

Our Weekly Prayers

Sunday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	7th August The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost Pray for the Province of the West Indies, Abp Howard Gregory Pray for the Ministry Units of the Torres Strait Region For the peoples and rulers of the countries of Europe For those on the fringe of our Ministry Unit For those with life-threatening diseases Eugene (Jack) Daly (2012)
Monday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	8th August Dominic, priest and friar (d.1221) Pray for the Diocese of Mbeere, Bp Moses Masamba Nthukah (Kenya) Pray for the Bishop's Personal Assistant, Shelley Thomas For the children of the world For those who serve as Eucharistic Assistants For all people with disabilities Raymond Fryer (2021)
Tuesday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	9th August Mary Sumner, founder of Mothers' Union (d.1921) Pray for the Diocese of Mbhashe, Bp Sebenzile Elliot Williams (Southern Africa) Pray for the members of Diocesan Council For those who teach others, especially the staff of our local schools For the Staff and Students of the Cathedral School For the poor and destitute Daphne Herbert (2011), Frederick Irons (2014), Fred Smith (2016)
Wednesday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	10th August Laurence, deacon and martyr at Rome (d.258) Pray for the Diocese of Mbujimayi, Bp Marcel Kapinga Wa Ilunga (Congo) Pray for the Honorary Canons and Canons Emeritus. For all members of minority groups For the Bishop, Registry Staff, Diocesan Council and Diocesan Executive For those unable to communicate with those around them Mary Flecker (2014)
Thursday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	11th August Claire of Assisi (d.1252) Pray for the Diocese of Meath & Kildare, Bp Patricia Louise Storey (Ireland) Pray for the Rectors of the Ministry Units of the Diocese For the peoples and rulers of the countries of South America For work of Anglicare in Townsville For all victims of violence - especially those in their own homes Richard Morton (2009), Edna Lowatta (2021)
Friday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	12th August Pray for the Diocese of Medak, Bp A. C. Solomon Raj (South India) Pray for the Priests-in-Charge of the Ministry Units of the Diocese For peace in the world For those who are preparing for Baptism or Marriage For those who live in fear of their lives George Idagi (2006)
Saturday Church Diocese The World Our Ministry Unit Those in need Anniversary	13th August Jeremy Taylor, bishop and spiritual writer (d.1667) Pray for the Diocese of Wad Medani, Bp Saman Farajalla Mahdi (Sudan) Pray for the Deacons of the Ministry Units of the Diocese For the peoples and rulers of the countries of Africa For the congregation at the Cathedral For all those in hospital

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REGULAR SERVICE TIMES

Sunday Eucharists:

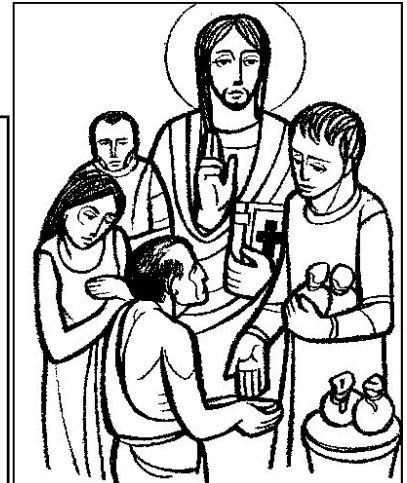
5.00pm (Sat) St Margaret's, Arcadia
7.15am St Mark's, Belgian Gardens
9.00am St James' Cathedral

Monday to Friday:

8.00am Morning Prayer, Cathedral
4.30pm Evening Prayer, Cathedral

Wednesday Eucharists:

12 noon St James' Cathedral
5.30pm St James' Cathedral



Welcome to our worship this weekend.

We hope that you enjoy worshipping with us, and we invite you to stay behind and join us before the service at St Margaret's or after the services at St Mark's or St James for a cuppa.

We are a warm and welcoming church, accepting of all God's people; a diverse congregation in age and backgrounds; a place where everyone is valued for who they are now and not just what they might become; a place where everyone is encouraged to grow in faith, hope and love.

For more information about us, or about weekday services, Baptisms, Weddings, and other activities in the Ministry Unit, please speak with someone over morning tea or contact Fr Kenneth directly on 0422 148 952.

As a congregation we acknowledge the Bindal and the Wulgurukaba peoples, the traditional owners of the land on which our churches are built. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging, and we recognise their custodianship and role in caring for and maintaining Country over thousands of years.

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THANKSGIVING

Please consider direct deposit for your freewill offering to God's work in the Ministry Unit,

Account Name: Church Wardens of St James Cathedral General Account

BSB: 034 222 Account Number: 250713

ANFIN also offers a direct giving option. There are brochures on the back table to complete. It is also possible to complete and lodge the application online. If you wish to do this, please email Fr Kenneth (kenneth700@gmail.com) and he will send you the file.

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK

Daily	4.30pm	Evening Prayer in the Cathedral
Sunday	7th	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
	7.15am	Eucharist at St Mark's
	9.00am	Eucharist at the Cathedral
	4.00pm	Ministry Unit Council Meeting
	6.00pm	Evensong
Monday	8th	8.00am Morning Prayer/Eucharist at the Cathedral
	1.00pm	Service at Bolton Clarke
Tuesday	9th	8.00am Morning Prayer/Eucharist
	10.30am	Area Deanery Meeting at Ayr
Wednesday	19th	8.00am Morning Prayer
	12.00pm	Eucharist at the Cathedral
	12.00pm	Anglicare Board Meeting (Cairns)
	5.00pm	ART SHOW OPENING
Thursday	11th	8.00am Morning Prayer/Eucharist
	2.20pm	Junior School Chapel (ASSG)
Friday	12th	8.00am Morning Prayer/Eucharist
	8.30am	Senior School Chapel (ASSG)
	5.00pm	Eucharist at Georgetown
Saturday	13th	8.00am Morning Prayer
	11.00am	Eucharist at Croydon
	2.30pm	Study Session at St Mark's
	4.00pm	Concert in the Cathedral
	5.00pm	Eucharists at Magnetic Island and Karumba
Sunday	7th	The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
	7.15am	Eucharist at St Mark's
	9.00am	Eucharist at the Cathedral and Normanton



EVENSONG

Please join us at 6pm tonight for a service of Evensong from the Book of Common Prayer, led by a great choir conducted by Anne Milanovic. There is always a supper to follow.

2022 ART SHOW

The Friends of the Cathedral host this year's Art Show with the official opening on Wednesday evening (NB there will be no evening Eucharist this week on Wednesday).

The opening is from 5pm to 8pm and everyone is welcome to come along. The entry is free, and there are drinks (wine at a cost) and nibbles.

This is a great social event in the life of St James Cathedral, and well worth attending.

The official opening will be by Dr Angela Meyer, an artist from the Tablelands.

CONCERT THIS SATURDAY

Our Saturday afternoon concert series continues this week with "Brass under the Arches" The one hour concert starts at 4pm. Admission is free, but we do ask for a donation to help with the upkeep of the Cathedral.

MINISTRY UNIT COUNCIL MEETING

The meeting of the Townsville Ministry Unit Council will be tonight at 4.00pm in the crypt. It is hoped to have the meeting booklet ready this morning, (but no promises)

DEAR GOD,

touch the heart of the people

I love, make them happy and safe.

Bless them with good health, especially the one who is reading this. Amen.



Little Church Mouse
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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN NEED:



Tracey, Ian, Wynter, Phil, Trevor, Bishop Arthur & Colleen Malcolm, Betty Daly, Beryl Finch, Iona Selke, Bronwyn and Stephen Wilson, Rodney, Julie McIntyre, Jane Kippin and the residents of the nursing homes.

To add someone's name to this list, you must first get their permission, then let Fr Kenneth or Anne McCutcheon know.

WHERE TO THIS WEEK

Fr Kenneth will be heading up to Cairns on Wednesday for the Anglicare Board meeting, and will return just a little after the Opening of the Art Show.

Then it's off to Charters Towers for school chapel services, and from there out to the Southern Gulf.

Please pray for the congregations at:

Georgetown (5.00pm Friday)

Croydon (11.00am Saturday)

Karumba (5.00pm Saturday) and

Normanton (9.00am Sunday)

AREA DEANERY MEETING

Fr Kenneth and Fr Alphonse will travel to Ayr on Tuesday for the next Area Deanery Meeting, where we will say farewell to Archdeacon Rosemary and welcome to Canon John McKim

STUDY AT ST MARKS CONTINUES

The study, looking at basic Christian beliefs, led by Ed Spriggins will continue this Saturday at St Mark's at 2.30pm. Missed the first two? No worries, you are more than welcome to come along.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

This month the Mission we support is the Nepali Mission. This is a humanitarian ministry led by Fr Digby Hoyle and his wife Anne. As well as being a medical doctor, Fr Digby is also an associate priest at Atherton. The work of the mission is with young disadvantaged people, helping them with education and health. It's an overseas mission with a local context, and well worth our support.

WHERE TO FIND US . . .

We are on the web and also on Facebook. To keep up to date, visit us often in both places:

Web: www.stjamescathedral.com.au

Facebook: St James' Cathedral, Townsville

Sexual Abuse contact line: 1800 242 544 or 07 3835 2266

FIND THE WORD

All the words in the following grid are taken from some of this week's readings. Once you have found them in the grid, find them in the reading sheet and underline them there.

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WHOM	YOUR	YOURSELVES	

A REFLECTION FOR SUNDAY

Read: Luke 12:32-48



Gospel Summary

Jesus told the disciples not to be afraid, but rather to get sturdy purses to hold all they will receive from God. If they served God, their reward would be great—but it would not be the reward of worldly wealth. In the second part of the Gospel, Jesus preached the message of watchfulness and being ready for his return. In a servant explanation of his point, Jesus told them that God would be so happy to see them at the banquet that God would put on an apron and cook a meal for them. This is similar to the message Jesus gave the disciples at the Last Supper when he washed their feet in service.

Reflection for Families

When the third millennium arrived, many people worried that the world would end. We all read accounts of predictions citing signs and scripture. Mostly the mood was one of fear and anxiety. Today's Gospel assures us that we have nothing to fear. Our only responsibility is to be ready for Jesus' return. We also hear that we have been entrusted with this Good News. So now what do we do with it? Most likely we know we are basically good people, good parents, and good disciples. But is there something more we can do, or does some part of our responsibility need attention? During these summer days, we might quietly reflect on how we view the end times and check our readiness. How are we doing with the Good News we've been given?

Bringing the Gospel into Your Family

Look around your home and see evidence of where Jesus is present. What will people know about your family and its faith when they walk into your home? What items, activities, or actions in your home show visitors that you are ready for Jesus if he were to return for you today? After considering all you do, share with one another if you think there is more or something else you could do to prepare for Jesus' return. Perhaps you will think of things you should stop doing. Try to help one another in each person's efforts to serve others.

Discussion Starters

1. My heart lies with my treasure which is . . .
2. If I did not believe in God, I would fear the end of the world because . . .
3. One way I will try to serve others this week is by . . .

THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST - (Year C)

Sentence

Watch and be ready, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.

Matthew 24:42,44

Collect

Kindle in our hearts, Father, the same faith that impelled Abraham to set out from his home and to live as a pilgrim in a foreign land. As we, like him, look for the city that none but you can design and build, keep us watchful for your Son's coming, that we may be found faithful stewards of all that you have entrusted to us. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A reading from the book prophet Isaiah

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation - I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed,

defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God

The response to the verses of Psalm 50 is:

The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause.

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The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting. Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, God reveals himself in glory.

The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause.

Our God will come and will not keep silence; before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm. He calls the heavens and the earth from above to witness the judgement of his people.

The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause.

'Gather before me my loyal followers, those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.' Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; for God himself is judge.

The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak: 'O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God. I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; your offerings are always before me.

The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause.

Consider this well, you who forget God, lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you. Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me; but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.'

The heavens declare the rightness of God's cause.

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old -- and Sarah herself was barren -- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore

God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them. Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God

Alleluia, **Alleluia**

Be watchful and ready; you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke, chapter 12, beginning at the 32nd verse

Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ

"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

This is the gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

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