# SPHOSS AFADO EUN ELEGRAPHO

# REDEMPTORIST MONASTERY CHURCH

National Shrine of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

# 17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

July 24, 2022



#### **MASS TIMES**

**Saturday**: 5.00pm (Vigil) **Sunday**: 7.00am, 9.00am,

10.30am & 6.00pm.

Monday: 6.30am

 Tuesday:
 6.30am & 11.00 am

 Wednesday:
 6.30am & 11.00 am

 Thursday:
 6.30am & 11.00 am

 Friday:
 6.30am & 11.00 am

#### **NOVENA**

TO OUR LADY OR PERPETUAL HELP Saturdays at 4.30pm.

#### **RECONCILIATION TIMES**

 Tuesday:
 10.00am - 10.50am.

 Wednesday:
 10.00am - 10.50am.

 Thursday:
 5.00pm - 6.00pm

 Friday:
 10.00am - 10-.50am.

 Saturday:
 10.00am - 12.00pm.

4.00pm - 4.30pm.

5.45pm - 6.00pm.

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# The promise of God's grace

A disciple says, "Lord, teach us to pray." In reply, Jesus offers a four-point lesson in prayer.

Firstly, Jesus invites his followers to address God as 'Father'. This would've been revolutionary! Out of respect and awe, they didn't use God's name in prayer. Now Jesus teaches they're that members of God's family; sisters and





brothers who are to call God 'Father'. In Jewish society, fathers had responsibility to love and care for their wives and children; a very personal relationship. It's this kind of intimate relationship with God that Jesus invites us all to embrace.

Secondly, being sisters and brothers in God' family, we're to have concern for everyone and for the issues that are important to God's loving and merciful heart. In praying for our own needs, we're also called to broaden our perspective and see the 'bigger picture' by praying that God's love for humanity will be known everywhere and that all people will love each other and live in peace and harmony.

Thirdly, we're to be persistent in our prayer. In the first reading, Abraham asks God to spare Sodom – and he was persistent! Jesus tells his followers, "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened" (Lk 11:9). Jesus tells them to ask their Heavenly Father who knows all their needs and they will be heard. He also reminds them that whenever two or three of them agree to ask anything in his name, it will be granted (cf. Mt 18:19). In other words, never shy away from 'pestering' or 'bothering' God.

Finally, God gives what is good for us. Most of us have had the experience of praying for something, but God didn't answer the prayer as we wanted. It's hard to accept or understand that what we're asking for may not be good for us. Jesus says that a loving Father would never give a stone to anyone who wants bread, or a snake to anyone who wants fish, or a scorpion to anyone who wants food. Jesus doesn't promise what can't be delivered and he doesn't say 'your wish is granted'. Rather, Jesus challenges us to realise "how much ... the Father will give the Holy Spirit to those who ask" (Lk 13).

What Jesus promises is grace. He promises the Holy Spirit – to sustain us, uplift us, and help us to endure. The Holy Spirit empowers us to accept God's plan – even if it's not our plan – and to get up, go on and face another day. St Alphonsus Liguori, the founder of the Redemptorists and a Doctor of Prayer, says that we don't pray to change God, but that God might change the one who prays and the community which prays. When we open ourselves to God's grace and action in this way, we'll be changed and become instruments of God's love.

David J Hore CSsR

Source from the Redemptorists—Majellan Media, Melbourne

#### This Week's Liturgy of the Word

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

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

#### **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

#### How to pray

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."

#### He also said to them:

'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

#### The Gospel of the Lord.

#### **WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK**

Thank you to all those who are currently processing the renewal of their Working With Children Check and we are hopeful that prior to the next new rosters in December 2022 that All our Volunteers will have their WWCC renewed. Please check the Office on 93286600 should you require clarifications.

# SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION FOR ALL CHURCH WORKERS

All church workers (Volunteer or paid) are invited to attend the following safeguarding induction sessions:

- ◆ Face to Face—Wed, 3 Aug at 7-9 pm at East Vic Park Parish
- ♦ Online via Zoom—Wed, 17 Aug @ 7pm
  To register: www.safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au



### **Next Week's Readings & Roster**

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21

#### **Commentators and Readers**

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time - July 31

07.00 am Michael Lyra & Brian Dobbie
09.00 am Peggy Truda & Pina Ford
10.30 am Sarah C, Nina C & Theresa N
06.00 pm Patrick Durack & Maureen Neville
05.00 pm (Sat 30 July) Heather Crago & Les Luis

#### **Mass Intentions for this week**

Monday `	06.30 am	Anne, Thanksgiving Mass
Tuesday	06.30 am	To the faithful departed
	11.00am	Tony & Rosa Totaro, RIP
Wednesday	y 06.30 am	Redemptorists Volunteers
	11.00 am	Special Intentions
Thursday	06.30am	Holy Souls
	11.00am	Mr & Mrs Miguel Castro,RIP
Friday	06.30am	Thanksgiving Mass, S/I
	11.00am	Anna & Gusieppi,S/I



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