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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C - 27 July 2025

"Ask and it will be given to you"

(Luke 11: 1 - 13)

Prayer can feel like a mystery. Sometimes we don't know what to say ... But this week, Jesus cuts through all that confusion. His disciples – ordinary people like us – ask him, "Lord, teach us to pray." And in response, he doesn't give them a theology lecture. He gives them the Our Father – a prayer so simple a child can memorise it, yet so deep it can reshape your soul.

Jesus invites us to pray as children of a loving Father – not as beggars hoping for crumbs, but as daughters and sons claiming our inheritance. He shows us that God is not distant or disinterested. God listens. God cares. God gives. God provides. Even when we don't understand the delays or the silence, Jesus tells us to keep knocking – not because God needs convincing, but because we need transforming.

But here's the challenge: Do we pray with expectation, or with low hopes? Do we seek God's will with open hands, or are we just trying to get God to rubber-stamp our plans? Jesus promises: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you." That's not a blank cheque. It's an invitation to enter a relationship with God – one marked by trust, persistence, and humility.

This Gospel confronts us with a radical truth: God wants to give us the Holy Spirit. Not just good things. Not just help with rent or healing or daily needs. God desires to pour God's life into us, if we'll just be open. That's the core of it. That's the real gift.

So, here's the invitation today: **Pray boldly.** Not with entitlement, but with confidence that God sees you and loves you. **Pray persistently.** Sometimes God's greatest work happens in the waiting. **Pray expectantly.** God may not always give you what you want, but God will always give you what you need to become who you're called to be. **Pray relationally.** The goal of prayer is not just answers. It's intimacy with God.

Finally: become the answer to someone else's prayer. Maybe God is asking you to be the one who shows up, speaks truth, lends a hand, makes peace, or brings hope. Prayer leads to action. Real disciples don't just pray "Your Kingdom come" – they live like the Kingdom is breaking in right now, through them.

So today, don't just recite the "Our Father." Let it shape your heart, guide your steps, and change your world.

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SCRIPTURES FOR 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME — YEAR C

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm: Ps 137:1-3, 6-8 **Psalm Response:** *Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.* **Second Reading:** Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.* **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13

The Archdiocese of Brisbane holds that children, young people and vulnerable adults are a gift from God with an intrinsic right to dignity of life, respect and security from physical and emotional harm.

They are to be treasured, nurtured and safeguarded by all.

This policy applies to Clergy, Religious, Staff, Parishioners, Volunteers, Students on placement and Visitors to our sites.

Local Safeguarding Representative: Bob Snoke on 0419 247 698;

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MASS TIMES

SATURDAY

St Rita's Church

Vigil Mass 5pm

COOCHIEMUDLO ISLAND

2 & 16 Aug - 11am Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Saturday at 11am

SUNDAY

St Rita's Church

Mass 7.00am & 9.00am

MACLEAY ISLAND

3 & 17 Aug. - 1.45pm Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Sunday at 9am

RUSSELL ISLAND

27 July & 10 Aug. - 2pm Mass
Liturgy of the Word with Communion –
every other Sunday at 2pm

MONDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

Pro-Life Rosary after Mass

TUESDAY

St Rita's Church

No Mass or Rosary

WEDNESDAY

St Rita's Church

8.30am Rosary
9am Mass

THURSDAY

St Rita's Church

FRIDAY

St Rita's Church

9am Mass & Holy Hour

MAREBELLO

1st Wed of Month – Eucharist

HEALING MASS

2nd Wed of August
9am Mass 13 August

ST VINCENT DE PAUL meet on 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month,
at 10am in the Ruby Room. Next meetings — 4th & 18th August



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

WINTER APPEAL—July 2025

St. Rita's Victoria Point Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society continues its
Annual Winter Appeal until the end of the month of July.

Please place giving-envelope donations in boxes at the Church doors.
Your generosity and support will be greatly appreciated.

Christian Meditation

Thursdays at 4pm in St Rita's Chapel

For information please contact the Parish Office and
your enquiry will be directed to Lorr Popple



HOSANNA PRAYER and PRAISE GROUP

Meets on Tuesdays at 7pm.

All are welcome!

Please Note:

The Parish Office will be closed on
Fridays commencing on
Friday 1st August



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2025

5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Let us give thanks to God for our grandparents, grate-
ful for the gift of their love, presence, and the life they
have shared with us.

*A prayer by two children
from the Archdiocese of Brisbane:*

Heavenly Father,
we thank you for
the gift of grandparents
for how, they take care of us,
they play with us, they inspire us.
Bless them with health and
happiness. May we always
care for them and honour them.

<https://brisbanecatholic.org.au/gods-people/a-prayer-for-all-grandparents/>



SACRAMENTAL NEWS

Congratulations
and
God's Blessings
to Joseph

May your faith
and love of Jesus
continue to bloom
in your heart.



St. Rita's Men's Group

The next outing will be on
Thursday 7th August
A River Cat ride from New Farm Park
ferry terminal to Southbank
for food of choice, at a place of
choice, and back on the ferry to
New Farm Park.

The Plan:

To gather at St Rita's Parish Office
at 9:30 am
and carpool to New Farm Park
(to reduce parking issues)
Estimated overall time of outing: 5 hours

Please advise as soon as you can
if you want to attend so that we
can organise cars.

Best Regards, Mike Duggan 0429 629 211



PRAYERS

For all those who are ill, especially Dorothy Byrnes, Helen Clarke, Mariano Molina, Claire Douglas, Keith Douglas, Miles Muscroft, Sebastian Ricca, Elaine Prestney, Maddy Brown, Lucas Bernal, Annette Doherty, Alfio Tomarchio, Michael Quilty, Chris Venter, Fr Jim Browne, Alan Williamson, Helen Stockwell, Marlie Meehan, Denise Fowler, Emma Heinrich, Paul Trubody, Jela Cicak, Matthew Scott, and those who seek healing in their lives and for all those who care for them.

ANNIVERSARIES: We pray for those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially Paul Litfin, Bernadette McLennan, and Jim Sheppard

DECEASED: We commend the recently deceased to the loving care of the Lord, especially Bob Horvath, Nicola Hardaker and Carmel Taylor

SUPPORT YOUR PARISH

Our faith will sustain us through challenging times.

Please keep supporting your Parish by continuing your weekly offering if you can, either by using our periodic direct debit or credit card facility or by direct deposit.

Our planned giving bank account details for direct deposits are as follows:

BSB: 064 786 Account No: 100027374 Account Name: Parish Donation - kindly reference your deposit with your surname and your planned giving number/envelope number if you have one.

We're Hiring! Join the Parish Team at St Rita's Victoria Point

Are you looking for meaningful work in a welcoming, community-focused environment?
St Rita's Parish is currently recruiting for the following roles:

✉ Interested applicants should email their resume to: hunterb@bne.catholic.net.au

Come be part of a team making a real difference in our parish community.



Parish Secretary

🕒 **Part-Time – 20 hours/week (Mon - Wed, Fri)**

This key administrative role supports the day-to-day operations of the parish office.

Responsibilities include reception, records management, liturgy and newsletter preparation, data entry, volunteer coordination, and assisting the Parish Priest.

We're looking for someone with strong organisational skills, attention to detail, and a respectful, professional manner.



Parish Sacramental Coordinator



Casual – Flexible hours including weekends and evenings

This rewarding role involves coordinating the delivery of the parish's sacramental programs (Baptism, First Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, RCIA).

Duties include preparing session materials, engaging families, communicating with schools and parents, attending sacramental celebrations, and supporting children's faith development.

Both roles require alignment with Catholic values, a current Blue Card and Police Check (or willingness to obtain), and a commitment to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.



A HEARTFELT GIFT: FREE HAVANESE PUPPY TO A LOVING PARISH FAMILY

Due to changing circumstances, I am seeking a new home for my sweet 7-month-old Havanese puppy.

Although he came into my life at great expense from a breeder and is desexed, vaccinated etc., I feel deeply called to offer him - free of charge - to a young family within our parish who can give him the love, time and affection he so deserves. He is gentle, playful & full of charm, and I would be grateful to see him thrive in a household where joy & companionship abound.

If you feel your family could offer him a warm forever home, please contact me directly for more details. Bonus: He has been blessed by Fr Jose!

With love & hope, Wendy Sheppard

Email: jshep7@bigpond.com

The Order of Malta invites you to a Lourdes Healing Mass

Saturday 2nd August 2025 at 10am

St Mary's Catholic Parish, S'th Brisbane

(see leaflets are at the doors for info)

Hiroshima & Nagasaki NEVER AGAIN



Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre | 196 Charlotte St, Brisbane City



Scan the QR code for more information and to register before 4 August.



JOIN US FOR 'A CUPPA AFTER MASS' - Next weekend 2/3 August



Hiroshima & Nagasaki Never Again - Exhibition and Peace Vigil: 80 years on from the atomic bombings, explore the Never Again Exhibition to learn, reflect and find out how we can be agents of peace today. Hosted by the Catholic Justice and Peace Commission, in cooperation with the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, **this free exhibition will be open from 9am to 4pm each day.** It concludes with an Interfaith Prayer Vigil - Thurs. 7 August at 6:30pm
When: Monday 4 to Thursday 7 August, 9am to 4pm daily
Where: Hanly Room, Francis Rush Centre (next to Cathedral of St Stephen)

MULTICULTURAL MASS

"Migrants, missionaries of hope" Pope Francis



CELEBRATED BY ARCHBISHOP MARK COLERIDGE



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24 AUG 2025

2PM, QUEEN OF VIETNAMESE MARTYRS CATHOLIC CHURCH, 54 FLINT ST, INALA

FEAST DAYS OF JULY — from 25 July

Friday 25	St James, Apostle
Saturday 26	Sts Joachim & Anne
Tuesday 29	Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Wednesday 30	St Peter Chrysologus
Thursday 31	St Ignatius of Loyola

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The Jubilee Prayer



Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

(Pope Francis)

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