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29th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Year C 19 - 20 October 2019

Praying with outstretched hands.

Jesus said to his disciples and says to us, 'Pray continually and never lose heart.' From our childhood we were taught to join our hands when praying. Yet during the great prayers of the Mass the priest opens his hands and stretches them out. Both ways of praying are good and have their place. But have you ever thought about what the gestures mean?

To join one's hands means that for a while we stop our normal activities and take time out to pray to God. This is more suited to private prayer. To pray with open hands is more suited to public prayer. The gesture of praying with open hands makes a powerful statement. It's a sermon in itself. The gesture is as old as the Bible. In today's first reading (Ex 17:8-13) we see Moses on the hilltop praying with extended hands for his people in their life-or-death battle with the Amalekites. When his hands dropped the Amalekites prevailed. When he kept them aloft to God, the Israelites prevailed. This illustrates the power of prayer. As long as the Jewish people put their faith in God, they moved forward. As soon as they forgot to look to God, they were forced to retreat.

Jesus urges us to keep on praying and not to lose heart. If we stop praying, we are likely to lose heart and give up. If we pray continually we will never lose heart. To pray means to put oneself and one's destiny in the hands of God. To pray means to rely on God's strength and not on our own. When we pray another kind of power becomes available to us. The priest says the prayers of the Mass with outstretched hands. Like Moses, he is praying not just in his own name, but in the name of the worshipping community. Even if we don't pray like this ourselves, we can adopt the same attitude before God as this suggests – an attitude of humility and trust.

A prayer is answered, not when we get what we are asking for, but when we are granted a sense of God's nearness. The prayer of a sick person is answered, not by having his/her illness disappear, but by his/her gaining a sense of God's nearness, the assurance that his or her illness is not a punishment from God and that God has not abandoned him or her. Prayer may not change the world for us, but it can give us the courage to face it. When we learn how to pray, we learn not just how to recite words, but how to open our hearts. The practice that nourished one most is quiet prayer of the heart. Just sitting very quietly and opening our heart is to let God in.

Reflection

'I am neither a man of letters nor of science, but humbly I claim to be a man of prayer. It is prayer that has saved my life. Without it I would have lost my reason long ago. If I did not lose my peace of soul, in the midst of my many trials, it is because of the peace that came through prayer.

Prayer is the key to each morning, and the lock to each evening. It is a sacred alliance between God and us. Let everyone try this experience, and they will find that daily prayer will add something new to their lives, something which cannot be found elsewhere.

(Mahatma Gandhi)

May our faith deepen in the power of prayer – Peace and Love to all : Dean Peter

PARISH CALENDAR

19/20 Oct - Catholic Mission leaving collection
Sun 27 Oct - Parish Lunch at Sporting Legends **12noon**
Wed 30 Oct - Plenary next stage meeting **7pm**
Wed 6 Nov - Music Ministry meeting Chapter House **7pm**
Sat 2 Nov - 8am, 9.30am & 11.00am Masses All Souls
Sun 10 Nov - Friends of Sion gathering **9.30am**

2019 FRIENDS OF SION GATHERING will commence at **9.30am on Sunday 10 November 2019** with Mass in the Cathedral. This will be the penultimate gathering with the final event on Sunday 8 November 2020 celebrating 130 years of the arrival of the Sisters. If you would like to attend this year and have not received an invitation please contact CeCe Kingwill by emailing: wjck@iinet.net.au or Maureen McLeod on 0427 443 550.

MUSIC MINISTRY We call for people to join a team to assist the organization of music for our weekend masses. There will be a meeting on **Wednesday 6 November at 7pm** in the Chapter House.

PLENARY NEXT STAGE

Let's Listen and Discern
Let's Gather and Pray Together
Let's Reflect
Let's Share and Listen
Let's Think Nationally and Locally
Let's Give Thanks
Let's Respond
Our Parish gathering to continue the Plenary process will be held on **Wednesday 30 October 7 – 8.30pm** in the Chapter House. All Welcome

MISSION SUNDAY, a special leaving collection will be taken up **this weekend, October 19 and 20**, for Catholic Mission. There are also envelopes at the back of the Church for tax purposes.

This year Catholic Mission was invited to partner with the Church in Ghana, as they provide ongoing protection and development of children who are vulnerable. In line with traditional beliefs, in parts of Ghana, children born with a disability, or whose mother passes during childbirth, are considered to be 'spirit children', and thus at risk of being harmed or killed. The Church in Ghana is dedicated to protecting these children and educating families to ensure every child has a chance to live a full life. Please give generously so that they may grow!

FAMILY GROUP Meet at the Maffra Motor Museum at **1.30pm on Monday 21 October**. \$10 entry per person. Bring a small plate to share. Tea and coffee provided. Contact Stephen and Shirley Slater on 5144 1818 if you require transport.

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S MASS on **Sunday 1 December 2019 at the 9.30am Mass**, First Sunday of Advent, will include a special family blessing and have the company of the St Joseph's children's Choir leading the music. We are happy to invite young people of all ages along with their families to this Mass. Following the Mass will be refreshments and valuable time together. See you there. St Mary's Cathedral Sale, 9.30am Mass. Our special guests – St Joseph's Children's Choir, Cranbourne.

ALL SOUL'S DAY Mass will be held at **8.00am and 9.30am in the Cathedral** and at **11.00am at the Rosetti Chapel** at the cemetery. Readers are required at all Masses - please call Clare in the Parish Office on 5144 4100 if you can assist on the day.

PARISH LUNCHEON Everyone is invited to our next Parish Luncheon at **12noon on Sunday 27th October** at Sporting Legends Club. Can those attending please call Clare at the Parish office on **5144 4100** to make a booking.

BE CONNECTED PROGRAM The Filipino Association, in conjunction with the Federal Government, is holding a digital literacy event at **12noon on Sunday 20 October** at Sporting Legends. Lunch is provided. This event is designed to help people 50 and over to be better connected to current technology. To find out more or to register your interest please call Doug Waite on 0407 443 274.

COUNTERS: 20 October: Team 8: Lenie & Bill Smolenaars, Nick & Maree Centra
27 October: Team 1: Robert McKenzie, Mark Durrant, Lou Centra

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving: \$2,091.00
Presbytery: \$770.60
Credit Cards: \$30.00
Direct Debits: \$1,049.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THE HOLY SOULS IN PURGATORY Please be early (before end of October) in submitting names of your loved ones who have died so they may be remembered in our November Masses for the Holy Souls. (A small donation – stipend is encouraged).

31 CLUB REMINDER for 23 - 29 October. Please pray for vocations

SACRISTY: 24 October: Team 4: Mary Cooper, Sue Harvey, Therese Cooper
31 October: Team 5: Lenie Smolenaars, Sue Harvey

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office or with Veronica, phone 5144 4100.
ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 1130am—12.00noon **First Friday of the Month** 11.30am-4.00pm At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am—10.30am **RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** After the 9.30am Mass—10.30am **Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Before or after Mass or anytime by arrangement with the priest. **MARRIAGES:** Not less than six months notice please.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sun 20 Oct 9.30am: Pasquale D'Aloia (A)

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**Mass Timetable this week
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
19 - 20 October 2019**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Sat 19 October	5.30pm 7.00pm	Cathedral Rosedale
Sun 20 October	9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Stratford Cathedral
Mon 21 October	<i>NO</i>	<i>MASS</i>
Tues 22 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Wed 23 October	9.15am 10.30am	Stratford Ashleigh House
Thurs 24 October	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 25 October	11.00am	Cathedral
Sat 26 October <i>Reconciliation 10.00am</i>	9.30am 11.00am	Cathedral Loch Sport

Plenary Council Prayer

*Come, Holy Spirit of Pentecost.
Come, Holy Spirit of the great South Land.
O God, bless and unite all your people in Australia
and guide us on the pilgrim way
of the Plenary Council.*


*Give us the grace to see your face in one another
and to recognise Jesus, our companion on the road.
Give us the courage to tell our stories
and to speak boldly of your truth.*

*Give us ears to listen humbly to each other
and a discerning heart to hear what you are saying.
Lead your Church into a hope-filled future,
that we may live the joy of the Gospel.*


*Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
bread for the journey from age to age. Amen.*

*Our Lady Help of Christians, pray for us.
St Mary MacKillop, pray for us.*

Catholic Theological College



Open Day Wednesday 6 November, 2019
Study options, Library and Building tour,
Refreshments



Two programs: 4.30pm–6.30pm or 6.00pm–8.00pm
Bookings essential
RSVP to Jenny Delahunt by Friday 1 November
Phone: 9412 3314 Email: jenny.delahunt@ctc.edu.au
278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002

PARISH PRAYER.

*God our loving Father, we give you thanks and praise
for our Cathedral Parish of Sale,
for your people and your Creation.
Nourish us by your daily Word and Eucharist.
Enrich us in our faith, hope and love.
Strengthen us with the spirit of your mercy and grace.
Make us grateful for your gifts as we journey
through our lives together.
May we be a welcoming and serving community,
always discerning and doing your will for one another.
We make this prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

We offer prayers for those who have died **Brian Soper, Ignac 'Rocky' Bozjan** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Fr Peter Curran, Pasquale D'Aloia**. We pray for those who are sick **Angela Jones, Ercilia and Erika Tobar, Ann (Bernie) Formaran, Fr Bernard Buckley and Maureen O'Kane**. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

Date: 27 Oct 19	Welcomer	Commentator	Readers	Offertory Procession	Extraordinary Minister of Communion
Saturday 5.30pm		Sandra Smolenaars	Ann Neville Br Ron Campbell		Frank Fidge, Theo Smolenaars, Damian Hogan
Sunday 9.30am	Vince Beer	Jeff Hobbs	Brenda Bowden Margaret Shirreffs	John & Therese Cooper	John Vermaelen, Lenie & Bill Smolenaars
Sunday 5.30pm		Nelly Coomber	Colin Coomber Louie Minoza		Lindsay & Stephanie Broughton, Rosemary Webster

NEW IN THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?
Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
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EMAIL: _____

Please tick: If you would like to join the Planned Giving Program
If you would like to join a Family Group

Please place on the plate at Mass or drop into the Parish Office

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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains:
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth. **(R.)**

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard. **(R.)**

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night. **(R.)**

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The Word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;
it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the Gospel of Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

The Gospel of the Lord.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Cathedral: Friday after Mass from 11.30am -12noon
1st Friday of each Month 11.30am - 4.00pm
RECONCILIATION: Cathedral - Saturdays
Following Mass: 10.00am to 10.30am

READINGS NEXT WEEK:
30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C
First Reading: **Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14, 16-19**
Second Reading: **2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**
Gospel: **Luke 18:9-14**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN CHAPTER HOUSE
Serves 'Soup and Sandwiches' on Thursdays, from 12 - 1.30pm
Tea and Coffee provided.
All welcome.



SUNDAY MASS TIMETABLE
Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil
Saturday: Rosedale - 7:00pm Vigil
Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th)
Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am
Sunday Stratford - 9.30am (1st,3rd & 5th)
Sunday. Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th)
Sunday: Cathedral - 5.30pm