

Sunday 24th July 2022

Mass Times: Monday - Friday 9.30am, Saturday: 9:30am, 5:30pm Sunday 9:00am, 11:00am

Baptisms & other sacraments: please call the office to organise.



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Year C

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary - Year C

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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LIVING THE GOSPEL

Ask, Search, Knock

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." The actions of 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 experiences that we ever come closer to finding answers.

© Liturgy Help

Dear Parishioners, as you are aware, COVID is on the increase in our community as well as the flu.

As a result there is strong encouragement from the Chief Medical Officer to reinstate the use of masks when indoors and especially in larger crowd settings.

Physical distancing is also strongly encouraged where possible.

This is a recommendation, not a mandate.



JULY— Month of The Most Precious Blood of the Lord

- 24th St Christina of Bolsena
- 25th St James the Greater
- 26th St Christopher, St Anne & St Joachim
- 27th St Pantaleon
- 28th St Nazarius & St Celsus
- 29th St Martha
- 30th St Abdon & St Sennen



Pope Francis to the elderly:

Pope Francis offers an invitation to everyone walking through old age:

Dear grandparents, dear elderly persons, we are called to be artisans of the *revolution of tenderness* in our world! Let us do so by learning to make ever more frequent and better use of the most valuable instrument at our disposal and, indeed, the one best suited to our age: prayer.

‘Let us ask Our Lady, Mother of Tender Love, to make all of us artisans of the *revolution of tenderness*, so that together we can set the world free from the spectre of loneliness and the demon of war.’

Read more...

[.https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pope-francis-to-the-elderly-be-artisans-of-the-revolution-of-tenderness](https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pope-francis-to-the-elderly-be-artisans-of-the-revolution-of-tenderness)



Rosters for Next Week

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| 30th July 18th Sun Ord- Year C | 5.30pm | 9.00am | 11.00am |
| Lector | | John Little | Richard Wakeham |
| Minister | Volunteer | Mary Callea | Jenny Reiche |
| Audio Visual Operator | | Leo Cuerden | Teresa Myer |

Pilgrimage

Australian Ignatian Trail

Encounter Ignatian Spirituality, discerning and listening to God's presence in Nature. Take a pilgrimage along The Australian Ignatian Trail in the footsteps of the first Jesuits in Australia. These walking pilgrimages finish at JISA Sevenhill.

BOOKINGS CLOSE SOON
7 DAYS / 9 NIGHTS
 22 August - 31 August

4 DAYS / 6 NIGHTS
 11 October - 17 October

This camino experience provides an opportunity to encounter Ignatian Spirituality, discerning and listening to God's presence in Nature. Step aside from everyday life, walk, reflect, experience nature day after day, time in silence, conversation and listening to God's presence. The group will be supported by two experienced leaders from JISA's Being with God in Nature ministry: Ignatian Spiritual Director Geraldine Naismith and Jesuit priest Iain Radvan SJ.

For more information or to book:

phone 1300 EXAMEN (1300-392-636) or email info@jisa.org.au (please put BwGiN in the subject line), or follow this link

https://jisa.org.au/retreat/australian-ignatian-trail-2022-7-days-9-nights-2/?utm_source=ActiveCampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_content=Explore+yo+ur+spirituality&utm_campaign=July+-+Campion

CELEBRATION OF THE FEAST OF ST JAMES

The Parishioners of St James are invited to join in celebrating the **Feast of St James** at the **11.00am Mass on Sunday 31 July** at **St Joan of Arc Church**. There will be tea, coffee, cold drinks and cake for everyone afterwards. c/o Alberto Sabato



SAFETY OF CHILDREN AND ALL VULNERABLE PEOPLE

St Finbar's Parish hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and all vulnerable people as a central and fundamental responsibility for our community.