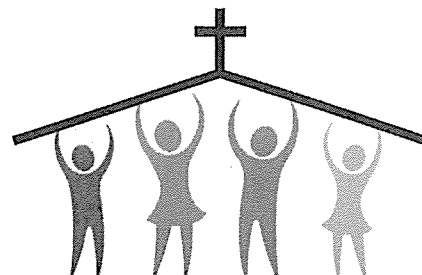


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# ST BRENDAN'S CATHOLIC PARISH



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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!*

## Gospel Lk 11:1-13

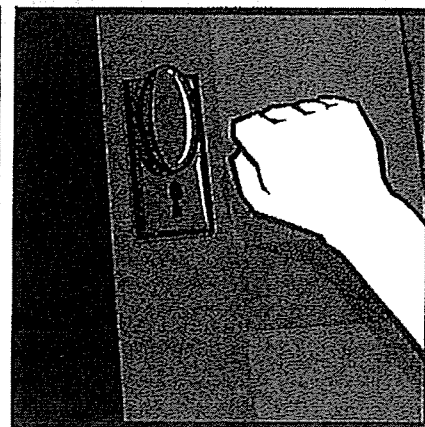
*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

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 Greg Sunter

In today's gospel, Jesus provides his disciples, and all Christians, with a model for prayer. In keeping with this modelling by Jesus, it is significant that the Lord's Prayer, or Our Father, is the common prayer of all Christians, regardless of denomination.

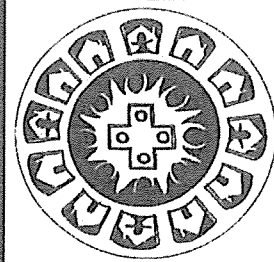
The parable and teaching that follow the Lord's Prayer make clear the particular purpose of prayer that Jesus was highlighting – prayer as petition. In this instance, Jesus assures us that if we pray for what we need with conviction and confidence, then God cannot fail to respond to our prayer. Jesus in fact encourages us to be demanding and persistent in our prayer. However, the parable used to demonstrate the persistent nature of prayer is not focused on demands 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 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 and care by something of a negative comparison: if human parents would not do harm instead of good to their children, God is even less likely to act like this towards us. It's a bit of an odd way around of saying that God's love is greater than anything within our experience or imagination.

# ST BRENDAN'S PARISH NEWS



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*Christ in community ...  
 the heart of our faith*

**Recently Deceased:** Patrick Francis Fitzpatrick, Francis Sleeth, Bradley Said

**Anniversaries:** Maria Giuliani, Domenic Sicali, Michael Carey, Damian Segafredo

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We turn our hearts and minds to the people of the Yorta Yorta nation, who have occupied this country for thousands of years. We pay respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging, and commit to walking alongside Aboriginal Australians in truth and justice.

## Readers & Commentators 30th & 31st July 2022

6pm	Sr. Bing	B. Lindsay
8am	B. Sullivan	P. Stein
11am	P. Richardson	L. Richardson

This Sunday Fr. Michael Grace celebrates the 8am and 11am Masses, please make him welcome.

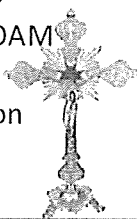
## SANDHURST DIOCESE PRIESTS CELEBRATING JUBILEES

**60 Years:** Monsignor Francis Marriott OAM

**50 Years:** Fr Des Welladsen,

Fr Vin Walsh and Bishop Les Tomlinson

A celebration was held in Bendigo  
 Wednesday July 20 in their honour



## Commonwealth Bank

### Community Donation Program

St Brendan's Parish has been chosen to receive \$500.00 as part of the Commonwealth Bank (CBA) Community Donation Program.

The CBA chose our Parish as a community who are working to better the lives of those who are in need. The winter night shelter is certainly part of the Parishes recent involvement in community projects.

Our Parish's L'Arche home project sees us involved in helping those with a disability find a place of value, love, and respect in our community.

Service is at the heart of our Catholic faith. We believe that by helping others we are lifted up. We aim to be a Parish that looks out for those in need and can then respond with help when needed. We are grateful to be seen in such a positive way and hope we can continue to help our community where needed in the future.

**Parish AFL Tipping Comp update** - there are only five weeks left of the AFL season. After Round 18, two former winners have risen to the top of the ladder. Jennifer Madeira leads on 110, with Damien Preston just one behind. The top ten tipsters are all within five of our leader, so the race to the finish line is still wide open. Fr. Joe and Fr. Jackson have slipped off the pace - they sit on 97 and 84 respectively.



**SUNDAY  
 JULY 24**



Anthony Kilmartin was presented the donation on behalf of our parish

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday Vigil 6pm

Sunday 8am & 11am

Saturday 8.30am *Syro Malabar Rite*, Sunday 5.30pm *Syro Malabar Rite*

**Rosary**— The Rosary is prayed in the Marian Chapel after weekday Masses and after the 8am Mass on Sunday.

**Holy Hour**— Thursdays 7pm to 8pm

### Weekday Mass Times

Tuesday to Friday 9.15am

**Reconciliation** Saturday 9.45am to 10.30am (in the Church)

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**— Fridays 5pm to 6pm

The Shepparton L'Arche Committee met during the week. They are excited to announce that they are now renting a home at 8 Duncan Court, Shepparton.

Initially, this will be a gathering place with a community for people with an intellectual and/or physical disability.

This is the first step of a three-stage vision. The second goal is to be able to offer respite. Thirdly, to be able to offer some residential care.

While there is some initial funding to begin, the committee would very much appreciate any financial donations to establish the house. The committee would like to use these financial donations to purchase new household items. Cash donations can be left at the Parish Office to be passed on.

For those who would like to see the house, an open house day will be held on Sunday, August 7, from 12pm—4pm. A BBQ lunch will be available.

For more information, please email [larcheprojectshepparton@outlook.com](mailto:larcheprojectshepparton@outlook.com) or phone Judy Holland 0408 216 210 or Carol O'Reilly 0408 149 962.

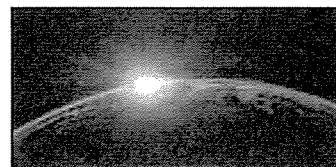


### **FOOD FOR FAITH "Plenary Tracker Ep: 8"**

Plenary Council Wrap up. I feel a lot happened 2 weeks ago at the plenary gathering in Sydney, it is important to listen to a breakdown of the Council.

Fr Joe has also answered a few questions on the Parish Facebook page.

This is our church, it is important we know what direction the Holy Spirit wishes it to take, Anthony



St Brendans Parish is grateful to receive their 'Certificate in Affirming Ecological Practice'.

This acknowledges that we have committed to caring for our common home and begun the journey to becoming a living Laudato Si' community.



*Dear Jesus, thank you for always  
listening to our prayers and for  
keeping us safe each day. Teach us to  
be kind, loving and forgiving. Amen.*



*Fr. Joe Taylor is on leave until Sunday July 31.  
We wish him a lovely and restful break.*

## **PRAYING With CHILDREN** SUNDAY LITURGY

*Children's Liturgy of the Word  
is held Sundays at  
the St Brendan's 11am Mass  
during the school term.*

*All primary school aged children  
are invited to join in!*



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For enquiries please contact the Parish Office on 5821 2633



## **Greater Shepparton Winter Night Shelter** (GSWNS)

We had 4 guests this week, a visitor from Murchison who heard about us via the community grapevine, 3 regulars and Blake our four legged guest.

Hot soup followed by meatloaf with barbeque sauce, mashed potatoes and vegetables were heartily enjoyed by all. We had some blankets and hoodies to share, which were gratefully received.

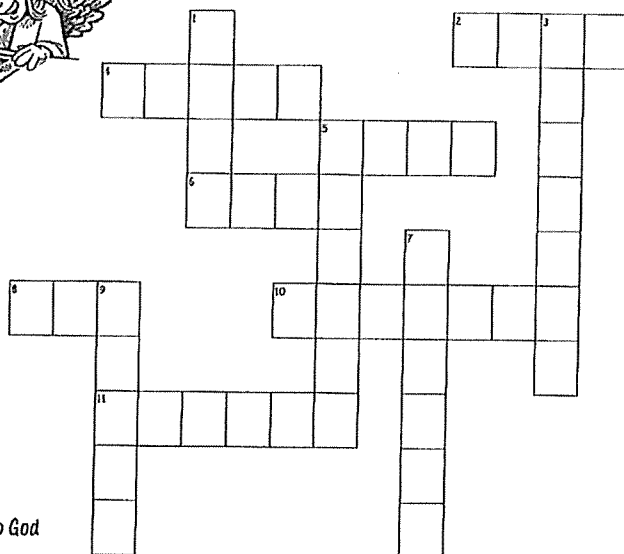
Thanks again to our awesome volunteers for making sure it is a success week in and out! Stay warm and safe.



For any questions,  
please contact  
Kathy Hunt on  
0416 058 431.



# Crossword



## Across

2: speak to God

4: not right

5: to discover what you are looking for

6: you enter a house through this

8: "\_\_\_ and you will receive"

10: to take something into your possession

11: a door can be \_\_\_\_\_ and closed

## Down

1: what we eat

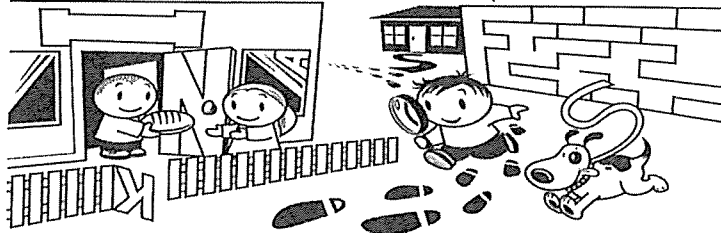
3: embarrassed at our own actions

5: someone who we really like

7: to look for something

9: to rap your knuckles on a door

Find the hidden letters in the picture and use them to complete the sentence below.



Everyone who \_\_\_\_\_ will receive, everyone who searches will \_\_\_\_\_.



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Online unit via Zoom

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## ST DONATO FESTA



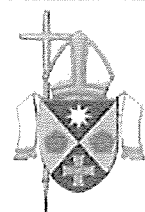
The feast of St Donato will be celebrated with Mass, 10.00am Saturday August 6 at Sacred Heart Church, Tatura. Lunch and entertainment will follow, 12noon at Tatura Italian Social Club

Entertainment by Mick Tenace Everyone welcome.

Cost \$50 for adults and \$20 for youth (between 5-12). Bookings essential for lunch, contact:

Joe Gagliardi 0438 579 989, Nick Lagozzino 0412 726 481.

## Project Support Officer - Mission and Pastoral Life (Fixed-term / Part-time)



An exciting opportunity to contribute to the Mission and Pastoral life of the Diocese. We are seeking a suitably qualified person to provide administrative and operational support to the Director of Mission and Pastoral Life and the Coordinator of Youth Ministry to deliver a number of key goals and objectives.

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**APPLICATIONS CLOSE: 8 August 2022**



# PRAYING *With* CHILDREN

## SUNDAY LITURGY



17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

24 July 2022 - Year C

***"Ask and you shall receive."***

### Something to Think About

When you pray, what do you say to God? Do you thank God for the wonderful things in your life? Do you ask God to help you or maybe to bless others?

### The Story

Jesus' disciples want to learn how to pray. Jesus shows them, and us, how to pray. We call this "The Lord's Prayer". Then Jesus encourages us to ask for whatever we need, and to never give up on praying. He promises us that when we ask, we will receive.

### The Scriptures

#### A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke

11:1-10

When Jesus had finished praying, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his followers to pray."

So Jesus told them, "Pray in this way:

'Father, help us to honour your name. Come and set up your kingdom. Give us each day the food we need. Forgive our sins, as we forgive everyone who has done wrong to us. And keep us from being tempted.'

Then Jesus went on to say: "Suppose one of you goes to a friend in the middle of the night and says, 'Let me borrow three loaves of bread. A friend of mine has dropped in, and I don't have a thing for him to eat.' And suppose your friend answers, 'Don't bother me! The door is bolted, and my children and I are in bed. I cannot get up to give you something.'

"He may not get up and give you the bread, just because you are his friend. But he will get up and give you as much as you need, simply because you are not ashamed to keep on asking.

"So I tell you to ask and you will receive,  
search and you will find,  
knock and the door will be opened for you.  
Everyone who asks will receive,  
everyone who searches will find,  
and the door will be opened for everyone who knocks."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Video

Watch the video which retells the gospel story.  
[The Lord's Prayer](#)



## Group Discussion

When you pray, what do you say to God? Do you thank God for the wonderful things in your life? Do you ask God to help you or perhaps to bless your friends and family? You could pray for people in hospital, or for peace around the world. Talk together about what you would like to pray for today.

## Praying For Others

*Leader:* Let us pray now for the leaders of our Church, our world, for those in our community and for our own needs.

*Reader 1:* We pray for leaders who try to make our community safe. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 2:* We pray for people who are too poor to buy food and clothing. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 3:* We pray for those who find it hard to forgive. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 4:* We pray for those who share what they have with others. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Reader 5:* We pray for patience as we ask God for the things we need. Lord, hear us.

**All: Lord, hear our prayer.**

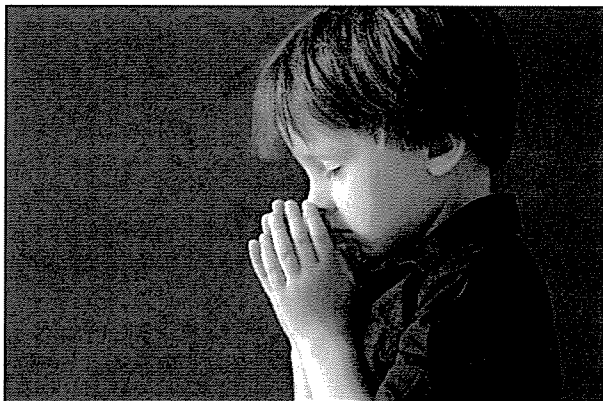
*Invite the children to pray for their own special intentions.*

**All: Lord hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Loving God, listen to the prayers we make in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## Prayer



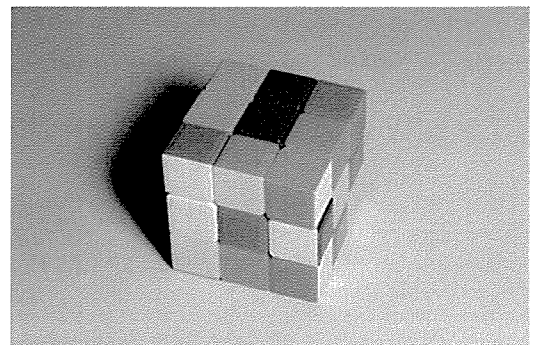
Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for always listening to our  
prayers and for keeping us safe  
each day. Teach us to be kind,  
loving and forgiving.  
Amen.

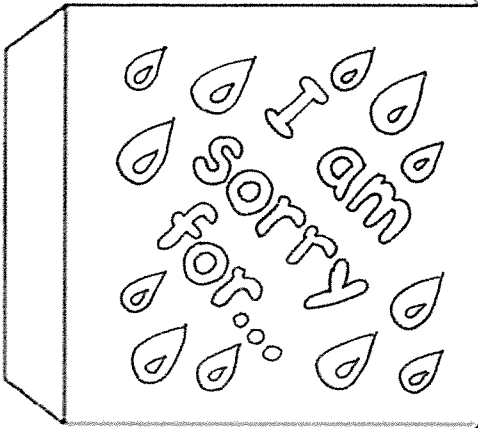
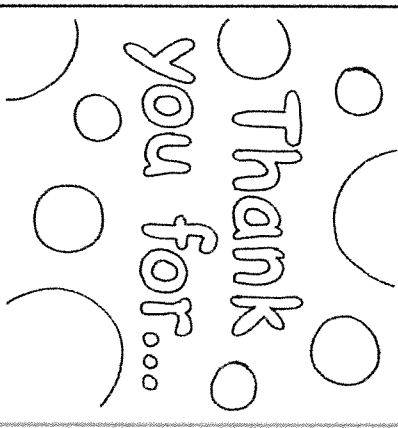
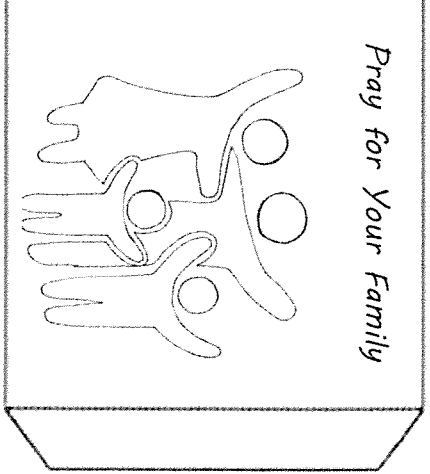
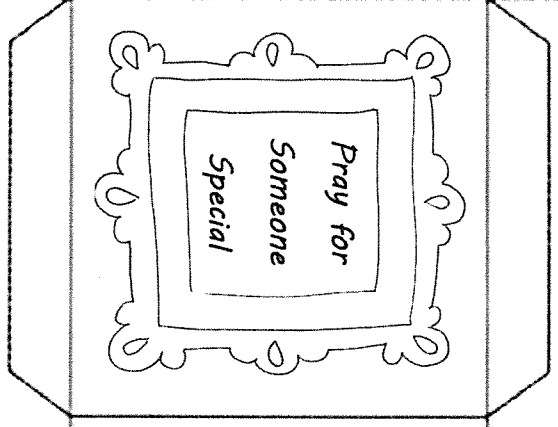
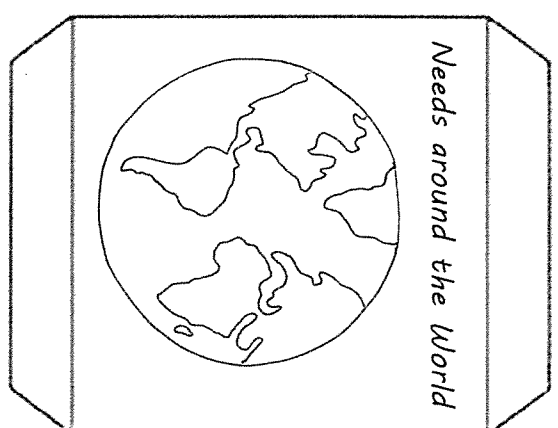
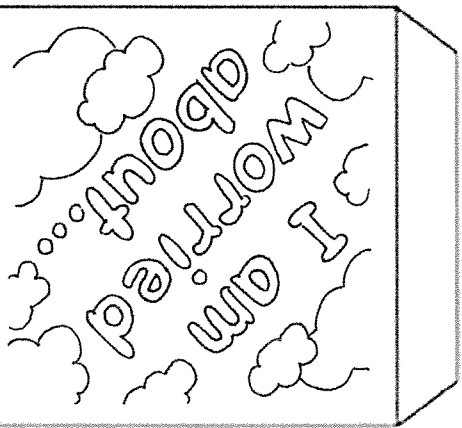
## Group Activity

### Make a prayer cube

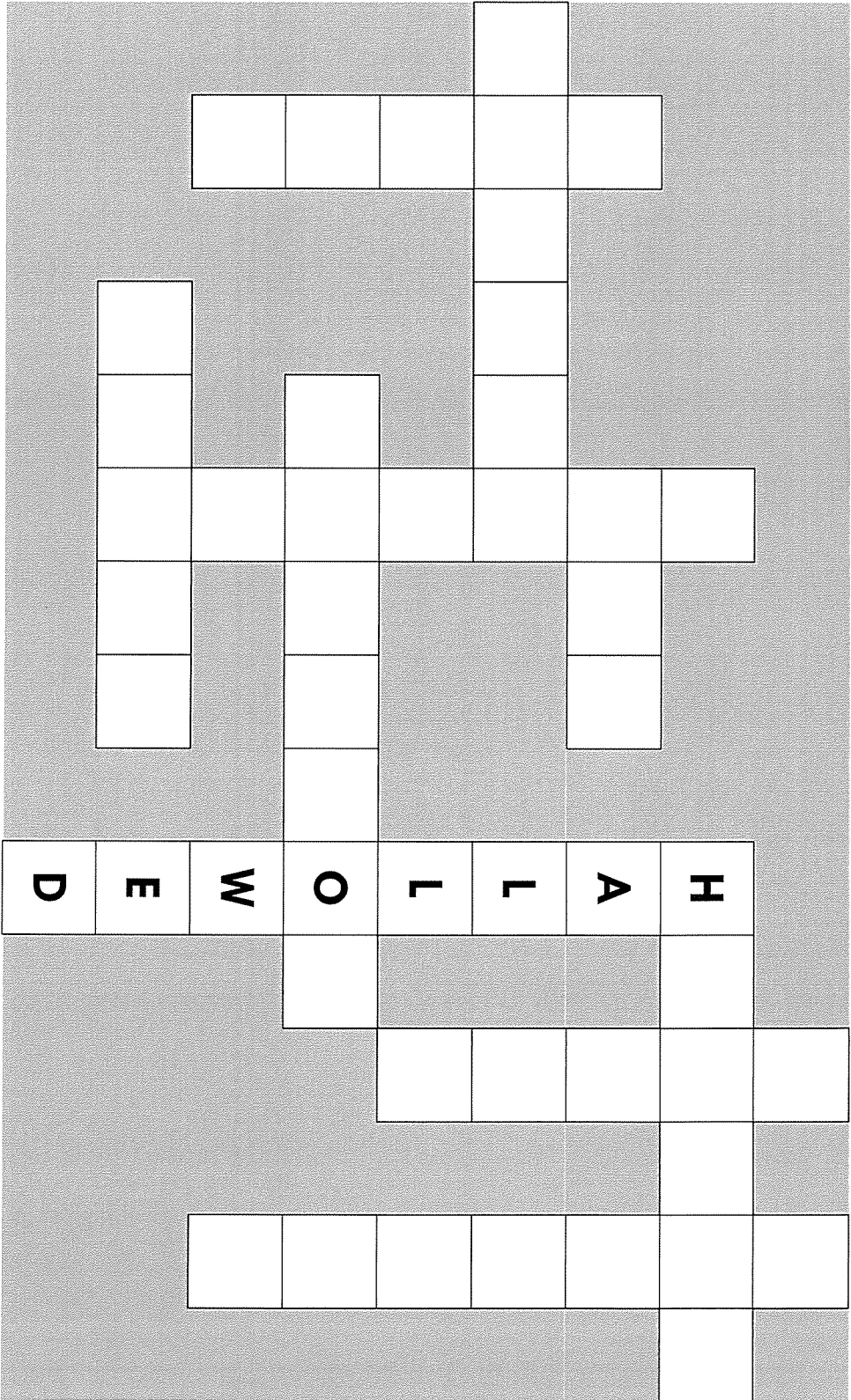
*For each child you will need: cardboard prayer cube template, coloured markers, scissors, glue.*

1. Show the children a pre-made cube and show them how they can roll it to decide what sort of prayer to say.
2. Invite children to colour their prayer cube.
3. Assist children to cut out their prayer cube, fold along the solid lines and glue the tabs in place to make a cube. Sticky-tape might be used in place of glue.





# JESUS TAUGHT US HOW TO PRAY



**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
and lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.**

COMPLETE THE CROSSWORD.

Blue words are vertical. Red words are horizontal.



# Programs & Services

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## Family Support

### Family and Property Dispute Resolution

Divorce, separation or family breakdown can be difficult and stressful for everyone involved. Dispute resolution provides mediation for separated or separating parents to reach agreement on parenting plans, division of property and finances.

Resolving issues through mediation reduces the conflict that families experience. It also helps separating or separated parents to focus on the best interests of their children.

### Mental Health & Wellbeing Support

Children and young people are particularly vulnerable to the stress of life transitions. During challenging times, children can begin showing signs of emotional and/or behavioural difficulties which can lead to poor mental health outcomes later in life.

Our Family Mental Health Support Service is an early intervention program that aims to enhance the resilience, mental health and wellbeing of children and young people by helping families to improve communication and strengthen relationships, manage stress and anxiety, and resolve conflict.

### ParentsNext

Our ParentsNext employment program assist parents to plan and prepare for employment by the time their youngest child reaches school age. If you have not worked in paid employment within the last six months, and your youngest child is aged under six, ParentsNext can help get you work-ready.

Our ParentsNext team can help you develop your pathway to employment by working with you to set and reach your goals.

## Counselling

When you or a loved one is going through a tough time, it's okay to ask for help.

Speaking to a counsellor can improve your quality of life, reduce stress, help strengthen or rebuild relationships with others, and help you feel more in control of your life.

Counselling provides one-on-one support to help deal with mental health issues, stressful or traumatic events, relationship problems and any other personal challenges or problems.

We provide affordable and confidential counselling to people of all ages, cultures and religious backgrounds.

### Counselling for Children and Teens

While it's natural for children and teenagers to display some challenging or moody behaviours, if you feel like something just isn't right or if you notice your child has been behaving out of character, seeking support early can prevent issues from becoming overwhelming.

Talking to a counsellor can help your child to modify negative or unwanted behaviours, ease stress and anxiety, and to improve their relationships and social skills.

## Victorian Family Law Network

The Victorian Family Law Pathways Network provides networking opportunities, professional development, and information for professionals working in the family law system.

## Communities for Children

The Greater Shepparton Communities for Children program identifies and funds local projects for children and families. Visit [www.sheppartoncfc.com.au](http://www.sheppartoncfc.com.au) to view available programs.

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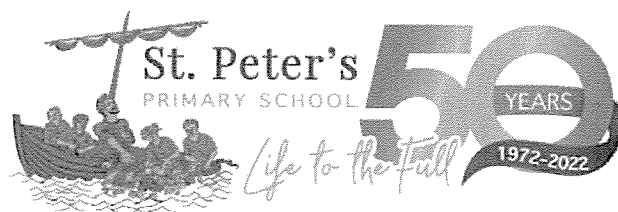
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TO: All Priests & Parish Secretaries

SUBJECT: St Peter's Primary School, Bendigo 50 year anniversary

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*You are invited to join*

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# CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

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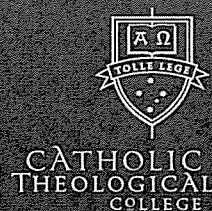
MASS AT ST. KILIAN'S CHURCH AT 10 A.M  
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