral Council Co-chairs Peter Jennings, Arthur Kassis.
Youth Ministry: Jenny Solo

Parish Collections

Counters: This week (28/7): Jim's Team
Counters: Next Week (5/8): Jim/Lalo/Maree

21/7/19

1st (Passionists): \$ 1,640
2nd (Parish): \$ 4,195
Cash & Envelopes: \$ 3,003
Credit Cards: \$ 1,192

14/07/19

1st (Passionists) : \$ 1,325
2nd (Parish): \$ 3,398

Calendar

July 2019

27-28 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

27 Our Lady of Snows Vigil Mass: 11.00am
San Lupo Mass & Procession : 12.30pm

28 Baptisms : 12 noon
St Brigid's Seniors: 2.00pm
Our Lady of Snows Mass & Procession:
1.30pm
Youth Mass: 6.00pm followed by Young Adults in Annexe at 7.00pm

30 Parish Pastoral Council

August 2019

3/4 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Vocations Awareness Week Begins

Charitable Works Appeal: ALL masses

3 7-10am Tongan Gardening
6-8.00pm Tongan Meeting: Annexe
4 Baptism preparation: 10am in Annexe
Jnr Youth: 4-5.30pm : Hall

6 Dominican Laity: 9am in Hall

8 Feast of St Mary of the Cross
(9am Mass incl Primary School)

10/11 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

National Vocations Awareness Week ends

We Remember

Recently Deceased: Madame Lichaa

Anniversaries: Gregory Devlin; Maria T.K. Trang Hoang; Sr Frances Bartley SGS; Nguyen Van Hung; Dominic Nguyen Van Ai; Daniel Guilfoyle; Eileen Minehan; Betty Scollard; Alfred Taylor; Timothy O'Brien; Thomas Bunch; Ivy Heares; Thomas Pearsom; Lucia Amorato.

Carrying Severe Illness: Betty Hickey; Eileen McClement; Edna Taylor; Geoffrey Leask; Rocco Tropea; Mary Harb.

Mass Texts: Sunday 17 (Yr C)

First Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32
Response: On the day I called, you answered me, O God
Second Reading: Coloss 2: 12-14
Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13
Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously hear us.

Mass Texts: Sunday 18 (Yr C)

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2: 21-23
Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.
Second Reading: Coloss 3: 1-5. 9-11
Gospel: Luke 12: 13-21
Intercessions Response: Lord, graciously hear us

Liturgical Timetable

Mon—Fri: Mass at 6.45am followed by adoration until 8.45am. Benediction at 8.45am followed by Mass at 9.00am. **(Communion service at 9.00am Monday)**

Public Hols: Mass 9.00am only

Saturday: Mass 7.30 am; Reconciliation 9-10 am; Marriages 10-3 pm; Reconciliation 4-4.45 pm; Mass:5 pm; & 6.30 pm (Vietnamese)
Sunday: Mass at 7.30 am, 9 am, 10 .30am (multilingual); 4.30pm (Viet); and 6pm.

Ministry of Care & Support to Aged and Infirm

Mass is celebrated monthly in all the Nursing Homes in Marrickville.

Communion is taken to sick residents in Nursing Homes & in their homes on a weekly basis, either by Ministers of Care or family members.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is offered after Masses on First Fridays

REFLECTION

Diane Bergant CSA

Today's 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 an only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged.

Sunday Mass Ministries: Sunday 17 & Sunday 18 Year C

	Lectors/Commentators		Communion Ministers		Altar Servers	
	27/28 July	3/4 August	27/28 July	3/4 August	27/28 July	3/4 August
5 pm Sat	Gabrielle Bietola Paul Cloran	Mary Leask Leila Walsh Michael Price	Mary Leask Maria Fuller Paul Hurst Shelley Hopper	Carole Price Michael Price Carmel Cloran Paul Cloran	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi	Leon Tupola Gary Tupola Walsh Mafi
7.30am Sun	Pat O'Reilly Carolan Ibbotson	Janice Schubach Marg Barrett	Maria Mansour Francis Seufale	Maria Mansour Francis Seufale	Michael Dillon	Michael Dillon
9 am Sun	Frank Cowell Bernadette Sara	John McGrath Bec Wong	Peter Jennings Judith Flett	Frank Cowell Jenny Oesman Justin Hartany Joanne McGrath	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen	Thomas Georges Gia Mihas Amelia Da Costa Luke Nguyen
10.30 am Sun	Mely Siasat Kate Johnston	Catherine Vagnozzi Rosetta Naticchia	Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco	Angie Chiapoco Elvie Chiapoco	Geoffrey Lean Aldrick De Vera Alfred De Vera	Albert Naticchia Anthony Naticchia
6 pm Sun	YOUTH MASS	Junior Youth	YOUTH MASS	Anthony Kassis Alex Kassis Lea Paladino	Tony Hayek	Tony Hayek