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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C 23 - 24 July 2022

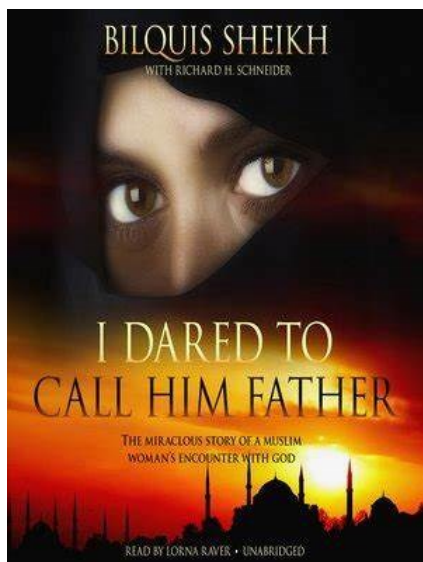
I DARED TO CALL HIM FATHER

A couple of years ago, I read a book titled, I Dared to Call Him Father. I found this book very enchanting, inspiring, and interesting. In the book, the author, Bilquis Sheikh, amongst many other assertions, narrated how in her former faith she could never address God as Father. When she encountered Christianity, she was taught to address God as Father, for that is who God is to us as revealed by Jesus. She listened keenly to the teachings. At a point when she was to pray, she began by referring to God as Father. She said "I broke down in tears, because 'I dared to call him Father'." It's been years gone by now, and I find myself still thinking about the book and its contents from time to time. How many times have I called God Father without any real reflection on what that means? Uncountable times, perhaps. I call God Almighty Father, Eternal Father, Loving Father, Compassionate Father, and the likes. Sometimes, we get so used to something that we lose the meaning for ourselves. The fascinating story of Bilquis draws my attention to this fact every now and then.

Have you ever wondered why Jesus, in the Lord's Prayer, teaches us to call God Father in a very personal way; at a time when referring to God as Father was quite unusual? That was one of the reasons Jesus was condemned and killed (John 5:18). But Jesus insists that we call God Father. In the title, Father, Jesus presupposes a close intimate relationship with God. While Matthew (6:9) speaks of "our Father in heaven," Luke (in today's Gospel, 11:1-13) introduces the prayer by having Jesus say: when you pray, say... "Father..." (11:2). By omitting that phrase "in heaven," Luke wants us to see God not as that far away daddy (away from home), but a daddy who is right with us, in the here and now. Remember this teaching is in response to a request from one of Jesus' disciples. The teaching, coming from a candid and sincere heart, wants to establish and emphasise that intimacy and closeness that exists between God and us. Earlier in the Gospel, Jesus expresses this intimacy when he refers to the temple as "my Father's house" (Luke 2:49). In teaching the disciples to call God Father, Jesus wants the disciples to visualise and understand the same closeness and intimacy with God.

When next you pray the Lord's Prayer, pray it, don't just say it. Make a stop at the opening words: "Our Father." Reflect on what you mean by praying to "Our Father", because you are addressing Our Father. Translate your understanding to your own personal words of prayer when you pray to God, "your Father" who is also "my Father" and who then becomes "Our Father." Build that close intimate relationship with God by simply calling God, Father; and mean it.

Fr Francis



Our Father

**Our Father,
who art in Heaven,
hallowed by Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done
on earth as it is in
Heaven.**

**Give us this day our
daily bread,
and forgive us our
trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into
temptation
but deliver us from evil.**

Amén.

PARISH CALENDAR

Wed 27 Jul: Lectors meeting 5.30pm CH
Sat 30 Jul: Youth Mass 5.30pm Cathedral
Fri 5 Aug: Bible Study Group CH 7pm

BIBLE STUDY GROUP This was a question that came to me a couple of years ago... and it is still relevant to me. How well do I know my Bible? I invite you to come and let us explore the Bible together, journeying together and learning together. Did you know that there are 27 books in the New Testament? Did you know that there is a book of the Bible titled 1 Thessalonians, and that this book was the first written book of the New Testament? There are many aspects of our lives today, faith and culture that go way back to the text of Scriptures. By exploring the Bible together, we deepen our knowledge not just of the Bible, but also of our belief, origin, purpose, in some instances culture, and whatever the Lord inspires. Our first session is **Friday 5th August, in the chapter house, at 7.00pm.** A plate of supper to share will be appreciated. See you all there.

HOME VISITATION TEAM This ministry has picked up with a couple of our parishioners teaming up with our priests and deacon. Special thanks to them. Please should you know of any one of our parishioners needing visitation for any reasons, do not hesitate to contact the parish office. Together we shall make it. One love!

OUR YOUTH AND CHILDREN MINISTRY As you all are aware by now, the parish is recommencing this very special ministry for our parish youth and children. There are a lot of children in our parish who need to be recognised and celebrated for their roles in the parish. Thanks to the team who are making efforts and putting the ministry activities together. With the first Youth/children Mass coming up on **Saturday 30/07/22 at the 5.30pm Mass**, we solicit your support. Please encourage your kids and grandkids, friends and neighbours to come together and let's celebrate our faith. Also, we solicit your support to bring some nibbles to share after the Mass in the open area. God bless you as we celebrate our young people.

LECTORS thank you to all those who are involved in the ministry of proclaiming the Word during liturgical celebrations. We now invite you to an evening of conversation/training for all current and aspiring readers. This will be held at **5.30pm on Wednesday 27 July** in the Chapter House..

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN will be opening next on **Thursday 28 July from 12.00 - 1.00pm** in the Chapter House.

SACRAMENTS:

FIRST COMMUNION: as part of preparation for their First Communion at the end of August the children will make **either their First Reconciliation or Reconciliation on Wednesday 10 August at 6pm.**

CONGRATULATIONS: Mary Harkin celebrates her 95th Birthday on **Thursday 28 July.** Mary will be home to welcome friends from 1pm. No gifts please.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome. Please check our website for more details. We have two options: An on-line/virtual weekend: **19-21 August 2022** in the comfort of your own home or a non-residential parish based weekend: **22-23 October 2022** in Niddrie. (Book early to avoid disappointment)
Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Website: wwme.org.au
Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY: Pope Francis last year established the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is being celebrated on **Sunday July 24** this year. The day is marked near the feast of Sts Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The theme for this year's celebration is "In old age they will still bear fruit", taken from Psalm 92. Find prayer and liturgical resources and Pope Francis' message at www.catholic.org.au/grandparents.

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.*

CELEBRATING A RETURN TO GLOBAL

MISSION: Once again Australian Catholics are being offered deep re-engagement with our sisters and brothers globally. Covid challenged our ability to reach beyond but now you can again consider Mission opportunities abroad. If you respond to the call to share your skills; to mentor those with little other opportunity, you will be prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961. Enquire online or Ph: 0422 742 567 about a placement to engage your skills and Register for a Webinar on Monday **1 August at 7:00pm** for the chance to talk directly with Palms' partner communities abroad and two Australian program participants recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. The stories will inspire. A message from **PALMS AUSTRALIA.**

31 CLUB REMINDER for 25 to 31 July. Please offer prayers for vocations

MASS INTENTIONS

Sun 24 July 9.30am: Tim Johnson (A)
Tues 26 July 9.30am: Roshanee Fernando (RD)
Wed 27 July 9.30am: Brian Donnelly (A)

BAPTISMS: By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament, Friday after Mass 11.30am — 12.00noon
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday 11.30am after Mass, **Saturday** 10.00 — 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.

COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,133.00
Presbytery:	\$725.00
Credit Cards:	\$30.00
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With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
23 - 24 July 2022**

Day/Date	Time	Place
Saturday 23 July	9.30am	Cathedral
	11.00am	Loch Sport
	5.30pm	Cathedral
Sunday 24 July	5.30pm	Rosedale
	9.30am	Briagolong
	9.30am	Cathedral
WEEKDAYS		
Monday 25 July	NO	MASS
Tuesday 26 July	9.30am	Cathedral
Wednesday 27 July	9.30am	Cathedral
Thursday 28 July	9.30am	Cathedral
Friday 29 July <i>Reconciliation & Exposition</i>	11.00am	Cathedral
	11.30am	Cathedral
WEEKEND		
Saturday 30 July	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Rosedale
Sunday 31 July	9.30am	Stratford
	9.30am	Cathedral
	5.30pm	Cathedral

**Prayer for the Synod:
Adsumus Sancte Spiritus**

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.



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2022

**PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR
GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

I give thanks to you, Lord,
For the blessing of a long life
For, to those who take refuge in You,
Grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive, O Lord,
Resignation and disillusionment,
But forsake me not
When my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope
To the future you give me,
To the mission you entrust to me
And to sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman
Of Your revolution,
To guard with love my grandchildren
And all the little ones who seek shelter in You.

Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis
And grant Thy Church
To deliver the world from loneliness.
Direct our steps in the way of peace.
Amen

Date & Time	Sat 23 July 5.30pm	Sun 24 July 9.30am	Sun 24 July 5.30pm
Welcomer	Theo Smolenaars	Marie & Nick Centra	Mary Chiller
Commentator	Ann Neville	Nick Hall	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Reader	Sandra Smolenaars	Clare O'Brien	Brenda Bowden
Counter	John Dykun		

Date & Time	Sat 30 July 5.30pm	Sun 31 July 9.30am	Sun 31 July 5.30pm
Welcomer	Claire Everard	Dalia Ellison	Please Offer
Commentator	Liz Tabuteau	Ann Neville	Brenda Bowden
Reader	Damian Hogan	Marietta Dykun	Jennifer Fitzgerald
Counter	Sue Harvey		

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We offer prayers for those who have died **'Max' Kadong Pinili, Mary Collins, Roshanee Fernando**, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **Harry Lee, Fr Martin Hayes, Mgr John O'Hea, Fr Michael Murphy, Fr Reg Wilson, Fr Francis Feruga**. Please pray for those who are sick **Graeme O'Connor, Maria Dunell rsj, Helena Klimas, Maureen Hall, Helen O'Kane, Rachel Stefanetti, Fr Tao Pham, Fr Brian O'Connor, Andrew Geary, Gabriel Hall, Anthony Lee, Michael McGrath, Harold Hopkins, Troy Barney, Miguel Stehr, Celie Smith, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**

NEW TO 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!
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives mite and strength to his people.**

FIRST READING:

A reading from the book of Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes. **(R.)**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

SECOND READING:

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL:

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test." He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord

COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits



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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Friday from 11.30am —12.00pm

RECONCILIATION: Cathedral

Friday & Saturday morning following Mass

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time , Year C

1st Reading: **Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23**

2nd Reading: **Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11**

Gospel: **Luke 12:13-21**

MARY'S SOUP KITCHEN

CHAPTER HOUSE

Each Thursday fortnight - next 28 July 2022

'Soup and Sandwiches' from **Noon -1.00pm**

Tea and Coffee provided. **All welcome.**



WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

Saturday: Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)

Saturday: Cathedral - 5.30pm Vigil

Saturday: Rosedale - **5.30pm**

Sunday: Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm

Sunday: Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)

Sunday: Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)

Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.