



Sunday 15th July 2018 Trinity 7

The Lord shows us the path of life;
in his presence there is fulness of joy,
in his right hand are pleasures for evermore.
Psalm 16.11

Prayer of the day

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your Name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and so by your mercy keep us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Esther 6.1-11 *Helen Herron*

1 That night the king could not sleep; so he ordered the book of the chronicles, the record of his reign, to be brought in and read to him. **2** It was found recorded there that Mordecai had exposed Bigthana and Teresh, two of the king's officers who guarded the doorway, who had conspired to assassinate King Xerxes.
3 "What honor and recognition has Mordecai received for this?" the king asked. "Nothing has been done for him," his attendants answered.
4 The king said, "Who is in the court?" Now Haman had just entered the outer court of the palace to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows he had erected for him.
5 His attendants answered, "Haman is standing in the court."
"Bring him in," the king ordered.
6 When Haman entered, the king asked him, "What should be done for the man the king delights to honor?"
Now Haman thought to himself, "Who is there that the king would rather honor than me?" **7** So he answered the king, "For the man the king delights to honor, **8** have them bring a royal robe the king has worn and a horse the king has ridden, one with a royal crest placed on its head. **9** Then let the robe and horse be entrusted to one of the king's most noble princes. Let them robe the man the king delights to honor, and lead him on the horse through the city streets, proclaiming before him, 'This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!' "
10 "Go at once," the king commanded Haman. "Get the robe and the horse and do just as you have suggested for Mordecai the Jew, who sits at the king's gate. Do not neglect anything you have recommended."
11 So Haman got the robe and the horse. He robed Mordecai, and led him on horseback

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through the city streets, proclaiming before him, "This is what is done for the man the king delights to honor!"

Ephesians 1.3-10 *Carine Jenkins*

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. **4** For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love **5** he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will-- **6** to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. **7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace **8** that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. **9** And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, **10** to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ.

Mark 6.7-13 *Matt Heazlewood*

7 Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. Calling the Twelve to him, he sent them out two by two and gave them authority over evil spirits.
8 These were his instructions: "Take nothing for the journey except a staff--no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. **9** Wear sandals but not an extra tunic. **10** Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. **11** And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, shake the dust off your feet when you leave, as a testimony against them."
12 They went out and preached that people should repent. **13** They drove out many demons and anointed many sick people with oil and healed them.

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Prayers

"Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thess 5:16-18

Government leaders

Ask God to guide and strengthen them and renew their vision of serving their community.

For our Church and Community

Pray for the parish community to have a safe and enjoyable break over the school holidays. Pray for the elderly in our congregation and community to keep them safe and in good health. Pray for students preparing for their HSC trials.

Pray for those in special need

Ask God to comfort, strengthen and deepen the trust of those who are sick and grieving. For the lonely or in special need at this time including Jean Ditchfield.

Prayer for residents of Aged Care

Pray that the reassurance of God's love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ will bring comfort to elderly people and carers. Pray that each resident will feel comfortable and secure in their surroundings and at ease with those caring for them. That families and relatives of residents will have peace of mind about the care and support their family member is receiving. That each resident will find peace and hope in the knowledge and love of Christ.

Thank God for the opportunity we have to connect with residents of Killara Gardens and Lourdes Village and pray for Mamie Long as she reaches out to make meaningful connections.

Prayer for the elderly

Look with mercy, O God our Father, on all whose increasing years bring them weakness, distress, or isolation. Provide for them homes of dignity and peace; give them understanding helpers, and to them willingness to accept help; and, as their strength diminishes, Increase their assurance of your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

St Martin's Mission Prayer

*Our heavenly Father, please bless St Martin's as we seek to make disciples of Christ, and see changing lives through grace, so that everyone reaches maturity in Christ. By your Spirit enable us to **connect** to Jesus and one another, **grow** in Christ-likeness, **serve** and meets the needs of others with the gifts you have given us, and **share** the love of Christ in our community and all the world. **Amen***

Action Items and Upcoming Events

- **Prayer Night – 25 July** from 7.30pm-8.30pm, St Andrews Roseville
- **BASECAMP Mens Conference - 11 August 2018** UNSW Roundhouse Kensington. An annual event for men who want to know God better. For more info go to <http://www.basecampmen.com/>
- **OneLove Womens Conference on Saturday 25 August 2018.** Sydney Showground at Sydney Olympic Park [Register now](#) at the best rate!

Daily Bible Reading Plan

- ☐ Jul 15 1 Chron 24-25, Ps 14, Matt 16-17
- ☐ Jul 16 1 Chron 26-27, Ps 15, Matt 18
- ☐ Jul 17 1 Chron 28-29, Ps 16, Matt 19
- ☐ Jul 18 2 Chron 1, Ps 17, Matt 20
- ☐ Jul 19 2 Chron 2-4, Ps 18:1-24, Matt 21
- ☐ Jul 20 2 Chron 5-6, Ps 18:25-50, Matt 22
- ☐ Jul 21 2 Chron 7-9, Ps 19:1-6, Matt 23
- ☐ Jul 22 2 Chron 10-12, Ps 19:7-14, Matt 24

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