



Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September: Respect for the Planet's Resource

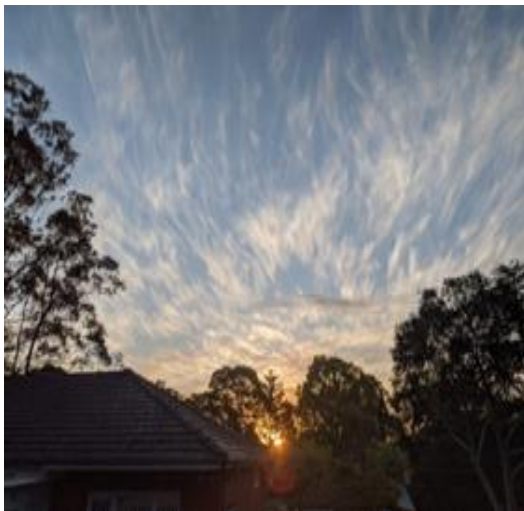
*We pray that the planet's resources
will not be plundered,
but shared in a just and respectful
manner.*

Child Protection Sunday: 13 September

My dear Parishioners,

We were away on clergy retreat during the week. Each of you and your families were in our thoughts and prayers each day as you all have a special place in our lives. I thank all those who have made themselves available to make things happen while we were away, and not least in making Fr Sunny feel welcomed and loved amidst us.

Reflecting on the words of the Scripture this weekend from the Gospel of Matthew; in the words of Peter. **"Lord, how often must I forgive my brother who wrongs me?"** The *Parable of the Unforgiving Servant* opens up that we are incapable of forgiving without first appreciating the forgiveness we have received from God.



The Father's handiwork "Great Art Work"

*Photo taken 8-Sep-20 Sunset

(1) We are indebted, in our account with God's goodness. God has given us freely life, freedom, integrity and hope. We are incapable of achieving anything by our own resources---we have none! "Without me you can do nothing."

(2) "Pay me what you owe me!" We can be intolerant, demanding, inexcusable and arrogant. We can be unkind and unforgiving. We can injure our neighbour, and he can hurt us. We can elbow our way roughly through life. We can so easily hold a grudge and refuse to forgive.

(3) The ultimate reality of "God's goodness" is never simple-minded. Forgiveness only comes from realising that we have been forgiven. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned.

An unforgiving spirit creates a prison of its own. It builds up walls of bitterness and resentment and there is no escape until we learn to forgive. We must ask from our merciful Lord for the power of forgiveness, for it is in forgiving that we are healed'.

With prayerful wishes on our journey of healing,
Fr Peter D

Divine Mercy Chaplet you may wish to participate this Sunday, 13 September the anniversary of when our Merciful Jesus gave St Faustina the Chaplet to the Divine Mercy. All are invited in prayer at 3pm for particular intentions. Please visit <https://www.worldchaplet.org/en/index.html>

Blessings, Prayers and Congratulations to Roger Delmonte, on his great big step as he gets Ordained as transitional Deacon on the 7th of October 2020. Given the situation we are in, your spiritual support is appreciated, please join me in keeping him in your prayers. ***Due to ongoing public health risk of COVID-19, number of people limits apply to the Diaconate Mass, but we will live stream the celebration.***

My dear Parishioners,

It is important now that **everyone at our celebration wear a mask**. People are encouraged to bring their own mask. For further guidelines about masks, including mask types and who should and shouldn't wear them can be found here: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/face-masks>.

I need to stress with the utmost urgency: ***If you are feeling unwell, and especially if you have any flu-like symptoms you must cease work, stay home, isolate and get tested.*** This advice is paramount to those who are in contact with such a wide range of people in the course of their ministry. ***Please be hyper-vigilant for COVID-19 symptoms. These include: • Fever (37.5°C or higher) • Cough • Sore/scratchy throat • Shortness of breath • Loss of smell or loss of taste.***

If you have been in a COVID-19 hotspot cluster, immediately self-isolate until 14 days after you were last there and get tested even if you have no symptoms.

Let us be sure to look after one another with great care during these challenging times.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Peter de Souza

CWF: Our first appeal was last weekend 5th and 6th of September. **Thank you for your financial support to the same; your generosity in this time of great uncertainty is much appreciated.** We pray that your donation will help our beneficiaries in making God's love real and meaningful in the Communities of Broken Bay.

Thank you from Bishop Anthony <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NIVvTxTsDTw&feature=youtu.be>

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick, those who have died recently, and those whose anniversaries occur during this time. May I request you to keep all those who are struck with the virus, those tested positive and those in isolation in your special prayers.

My Gratitude to those Parishioners who have come forward to clean up after our Masses during this time. Thank you for your untiring service to our parish community. We still need many hands to continue the good work, please feel free to support us. May I also mention all those who donated cleaning products, your thoughtfulness and generosity is very much appreciated.

We pray for all our Catechists going back to our local public schools in Term 3.

Mass of the Oils: Due to the risks in time of pandemic, Bishop Anthony has decided to limit the number of clergy and people who will gather with him on **Thursday, 17 September for the Mass of the Oils**. The Mass will be live streamed, and all will be encouraged to join with Bishop Anthony online. Further details of the ceremony will be forthcoming in the coming weeks.

Sacrament of Penance: Is available on request, **and also on Saturdays from 9 to 9.30am at the Cathedral.**