



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH FAMILY

Weekly News *Let Your Light Shine*

(Matthew 5:16)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

27 JULY 2025



TODAY'S READINGS Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13
NEXT WEEK (18th Sunday Year C) Ecclesiastes 1:2, 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11;
Luke 12:13-21



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2025

PRAYER FOR THE FIFTH WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 27 July 2025

'Blessed are those who have not lost hope'

(Sir 14:2)

How beautiful are these words of yours, Lord!

**Help us to continue our pilgrimage
through time,**

animated by the hope that comes from You!

Help us in this divisive world,

to bring the hope of communion.

Help us in this world, wounded by wars,

to bring the hope of peace.

**Help us in this world, which is dehumanizing,
to bring the beauty of an ancient smile.**

**Help us to be, for our grandchildren,
for our loved ones**

**and for everyone we meet,
the memory of your tenderness.**

Help us to bring,

**in a world distracted from You,
the Hope of a new life that only You can give!**

For in You, Lord, nothing is lost

For in You, Lord, everything begins again!

Amen.

VOCATIONS AWARENESS

National Vocation Awareness Week

will be observed from

3 August to 10 August.

The week aims to raise awareness about the importance of vocations and encourage individuals to explore God's call in their lives.

This annual event is dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life within the Catholic Church.

It encourages prayer, reflection, and support for those discerning their vocation.



PRAYING THOUGH NOT ALWAYS RECEIVING

There are two versions of the Lord's Prayer in the gospels. The shorter version is Luke 11:1-4, and the longer version is Matthew 6:9-11. The two versions are addressed to different ethnic groups. Luke is writing for Gentile Christians who had not learned to pray like their Jewish counterparts whom Matthew addresses in his Gospel.

The Lord's Prayer is Jewish in structure and content and there are similar texts that observant Jews pray daily. An early Christian text from the mid to late first century, called the 'Didache' or 'Teaching of the Apostles', is a compendium of Christian practices

which encourages Christians to pray the Lord's Prayer three times a day.

Luke presents Jesus at prayer more than any other evangelist, so it is not surprising that one of his disciples asks the Lord to teach them how to pray. Jesus obliges and the prayer he teaches is composed of five petitions. Praise of God, openness to the fullness of the kingdom of God, a request for daily nourishment, forgiveness from God and by one another, and seeking God's protection in challenging times.

The parable of the insistent friend reminds us of the need for persistence in prayer. However, persistence does not guarantee our desired outcome, so how do we respond when God does not give us what we want. The challenge in persistent prayer is to pray with hope and expectation rather than presumption. The Lord always responds to our prayer but not necessarily in the way that we hope.

Moses prayed that he would enter the promised land with the people he had led for forty years, but this did not eventuate. King David prayed and fasted for seven days that his son would live, but he died. Jeremiah prayed that Jerusalem would not be destroyed but it was. The apostle Paul prayed for the removal of an affliction he called "a thorn in his side" but it never went away.

These biblical examples are reminders that God is not like some cosmic vending machine where we put in our request and our selection appears as we wish. God is not someone we can manipulate, but a loving God who sees beyond our immediate needs and gives us the strength to continue in good and difficult times.

The response to the psalm of the day is, "Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me." Let us imitate the psalmist by not only asking for what we desire but also by giving thanks to God for what has happened in our lives and how God's response has "increased the strength of my soul."

The overall emphasis of the different sections of the gospel is on continuing to grow in our relationship with God who can be understood as a loving and caring parent who always wants what is best for us even if it is not always what is on our wish list.

SUNDAY CUPPA

This Sunday following our 9am mass, morning tea will be available, outside the church supplied by our wonderful ladies from FSG (Filipino Support Group)



PARISH NEWS

PASTORAL CORNER: SAVE THE DATE



On Sunday the 24th August at 2pm our parish and school communities will be congregating at the Jack Evans Boat Harbour to celebrate the Jubilee Year – Pilgrims of Hope.

After a short liturgy we will be walking to the church as a group (our pilgrimage).

Once we are at the church we will be having another short liturgy followed by a sausage sizzle with face painting and games for the children and young at heart. Please mark this in your calendar as it is a great opportunity to gather together as a faithful community.

Kathy Twohill Pastoral Associate

MURWILLUMBAH PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

Presents

AN AUGUST AFTERNOON OF SONG

Featuring

Magnificat Excerpts by John Rutter
Bohemian Rhapsody
Day By Day, Send In The Clowns,
Tonight and much more

2.30pm Sunday 3 August 2025

St Joseph's Catholic Church

Corner Enid & Frances Streets,
Tweed Heads

Tickets at Door (Cash / Card) Adults \$20
~ Students / Concession ~ \$15
Primary School Children Free

*Light Refreshments will be Served After
the Concert*

Enquiries 0439004701

SAVE THE DATE—27 SEPTEMBER LEGION OF MARY RETREAT DAY

Each year the Legion hosts a retreat day which is usually held in Kingscliff. This year we will have a pilgrimage to Brisbane. We will car pool to Varsity Train Station, then onto the Valley. The venue is 100m from the station.

Watch this space for further information.

MARIAN VALLEY: Please join us at Marian Valley for Our Lady of Fatima's Feast on Wed 13 August and Sat 16 August for the Annual Pilgrimage of the Maltese Community and Christ the Redeemer's feast. Bus pickup at 8.15 am both days at Sacred Heart Church, 50 Fairway Dr Clear Island Waters. Cost of bus pp \$25 return each day. Contact Xavier 0404 843 260 or Madeleine 5529 1573 to book.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS: The recently deceased: Raymond Hummerston, Maureen Williams, Fr Michael Brady, Rosa Smith, **Anniversaries:** Jim O'Brien, Reg Kirby, Paz Garcia, Jourgina Abella, Dorothy Ison, and those occurring at this time **Also:** for all those whom Masses and prayers have been requested **AND For those who are sick:** Leon Darmody, Pat Strotton, Fr Anthony Lemon, Elaine Thill, Donna Anderson, John Rushbrook, Denis Pommer



TAI CHI CLASSES Thursday at 3.30pm in the Parish Centre.
Donation appreciated.



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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL

@5.00 pm

SUNDAY

@7AM @9AM

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday

9.10AM

Saturday 9AM

ROSARY

Before Mass Monday to Friday

Commencing at 8.40am

Saturday 8.30am

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 4.00 - 4.30PM

and 1st Friday 9.40 – 10am

BAPTISM

Please contact the parish office
with any Baptism enquiries.

SACRAMENTS AND VISITS TO THE SICK

Please contact the parish office

NEWSLETTERS

If you would like to receive the
weekly news or any upcoming
events and information via email
please contact the parish office
on 0755367522

Or email
tweedadmin@stjosephs.org.au

ROSTERS 2/3 AUGUST 2025

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YRC

5PM FR MX REGO SM

Sacristan: Karen Watson

Adult Servers: Karen Watson

Liturgy Coordinator: Carmen Carra

Commentator: Nic McTaggart

Readers: Volunteer Needed & Irene Antu

Communion: Enrico & Mandy Barone

7AM FR NICOLAS MAURICE

Sacristan: Diane Paynter

Adult Servers: Marie Norton

Liturgy Coordinator: Iris Nathan

Commentator: Brian Turner

Readers: Patricia & Paul Bolster

Communion: Brian Turner & Jennifer Welk

9AM FR MICHAEL ALCOCK

Sacristan: Pat Twohill

Adult Server: Judith Ranke

Liturgy Coordinators: Frances Garland

Commentator: Colleen Blake

Readers: Helen Gullison & Mary Mason

Communion: M Mangelsdorf & M Wilkinson



**Our Parish supports and commits to
embedding the;**

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Child Safe Standards



Office of the
Children's Guardian

& the

National Catholic Safeguarding
Standards

