

Lord, teach us to pray

When close family members come together, heartfelt conversations and sharing of personal stories often follow. Parents who are close to their children, no matter how old their children are, can relate to this. Whenever I return home for my annual holidays my parents can spend hours conversing with me.

In the gospel today, the disciples must have seen first-hand, as Jesus prayed, the close connection and bond between Jesus and his Father. They must have witnessed, in the silence and the quiet, the extraordinary conversation that was taking place between Jesus and God and wondered about this deeply. And hence their request to him, "Lord teach us to pray."

Jesus' response is not so much an instruction on how to pray or even a new way to pray. It goes much deeper. To his disciples he demonstrates a totally and completely new way of relating and being in relationship with God and also with each other. He invites all of his disciples to call God, "Father". They should no longer feel that they are on the outside watching him on the inside of the relationship with God. Rather, Jesus calls all of them to be on the inside of the relationship with God, and be together with him.

God is not Father to just one or even a few but God is Father to everyone and everyone is invited to enter into that special relationship with God as Father. When we recite the "Our Father", it is not "My Father" or "Your Father"; it is "Our Father". God is "Ours", ours together, which means that the person standing on my left, on my right, behind and in front of me is not just another person but my brother and my sister. When we call God "Our Father", we are invited to enter and to participate in a very strong relationship not only with God as Father but with each other as brothers and sisters.

It is also not possible to say that we love God and listen to God but do not listen to the cries and pleadings of our brothers and sisters around us, especially those who are suffering from war, violence, hate and discrimination.

In the world today, there is much debate about putting up walls and fences to separate, to push back and exclude others. However, this is not what Jesus does or continues to do. By inviting all of us to call God, "Father", Jesus continues to break down barriers, walls and fences, both physically and, more importantly, those around peoples' hearts. Where once we may have been strangers to each other, we are now invited to be brothers and sisters. Where once, there was division, suspicion and hate, there is an invitation for openness, for trust and for love. To enter into conversation with God and with each other, "Lord teach us to pray."

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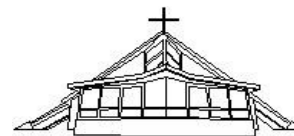
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Seventeenth Sunday Year C

28th July 2019

Today's Reading:

Genesis 18:20-32;
Colossians 2:12-14;
Luke 11:1-13;



Next Sunday's Readings:

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5,9-11; Luke 12:13-21

Weekend Mass times:

Saturday vigil	6:00 pm	Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne,
Sunday	8.30 am	John Paul II, Rokeby
	10.30 am	Corpus Christi, Bellerive
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Weekday Masses

Tuesday	12:00pm	Church of the Incarnation, Lindisfarne
Wednesday	12:00pm	Corpus Christi, Bellerive
Thursday	10:00 am	John Paul II, Rokeby
Friday	9:30 am	Corpus Christi, Bellerive
	1:30pm	Lillian Martin Home Warrane

Dear Parish Family

Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us (Lk 11:4). These words strike me so much every time that I recite the Lord's Prayer. Sins are those things that stop us from loving God and neighbours. When we ask God to forgive our sins, we are therefore asking him to grant us the grace to love him and to love our neighbours.

If there is ever one thing that all Christians share in common, it is the fact that we are a group of weak and broken people who need the love and mercy of God. It is this perception that led Pope Francis to call the Church a hospital field. Unlike an ordinary hospital whereby patients only rely on the nurses and doctors, our hospital field is slightly different. It requires that when I am cured/forgiven, I become an instrument through which others will come to experience the healing and forgiveness of God. So when God shows us love, mercy and forgiveness everyday, he does so in order that we can show the same love, mercy and forgiveness to those around us.

The question for the week – Who is that person that needs my forgiveness?

Have a blessed week.

Fr Fidelis Udousoro

SAINTS OF ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Fr Brian Nichols will be leading a 13 day pilgrimage to Italy, departing 18 May 2020. Organised and run by Harvest Journeys, the tour will follow the paths of many of our saints and will take in Rome, Montecassino, Pietrelcina, San Giovanni Rotondo, Monte Sant'Angelo, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Siena and Florence. Contact the Sandy Bay parish office on 6224

PRAYER & REFLECTION ON HILDEGARD VON BINGEN.

Presenter: Moya Unthank rsj on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th August at the Josephite Mission Centre 67 Clare Street New Town. BYO lunch, tea and coffee provided. Cost \$50. RSVP by 2nd August.

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The John Wallis Memorial Lecture 2019 will be presented by an experienced educational leader, Deborah Kent. Deborah, the CEO and Principal of Jesuit College of Spirituality, Melbourne, will speak on *"CONTINUING THE JOURNEY – charitable engagement with new frontiers"* at Guilford Young College (Hobart) on **Thursday 12 September**, at 7pm. All interested people are invited to attend. further information: Eva Dunn 0417 734 503 or eva.dunn@gmail.com

BELLERIVE-LINDISFARNE COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

Winter Wonderland Afternoon Tea and Entertainment

To the sandwich makers, cake and slice makers, set up and clean up crew, door sales, trade table and raffle sellers, and those who attended– a very big thank you. Thank you also to our own Black Cherries and Malcolm Cooney who provided us with quality entertainment. As a result of recent functions we were able to present St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal with a cheque for \$1000 and post 15Kilos of knitted clothing to Dr Christine Jeffries-Stokes (daughter of Barbara Jeffries). Christine is a Paediatrician working in Kalgoorlie where it can get very cold, especially overnight. Without your support this would not be possible.

Our next function will be on December 4th.

Catrina, Ronnie and Mary

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