

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A Cycle 1

9 July 2023



Our Father

The Gospel reading today reveals the type of relationship Jesus has with the Father. Jesus is thankful and grateful for the way the Father has revealed himself to 'mere children'. Jesus lives in humble dependency on the Father just as a child would and he acknowledges how the Father also relies on the Son, entrusting everything to him. To know the Father and to know Jesus is a grace. Jesus constantly turned to the Father like a child would to a loving parent. Have you seen how children share spontaneously with their parents? 'Mum look, a plane.' 'Dad, see this.' As children of God, we too have the possibility to pray and to develop prayerfulness in life. How do you speak and share with God in your daily life? We are invited today to come to Jesus especially when we are feeling overburdened or troubled as a child would turn to a loving parent. We will find true rest for our souls. How can we learn from Jesus who is gentle and humble of heart? How can we live this humble dependency on God and turn to him?

God's Word Maria Pineda vdmf

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal this Weekend

The Annual Vinnies Winter Appeal will be held at all Masses this weekend. The Appeal is a vital source of funding for the many good works of the Society. Winter is the hardest time of year for all those who are struggling to keep warm and to put food on the table. Many battlers can't afford heating at all, and more and more families are feeling the pinch. Your generosity is essential to the continuing help and support offered by St Vinnies volunteers to those most in need.

You may like to donate through envelopes placed in the collection boxes in the Church, by phoning 131812, or online at vinnies.org.au



DIOCESAN YEAR OF SAFEGUARDING



Feast Days
This Week:
St Benedict
11 July
St Bonaventure
15 July



Men's Group
Join us for lunch
and a yarn.
Wednesday 19
July 12 noon at
Diggers @ The
Entrance Club.
We look forward
to seeing you
there. Enq: Lui
4388 9510.

Parish Morning (Tea







Quote for the Week

Every man is his "brother's keeper" because God entrust us to one another.

Pope John Paul II

Jesus' Favourite Title

Jesus' favourite title for God is Father. He's always using that title, both in his conversations and in his preaching. Almost three dozen times in Matthew's Gospel Jesus speaks of God as Father. John's Gospel provides more than one hundred references to Jesus' use of this title. Jesus' heavenly Father is never far away, as with an earthly father who sees his little toddler alone and in danger.

In our time, fathers can be very busy. Such was little Anita's father, a dot-com technocrat who had little time to be with his family. Every night, however, Anita insisted that her father read her a story before she went to sleep. This went on for some time, until her father found a 'solution'. He bought a colorful children's tape player and made a tape of her favorite stories. So whenever the child asked him to read her a story he would simply push the button and play back the tape recorded stories. Anita took that for a few days and then refused to accept the stories on tape. "Why?" asked the father, "the tape reads the stories as well as I do." "Yes," replied the girl, "but I can't sit on his lap!"

As for becoming the "merest children" to whom the heavenly Father has revealed celestial mysteries, that's not something we achieve on our own; it's a gift from God. We arrive at this above all by imitating Jesus' prayer. That means, for one thing, bursting into praise and thanksgiving for the many expressions of our heavenly Father's love. Matthew's way of phrasing the offering of praise is a typical Jewish blessing formula, but with Jesus' intimate *Abba* Father address added.

In ordinary life one can't be *more* or *less* a child of one's father, though one could be a *better* or *worse* one. In the supernatural sphere, though, the more like Jesus we become - if we have pity on the afflicted, if we make reparation for sin, if we show our thanks - the more God the Father will see us as his children.

365 Days with the Lord Fr Harold A Buetow PhD JD

Made to Measure

If you have that childlike attitude, Jesus says that if you turn to him you will find the deep-down peace you yearn for. In Jesus' time, it was customary to compare the Law of God to a yoke, the contraption a farmer used to bring the cattle safely home. Jesus says he is like a kind of yoke: a yoke, he explains, that is easy, a burden that is light to bear. The Greek word for "easy" can also mean "well-fitting". An animal would first be measured for its yoke and then brought back to make sure it fitted well. So Jesus says that his yoke fits well. It may feel like a burden at times; but even if it may appear heavy and demanding, it's made to measure, and with Jesus' help, he says, it will never be too much for us. Sunday Living Word Majellan Media

Humour Time

Paddy sees a letter lying on his doormat. Written all over the envelope was the warning: "Do Not Bend." Paddy spends the next two hours trying to figure out how to pick the envelope up.

MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Sea Sunday

oday is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for those who live and work on the sea. Stella Maris, Apostleship of the Sea, is the official maritime welfare agency of the Catholic Church. Seafarers bring products to our shores, to sustain our population and economy, often at personal risk to their own health. For more information go to www.aos-australia.org

Bible Reflection Group

he focus of the Bible Reflection Group is to create an opportunity for everyone to learn, reflect and deepen their knowledge of the Word of God. Presented by Seminarian Tân Nguyen, the Scripture text to reflect on will be the Gospel of the coming Sunday of the week. Bring your Sunday Missal or we will provide a printed copy of the text for you.

Morning Tea will be held after the Reflection, Wednesdays in the Reynolds Room from 9:30am to 10:20am. Everyone is welcome to join any week. No RSVP required.

A Special Invitation to Serve in Your Parish

arishioners are invited to join any of our many ministries here in our Parish. We are seeking volunteers in the following areas: Senior and Junior Altar Servers, Readers, Choir, Musicians, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Church Cleaners, Catechists, Sacramental Programmes and Visitation. If there is a Ministry that you would like to know more about please talk to Fr Brian or contact the Parish Office.

World Youth Day Update

YD Pilgrims are getting very excited as the 21 day trip to Italy and World Youth Day in Lisbon draws close. This Friday Bishop Anthony will celebrate a Pilgrim Blessing Mass at 5pm at the Waitara Cathedral, for all our 167 diocesan pilgrims and leaders, including our Seminarian, Tân Nguyen, Lachlan Smith and Teaghan Pugsley. Then the following Friday, 21 July, the group of pilgrims departs for the WYD2023 gathering of over 313,000 young people from around the world. We wish them all the blessings of this wonderful once-in-a-lifetime spiritual experience.

Please Note

Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Evening

This year's event is on the topic of domestic violence, 'Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse.' Wednesday 26 July 6pm at the Catholic Institute of Sydney Strathfield. Presenters include Commander Sharon Marshall from NSW Police. Entry free and includes dinner. Registration: https://tinyurl. com/2wwy3ajm Enq: pina.bernard@bbcatholic.org.au or 0432 682 238.

Divine Retreat Centre

The Divine Retreat Centre offers a variety of programmes each month, including One-Day Pilgrimages, One-Day Retreats and Divine Youth Ministry. Located at 160 Hensons Road Somersby. For more information contact 4372 1598, drcsydney@gmail.com or www.divineretreatcentre.org





Franciscans

We meet on the third Sunday of the month (16 July) at 10:30am in the Reynolds Room. All welcome! Enquiries: 0439 519 018.



This Week's Winners!

1st Prize - 42 Congratulations!

The Catholic Weekty

The **Catholic** Weekly

Now on sale on the Church tables. \$2 to the poor box please.

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Mass & Devotions

Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil 5:00pm Sunday 8:00am & 9:30am (11am at Reynolds Court, Bias Ave Bateau Bay)

Weekday Masses Monday - Thursday 9:00am Friday 11:45am Saturday 9:00am

Reconciliations Saturdays 9:30-10am and 4-4:30pm

Liturgy of the Hours Saturday 8:40am **Rosary** Monday-Thursday 8:35am Friday 11:20am Saturday 9:30am

Cenacle Prayer Group Wednesday 9:30am Christian Meditation Friday 10:30am-11:30am Reynolds Room

14th Sunday

Zechariah 9:9-10

Romans 8:9, 11-13

Matthew 11:25-30

Entrance Antiphon: Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed to little

ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

Keep Us In Your Prayers There is no gift more precious than prayer - Fr Benedict Groeschel

Recently Deceased: Petar Lerotić, Margaret Foley, Agnes Burke, Colleen Shaw, James Grima, Alice Farrell.

Funerals: The funeral of Petar Lerotić was held during the week. Please pray for Petar and his family.

Anniversaries: Kevin Hughes, Josephine & Frank Ragonesi.

Remembrances: Pat Smith, Marie Powell, Jill O'Sullivan, Arthur Vella, Margaret Pizzuto, Terence & Josephine Smith, John Giutronich, Betty O'Neill, and all the Holy Souls.

Sick: Fr Noel Molloy, John Cox, Mal Garrington, Paul Smith, Collette O'Grady, June Molloy, Susan Simmons, Oskar Alessandro, Trish Knoke, Emma Horton, Morna Faehrmann, Marc Sabat, Patrick Cologon, Rita Matthews, Linda Read, Rita Meilak, Peter O'Grady, Tanya Doorn, Kelly Will, and all with serious illness.

Welcome Newly Baptised: Logan Griffin, Bowie Simnett, Harper & Phoenix Whitford.

Pearly Gates Revisited









Gift Centre

New stock in - Come and see! We are open before and after the 5pm Saturday Vigil Mass and before and after the 9:30am Sunday Mass in the Church foyer. EFTPOS is available.

For any enquiries call

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