



## 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.

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## 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!'

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 27 July 2025

### 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!**

## IN YOUR PRAYERS

### SICK

Miriam Coco, Nadja Louis

### RECENTLY DECEASED

Max Symington, Anton Grbac, Peter Overman

### ANNIVERSARIES

Daniel Galea(1 month), Matin Anak Nora, Leo Alvares, Valerie Butcher, Nina Cutayar, John Minh Ven Le, Elizabeth Ngai Thi Bui, Andrew Minh Quang Le

### BAPTISMS AT ST PETER'S

12noon – Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2025

### Drew Elizabeth Lafontaine

#### Sofia Seru

Please pray for these children and their families.

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### FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tues 29 July Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus  
Thur 31 July St Ignatius of Loyola  
Fri 1 August St Alphonsus Mary Liguori  
Sat 2 August St Peter Faber

### ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Good

**Works** Do you need a helping hand? St Vincent de Paul Society volunteers are committed to providing people with access to the resources and support they need to overcome personal hardship. If you require assistance, please phone their Welfare Assistance Line on free call 1800 305 330 Monday to Friday (except for public holidays). This service is free and confidential.

## PARISH NEWS

### ALPHA at St Peter's Parish



#### What: Explore life's BIG questions

**When:** Tuesdays from 22<sup>nd</sup> July - 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025

**Where:** St Peter's Parish Centre – entry via Bellarine Avenue – gate next to tennis court  
**Time:** 7.00pm to 9.00pm

**Why:** Opportunity to explore life's BIG questions in a safe and welcoming space. At alpha we share a meal, watch a short film and have a conversation. You can ask questions and share your THOUGHTS in an open, friendly environment without fear of being corrected or judged. This is also an opportunity to know more about our God and faith.

**Thanks to those who came last Tuesday. 32 people attended our 1<sup>st</sup> Alpha session. It is not too late if anyone would like to join. Please come along this Tuesday at 7pm in the Parish Centre. Friends and relatives are welcome too.**

### FUNERAL AT ST PETER'S – 29/7/25

Funeral Prayers for the late Max Symington will be offered on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> July at 11.30am. Please keep Max's wife, Pam and the Symington family, in your prayers.  
The 9.15am Morning Mass will be celebrated as normal.

### KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

The Knights of the Southern Cross are a Catholic Men's group involved in charitable activities in the local community and are having their annual Membership Drive. This weekend at the 6.00pm Saturday and 10.30am Sunday Masses, we welcome a representative of the Knights of the Southern Cross. who will give a small presentation.



### SAINTS JOACHIM & ANNE

#### 'GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY MASS'

26/27 JULY

**"Blessed are those who have not lost hope"** (cf. Sir 14:2)

In conjunction with the Feast Day of Sts Joachim & Anne(27/7), the Grandparents of Jesus, and to Celebrate the "World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly", today we pray for our grandparents and we ask for God's continuous abundant blessings upon them.

### A Blessing Prayer for Grandparents

by Greg Sunter

God of all the generations  
Your gift of faith and gift of love have been handed down to us through parents, grandparents and great-grandparents for all of time.  
Look with favour on all our grandparents and bless them.  
Bless their eyes that look on us with love and affection.

Bless their ears that listen to our questions and our stories.  
Bless their knees and laps we sit on.  
Bless their arms that hold us and their hands that help us.  
Bless their legs that walk beside us.  
Bless their hearts that swell with pride for us.  
And bless their faces that bring us joy.  
Bless them and keep them as they bless and keep us.

We make this prayer through Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.  
Amen.

*Liturgy Help*

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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

### RECONCILIATION

9.45am Saturday after 9.15am Mass (or upon request of Parish Priest)

## ST PETER'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

### 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion

At the 6.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and

10.30am Sunday Mass on weekends of 9/10

August and 16/17 August, the Year 4

children will make their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy

Communion. Please keep them in your

prayers.

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