



## WELCOME TO THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

As adopted sons and daughters of a loving Father we are heirs to a Kingdom unlike any we can fathom. Jesus compares it to treasure and pearls and wants to give it all to us. He wants us to want it; He wants us to desire it more than anything else. It is an eternal treasure that is offered to us and which we are called to receive from a loving and generous Father



### GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 13:44

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.'

#### Read the full text at

<https://www.universalis.com/Australia/mass.htm>



#### REFLECTION:

"Jesus painted the absurd images found in these two parables to reveal the risk factor of God's Kingdom. God's Kingdom demanded everything from the believer...The believer must put God first in all things."

<http://www.word-sunday.com/Files/a/17-a/A-17-a.html>



### PRAYER:

Take, Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all I have and call my own. You have given all to me. To you, Lord, I return it. Everything is yours; do with it what you will. Give me only your love and your grace, That is enough for me.

<https://jesuits.org/Assets/Publications/File/Examen-trifold-brochure.pdf>

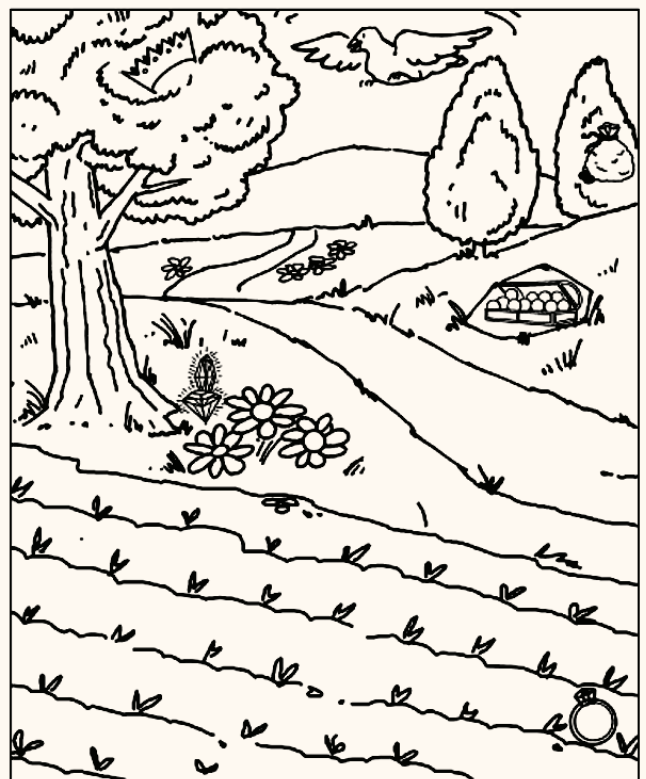


### SAINT:

**31 July - St Ignatius of Loyola:** founded the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits. While recovering from an injury sustained in battle, Ignatius experienced a conversion through reading about the life of Jesus and the saints which inspired him to do great deeds. Over the years Ignatius became an expert in the art of spiritual direction and collected his insights and prayers in his book *Spiritual Exercises*. Many people over the five centuries have been touched and practice Ignatian Spirituality, which encourages people to develop an intimate relationship with God.



Find these treasures hidden in the field below.



<https://cutandpasteministry.blogspot.com/2012/12/parables-of-hidden-treasure-and-great.html>

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

The Daily Examen – Ignatian Spirituality:

<https://www.ignatianspirituality.com/ignatian-prayer/the-examen/>

Figuring out Families – The Focus Series Session 1:

Families in Lockdown: <https://overcast.fm/itunes1477659305/figuring-out-families>



### SONG:

Alive & Breathing – Matt Maher:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gYUJjsgd96k>

### THIS WEEK:

Set aside 10 minutes for a daily Examen to allow for silence and reflection:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kafkh\\_SQ1RI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Kafkh_SQ1RI)

### CHILDREN'S RESOURCES:

The Kingdom of God – Mr McMillan REvis:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-rfQGM2hX78>

Praying with the Bible: Ignatian Spirituality – Catholic

Central: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8NS8W3xZeyo>

MORE RESOURCES AT:

[bbcatholic.org.au/connected](http://bbcatholic.org.au/connected)



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