

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 12th Sunday of the Year 20th June, 2021

Here we are at Midsummer and with beautiful weather so different to the storms and rain and cold winds we experienced in the early part of the year. The sea of Galilee is noted for its sudden storms which seemingly arise out of nowhere. Today's gospel from St. Mark, describes the storm that so petrified the disciples even as Jesus remained calm. It is one of several examples in St. Mark's gospel of the disciples having their faith put to the test.

Just as the storm caused the boat to toss and turn in the water, so our lives are a journey along a sea of time with storms and challenges encountered along the way. Challenges face individuals, populations, companies, even the church and governments. In present times the world and its people face many storms whether around the pandemic or basic human needs and dignity or the challenges of the environment and climate. Never has it been more urgent for us to recognise and have faith in the divine power of God. At the same time we also each have a part to play.

We are all in the same boat, on the same planet. We all have to use the skills and talents given to us to solve the problems we face, but at the same time we can be safe in the knowledge that Jesus hasn't forgotten us, he's not leaving us to flounder, but he is reminding us to keep our faith in him. We can be sure that when we call on him, as the disciples did, Jesus will calm the storm or calm us in the storm and his love will always be there, his grace will always be enough.

A Parishioner



Prayers Please

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has a tumour on her right eye. She has now had the radiation therapy.

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;

Marlene Fernandes, Jimmy Curran, Sue Conners, Anne Ouro, Peter Spencer, Rosena Faultner, Joan Law, Babs Monaghan, Elizabeth Tonner, Petra Zambano de Roman, Noel Moore, Joseph Cunningham, Norman Hutchinson, Frances Talkington.