

DOES GOD ANSWER OUR PRAYERS?

During the devastating bushfires Australia suffered this past summer, lives were lost and many homes and flora and fauna were destroyed.

Amid this destruction, many people turned to prayer, petitioning God for relief and rescue. In this respect, today's readings offer comfort in the form of a reassurance that God's love is enduring. Paul goes so far as to reassure his Roman congregants that "nothing can separate us" from the love of God made visible in Christ – "neither death, nor life," no matter how bad things may appear in the present or future. The Psalmist similarly reassures the Israelites that "the Lord is near to all who call upon him".

But others may not be comforted by these words of encouragement and hope. Such people are tempted to reject the notion that prayer can be efficacious. For many caught between these two reactions, there is a real crisis of faith that prompts deep questioning about the nature of our relationship with God.

Does God care that we are suffering? Why did God not prevent these terrible fires? Does God answer our prayers for help?

There is no easy response to these questions. The stark reality of the recent devastation suggests that God does not answer our prayers for immediate and direct intervention. The key to unlocking this conundrum is found in today's gospel.

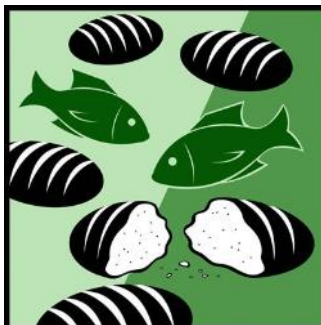
At the end of long day of preaching and teaching, the disciples ask Jesus to send the hungry crowds home so that they can eat and rest. Jesus responds by telling his disciples to minister to their needs out of their own resources.

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of the devastating fires was the overwhelming charity and support offered to those affected by their fellow citizens and by people from across the globe. Volunteers rushed to help; community organisations partnered with governments to offer sustenance and practical care. People across the world united to agitate for change in our relationship with nature.

The impetus for this response comes from the values and morals of a society that has shaped over millennia by the Judeo-Christian tradition, which stresses the central importance of building societies based on a respect for human dignity, justice, and charity.

God may not always answer our prayers by acting directly or even miraculously to avert an immediate threat to our lives. But God has acted and continues to act pre-emptively through inspiration and revelation to shape and build a capacity for charity and love into the hearts of humans and human societies.

God respects both the integrity of human beings and the integrity of natural processes. God works in and through those two processes, the human and the natural, to bring about tangible change in our relationships with one another and with nature.



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2nd August, 2020

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Today's Readings

Isaiah 55:1-3

Romans 8:35, 37-39

Matthew 14:13-21

9th August, 2020

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Next Sunday's Readings

Kings 19:9, 11-13

Romans 9:1-5

Matthew 14:22-23

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Sunday Bulletin

Parish Liturgies	
Weekend Mass	Saturday 6.00pm Vigil Mass, Sunday 7.30am, Sunday 9.30am
Weekday Mass	Monday 8.00am Communion Service (Mass on Solemnity only) Tuesday 6.00pm Mass - 1st Tuesday Mass of Anointing Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 8.00am Mass Friday 9.00am Mass
Reconciliation	Saturday 5.00 - 5.45pm or by appointment
Buckley Caring Centre	10.00am Mass - Second Thursday of the Month
Juniper Aged Care	11.00am Mass - Third Friday of the Month
Rosary	After weekday Masses
Exposition	Tuesday 5.00-6.00pm with Benediction, Sunday 6.00 - 7.00pm
Divine Will Prayer	Thursday 2pm
Charismatic Prayer	Thursday 7.30pm - 9.30pm.
Baptism	Sunday at 11.00am, or by arrangement
Marriage	By appointment - Minimum SIX MONTHS notice for preparation etc

Pope's Prayer Intention for August



Credit: Daniel Ibáñez/CNA

The Maritime World

We pray for all those who work
and
live
from
the sea,
among them sailors,
fishermen and their families.



No Mass

There will not be
8am morning Mass
next Saturday,
8th August.

Praying For You



Recently Deceased

Fr Anton Hesse

Death Anniversary

James Bantleman, Joseph Gillbanks,
Gladys Gordon, Agnes Mary

Deceased

Arokiyam, Stephanie Augustin,
George Clark, Joseph, Glen Marquis,
Irene St Anne

Our Sick

Barbara Ingram,
Elvira Panici-Allen, Annabelle McNess,
Richard Bisnath, Wendy Price,
Fran Wiffen, Ding Madrigal,
Zee Pereira, John Warui,
Metilde Warui, Con Farano,
Hirute Selassie, Peter Cox,
Mary Hazel Calupig, Bill Tucker,
Margaret Evans, Rene Priest,



Feast Days this Week

Aug 3	Mon	St Dominic, St Germanus of Auxerre, St Oswald, St Aethelwold
4	Tue	St Jean Vianney
5	Wed	The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major
6	Thur	The Transfiguration of the Lord
7	Fri	Pope St Sixtus and his companions, St Cajetan
8	Sat	St Mary of the Cross

Rosters for 1/2 August, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Sandra Wren Mercy Burton	Natasha Pinto	Jemima Pinto	Lenny Dcruz	Bridget Soh Sandra Wren	Angel Donina, Cailin Keane Gabby Keane, Jacob Malou Kyle Marquis, Clinton Matthews
Sunday 7.30am	Jackie Hall Bette Lyra	Cheryl Andrade	Alaster Croning	Larry Cavallo	Diana Chong Russell Lally	Joses Thomas, Josey Thomas Michael Almen, Tom Antu
Sunday 9.30am	Brenda Ring Robert Szlezak	Lenny Rodaje	Silvana Sciorilli	Phillip Magness	Geraldine Pereira Silvana Sciorilli	Elain Labrador, Alexander Lim Keanu Malagui-Hicks, Nicole Oo Alexandria Newman, Isabelle Phillips
Tellers this week: Bette Lyra, Cheryl Andrade, Clint & Thu Barnes					Tellers next week: Sue & Vincent Frawley, Darryl le Guay	

Rosters for 8/9 August, 2020

Mass	Greeters	Reader	Commentator	Acolyte	Extraordinary Ministers	Altar Servers
Saturday 6.00pm	Rosa Ford Catherine Gibson	Kath Ryan	Aya Van Ingen	Colin Loh	Suzanne Bazzica Remi Biju	Jemima Pinto, Matthew Ravanez Josue Ravanez, Elsa Rehart Ashton Rica-Franca
Sunday 7.30am	Yvonne Padua Inoka Ratnasekera	Franklin D'Cruz	Greg Drew	Geoff Mills	Peter Mack Rod McAtee	Justin Kyaw-Tun, Naomi Kyaw-Tun Andrea Martin, Aldric Ratnasekera
Sunday 9.30am	Brenda Ring Robert Szlezak	Robert Szlezak	Elsie T-Boundy	Lenny Dcruz	Elsie T-Boundy Evelyn Yozzi	Erin Pickering, Yatumika Shelvan Seren Adams, Thomas Armoogum Able Biju, Aron Biju

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Marycare Contact Maureen 9398 7375 Anne 9490 3377





First Friday Coffee Corner

First Friday of every month in our Parish Centre. 8.30 - 11am.
Have you tried it yet? For everyone!
Treat yourself to some time out, come relax and enjoy!
Our next Coffee Corner is next Friday, 7th August.



Child Protection Week Competition 2020

Open to all young people 12 – 18 years. Create a 2-minute media clip outlining the importance of 'Putting children's needs first'.
First prize is a \$500 gift voucher and three runner up prizes of \$100 gift voucher. Check out the poster on the notice board for more information. Entry forms are available from the church foyer or visit: www.perthcatholic.org.au/safeguarding. Entry closes Friday 14th August.

New Rosters - Proclaimers of the Word

Readers and Commentators are needed on the new rosters being drawn up soon. New volunteers are especially invited to join this ministry and add their names to the list in the foyer. Those on the current rosters, are asked to recommit by adding your name to the list. Training will be provided for new Proclaimers of the Word.



30th Anniversary of Archdiocesan Catholic Outreach

To celebrate the 30th anniversary of Archdiocesan Catholic Outreach, Marycare volunteers are invited to Mass in the chapel at the Catholic Pastoral Centre (40a Mary St, Highgate - parking off Harold St) on Saturday, 15 August at 10.00am followed by brunch. RSVP before 12th August to outreach@perthcatholic.org.au, 9422 7920, or contact your Parish Marycare Co-ordinators if you would like to attend.



Rekindle your love for one another away from everyday distractions. What better way to celebrate the gift of your unique love than to make time to focus on each other and your marriage. Consider attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend to renew those feelings you had during your first few years together. We invite you to join us 19th-20th September 2020 (live out) to be held at Bateman or 6th-8th November 2020 (live in) to be held at Atrium Resort in Mandurah. For more information or booking contact Valerie & Brendon on 0424 220 625, email us at wabookings@wwme.org.au or visit wwwme.org.au.



Centre for Faith Enrichment have a variety of courses and events starting soon for term three that explore the wonderful richness of our Catholic tradition.

Pick up a brochure from the foyer or visit www.cfe.org.au/courses-and-events/ for more information or to register.



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Parish Safeguarding Officers

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Golden Age Club

The next Club Day is in the Parish Centre on Tuesday, 4th August with indoor activities from 9.00am. Enjoy card games, carpet bowls, fellowship. BYO lunch. Bingo is at 12.15pm. For all parishioners 50 years and over. New members always welcome.



DIVINE WILL PRAYER GROUP

Pope St John Paul II spoke of the 'new and Divine Holiness of the third Millennium' when speaking of the gift of Living in the Divine Will. Our weekly prayer meetings have moved from Mondays 11am to now being held on Thursdays at 2pm in Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Church, Gosnells. Additional evening group via zoom on Wednesdays 7pm. For more information and zoom details, please contact Kath on 0410 904 293.



Invites you, to bring your family and friends to enjoy this evening of: Songs of Praise & Prayer at 7.30pm and thanksgiving Mass at 8pm. Followed with a talk by Fr Renald Anthony on "Revisiting the Last Supper", fellowship and light supper. Friday, 7th August from 7.30pm at St John & Paul's Church, Pinetree Gully Rd, Willetton.

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Your patronage of the Poor Box goes a long way in assisting the most vulnerable within our community. Your donations are always appreciated.



Enrolments For 4-year-old Kindergarten 2021 At St Munchin's

Children born from 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017. We invite parents and caregivers to submit an application for enrolment as soon as possible. Please call 9234 7555 or email admin@stmunchins.wa.edu.au and an enrolment package will be sent to you. Enrolment forms may also be printed from our website www.stmunchins.wa.edu.au. If you are aware of relatives and friends who are hoping to enrol their child/ren in 4-year-old Kindergarten for 2021, please encourage them to contact the school to arrange enrolment.



Just a reminder of the 8 km speed limit throughout the school and church grounds. Carparks are never a place for speeding or inattention as it risks somebody, especially children, being severely injured or killed - something we never want to happen in our school or church grounds.

All members of our community are responsible for the safety and welfare of others.

Please remember to observe the **8km or less** speed limit when driving in the school grounds, especially on school days. Be patient, observant and tolerant.

New Norcia Institute for Benedictine Studies

New Norcia Guesthouse and Retreats are once again open for bookings! For more information about our coming programs in September or to book, please visit our Web shop at shop.newnorcia.wa.edu.au, call the Guesthouse on 9654 8002 or email guesthouse@newnorcia.wa.edu.au.

The Grief Recovery Method Outreach Program

The Grief Recovery Method is an action plan whereby participants learn that grief is the normal and natural reaction to significant emotional loss. Participants will be provided with the opportunity to work in partnership, in an intimate and confidential environment, to gain a genuine understanding of the grief and loss process. 11th August to 22nd September, Tuesdays 12.45pm to 2.45pm, St Thomas More Parish Centre, Bateman Parish. The cost is \$50 which includes The Grief Recovery Handbook. For further information please contact Betty Thompson at officer.outreach@perthcatholic.org.au, visit <https://outreach.perthcatholic.org.au/wp-content/uploads/August-September-invite-2020.pdf> or phone 0438 858 212.

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