

ADSUMUS, SANCTE SPIRITUS
(We stand before you, Holy Spirit)

We stand before you, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in your name.

With you alone to guide us,
make yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path

Nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in you our unity

So that we may journey together to eternal life

And not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of you,
who are at work in every place and time,

In the communion of the Father and the Son,
Forever and ever. Amen.

This prayer has been used at Councils, Synods and other Church gathering for
hundreds of years including every session of the 2nd Vatican Council.
It is attributed to St Isidore of Seville (560-636 AD).

Thought for the week
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th January 2022

The theme of this week's readings is Weddings and gifts. During the wedding feast at Cana, Jesus responds to his mother's request to help even as He reminds her that His hour is not yet come. I love the fact that Mary ignores Jesus' response and acts as any mother would by assuming her son will help her! She simply tells the servers, "*Do what He tells you.*"

His miracle is lavish as it produces an over-abundance of wine. This serves to remind us that this is the abundance waiting for us in God's kingdom if we are true to His word. We are reminded that God has given us all gifts, but they are very different and varied and we must try and discern which ones we own. The gifts are given to us freely for a purpose which we may never understand or even know until after we die.

Cardinal Newman states:

"God has created me to do Him some DEFINITE service; He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to any other."

This means if we do not fulfil it then the work never gets done—an opportunity will be missed to evangelise for Jesus.

We must try and participate in Christ's mission and use our unique talents for good. Today's gospel also emphasises the unique role which Our Lady can play in interceding for us with her son. We must take her advice and "*Do whatever He tells you.*"

Perhaps we could decide to come to one of the Synodal Pathway meetings which Deacon Brian is organizing to help compose our response to the Holy Father's request for input as to the future directions for our church.

God Bless us all and our parish

Theresa Muston



We ask you to please pray for the following people who continue to ask for your prayers;

Please Pray for Delia Hoban who is in hospital

Please pray for Beth Selwood

Please pray for Mary Haggar

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer

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.

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 9 and has leukemia. Rogan continues to need our prayers.

Please pray for the children and teachers of the Parish

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;

Jan Treder, Eugenie Micotti, Peter Mc Dermott, Patrick O'Sullivan, John Creighton, Bill Hoban, Marie Prendergast, Eileen Drever, Eileen Levy, George Wright, Ivan Dover, Joan Godfrey (mother of Tony), Cecil Keane, Joseph Smyth, Kathleen Smyth, Lily Deegan, Bernard C. Oates, Imrie Osz, Philomena Smith, Leslie Archard, Antony C and Regina Pereira, Winifred Dougan, Winifred Halter