

Prayer for the Diocesan Vision

Spirit of God,
descend on me this day.
Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me,
the Spirit of hope to inspire me,
the Spirit of love to surround me and
the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit,
I pray for a new outpouring of your grace,
so that I may grow in worship of your name
in love of you in my prayer
and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.
Strengthen and defend me,
so that I may be drawn ever closer to you.
Help me this day and always
to be a channel of grace
in all I say and do
and invite others into relationship with you.

Amen

Thought for the week
19th Sunday of the Year
8th August, 2021

“I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE”

As part of our Sunday Mass readings, we are currently in the middle of chapter 6 of St John’s Gospel. It began with the multiplication of the loaves and fish when everyone had their physical hunger satisfied. Now Jesus is trying to convince the crowd that he is offering them something much greater than physical food. His whole mission was to offer eternal life to the world. The seed of eternal life was planted within us at our baptism. That seed needs to be nourished so that it will grow and bear fruit in this world in preparation for the world to come.

For Catholics, the source of that nourishment is Jesus who described himself as the ‘Bread of Life’ and ‘The Living Bread come down from Heaven.’ Jesus will not force himself upon us, but waits for us to invite him to feed us with the bread of life. He offers himself to us in the Eucharist, the Scriptures (particularly the Gospels) and those in need. If we look for him with faith, he has promised to be with us to sustain us in this world and enable us follow him into his eternal kingdom.

The Prayer for the Diocesan Vision that accompanies this thought is an opportunity to reach out to Jesus, through the Holy Spirit, asking him to sustain and bless us now, to help us meet the needs of others and to offer the Bread of Life to those who are spiritually hungry. Let us commit to praying it regularly so that as individuals and as a parish community we can fulfil our calling to make the Bread of Life available to the world.

Deacon Brian



Prayers Please

Please pray for Carmel Barker (Nee Rooke) who is in hospital

Please pray for Mary Haggar

Please pray for Jack Edwards

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has a tumour on her right eye.

Please pray for Rita Lonsdale.

Maddy Sharman has asked for our prayers.

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry

Please pray for Cecilia Fung, the mother of Fr Jojo. She has had a stroke.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid and has entered a rehabilitation centre where he is being helped to learn to walk and feed himself again.

Please pray for Caroline Mikhail (daughter - in - law of Jane and Ramsay Mikhail) who suffered a stroke.

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for Jean's great grandson Rogan who is 8 and has leukemia. Rogan continues to need our prayers.

Please pray for children under stress.

Please pray for the residents and staff at the two nursing homes in our parish, Abbeycrest and St Luke's.

Please pray for all victims of the Coronavirus.



Please also remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;

Sylvia Buffery, Josefa Cano, Agnes Agatha George, Catherine Elizabeth Smith, Elizabeth Regan, Tommy Keogh, Ralph Mascarenhas, John Joseph Walsh, Jack Faherty, Michelle Wells Jacobson, Anthony Christopher Boulton, Louis and Dora Paola.