

## Seventeenth Sunday in ordinary Time—Year C 24th July 2016

**Entrance Antiphon:** God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

**First Reading from the book of Genesis 18: 20-32**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Lord on the day I called for help, you answered me.

**Second Reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 2: 12-14**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

**GOSPEL: According to Luke 11: 1-13**

**Communion Antiphon:** Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

### *Saints of the Week*

St James, apostle (**Mod 25/7**)

St Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary, (**Tues 26/7**)

St Martha (**Fri 29/7**)

St Peter Chrysologus (**Sat 30/7**)

**WEEKEND MASS TIMES:** Sat Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am & 5.30pm

**WEEKDAY MASS TIMES:** Monday—Friday 9.15am

**RECONCILIATION:** Saturdays 4.30pm—5.15pm

**MASS INTENTIONS:** There are Mass Intention envelopes in the church foyer for people to write their respective Intentions. These need to be returned to the parish office no later than one week prior to the said date. Please do not place them in the 'suggestion box'.

**ADORATION of the BLESSED SACRAMENT:** Thursday 7.00pm -8.00pm except Thursday before 1st Friday of the Month.

**BAPTISMS:** Please contact the Parish office 9825 1679

**WEDDINGS:** 6 months notice is required

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*We are a community striving for growth, unity, equality, love and commitment*

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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.

*Fr. Greg Sunter*

## Parish Collections 17/7/2016

**First:** \$ 611.00 **Second:** \$639.35

### Marriage and Family Sunday, 24 July 2016

Today in the Archdiocese of Sydney we are celebrating Marriage and Family Sunday, when we remember, honour and pray for all marriages and families. In this Year of Mercy, we reflect upon Pope Francis's teaching in *Amoris Laetitia* on forgiveness in marriage. A brochure on this theme, *The Joy of Forgiveness: Forgiveness & Mercy in Marriage*, has been prepared for this occasion. Please take a copy home to read and to pass on to others.

**TAX INVOICE RECEIPTS F/YEAR ending 30/6/2016** if you have previously given your details for a tax receipt, they are now available from the Piety stall. If not please leave your details on the sheet provided in the church foyer, and they will be ready for collection next weekend.



**Group Leaders are required for the Sacrament of Reconciliation** Parents of children in Year 2 or above who have been Baptised Catholic he/she are eligible to enrol for this Sacrament. Enrolment dates are 20th & 27th Aug after the 5.30pm Vigil Mass & 21st, 28th Aug after Sunday evening mass. However, for this Sacrament to commence we are in great need of 9 Catholic parents to volunteer to become Group Leaders. Please contact the Sacramental Coordinator

Catherine Flavell on 9731 0158 for further details.

**CATECHISTS** The next meeting is this Monday 25th July at 10am in the Parish Hall.

**LOST/FOUND** A silver ring has been found in the church grounds near the Presbytery if this is yours, please phone the parish office 9825 1679



**SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** Parishioners we have 75 candidates enrolled in this Sacramental program which begins next Sunday at the evening Mass 31/7/2016. Please keep these candidates and their families in your prayers.

**WATCH WORLD YOUTH DAY LIVE ON Xt3!** From the 27 July to the 31 July the main events of World Youth Day 2016 in Krakow, Poland (including the Australian Gathering) will be streamed live on the Catholic youth website Xt3. There will be an online chat portal during the WYD main events and viewers can join the global conversation whilst watching the events live. Visit [www.xt3.com/live](http://www.xt3.com/live) for all the webcast times and details.

Saturday 23rd July 5.30pm.....Shayne Kolster (RIP)  
Sunday 24th July 8.00am .....Ivan Rubesa (RIP)  
Sunday 24th July 9.30am.....Deceased members of the Pereira & D'Souza family  
Sunday 24th July 5.30pm.....Parish Intentions  
Monday 25th July 9.15am..... Msgn Philip.Thuong (RIP)  
Tuesday 26th July 9.15am ..... Thuy Tien (RIP)  
Wednesday 27th July 9.15am .....Sr. Clemence (RIP)  
Thursday 28th July 9.15am ..... Maria Phuong Loc (RIP)  
Friday 29th July 9.15am ..... Thanksgiving for sickness recovery  
Saturday 30th July **Reconciliation : 4:30 PM // Vigil Mass :5:30PM**

**"IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP". Have you considered participating in the National Pilgrimage?** In this Sesquicentenary Year, the Sisters of St Joseph invite you to participate in this pilgrimage, giving you the opportunity to journey to significant places in Australia made holy by St Mary MacKillop. **Dates: 9 to 19 November 2016. Cost Ex Sydney:** \$2,860.00 (all inclusive: airfares, accommodation, coach travel, admission fees and meals). **Single Supplement:** \$590.00. For further information please contact **Sister Annie Bond rsj** on 02 89124818, or [MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au](mailto:MMP.NationalPilgrimage@sosj.org.au).

**THE ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST** offer scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, for example; the promotion of faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. For more information and to apply for these Scholarships, follow this link: <http://www.pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholarship-for-lay-ministry.html>. Applications close: **01 August 2016.**

**Canonisation Of Blessed Mother Teresa Of Kolkata** with Father Terry Bell. In the Jubilee Year of Mercy the Archdiocese of Sydney with Domus Australia are offering a 7-night Rome Pilgrimage **30 August – 06 September 2016** to attend the Canonisation of Mother Teresa priced from \$1,990 pp twin share plus airfare. For full details of the Holy Doors, tours and other inclusions phone 1800 753 959 or [www.rome pilgrimages.com](http://www.rome pilgrimages.com).

### SANTA SABINA COLLEGE—Information Mornings Term 3 2016

You are invited to an Information Morning, to meet the Principal Dr Maree Herrett and members of the College Executive and Leadership team.

- Explore the classrooms, facilities and grounds led by teachers and students.
- Share morning tea with Dr Herrett, key staff and current and future parents.

Friday 5 August 9:15-11:15am – Prep to Year 5

Wednesday 10 August 9:15-11:15am – Years 6 to 12

Please reserve your place at: <https://www.ssc.nsw.edu.au/enrolment/visit-us/>

### We Pray For The Sick

Arturo Aguilar, Lilian Spicer, Frank Ilankovan & Erica Garcia Leon

**Recently Deceased:** Viola Wandrach

**Anniversaries:** Shayne Kolster, Ivan Rubesa



*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*