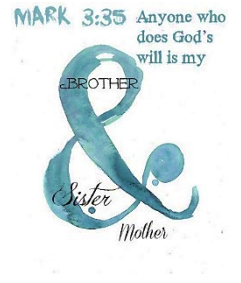




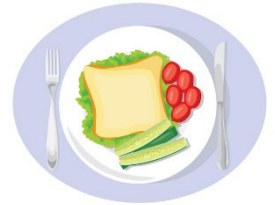
SUNDAY 7th June 2026
SUNDAY TABLE SERVICE

***Let us sit and watch Songs of Praise together
on the ABC and then set the table for our Parish meal.***



Prayerful and intentional preparation for a meal

As we worship at home today let us define the occasion by adding something special to our table. Give some thought to the presentation of our meal as a meditation on the importance of the time we are setting aside for worship. If you are celebrating this meal without people physically present, please be aware that **God Is With You**.



Quite often we are quick to condemn ourselves, feeling like we have failed in life in some way. So what does God think when we stuff up. God doesn't look at sin the same way we do. He sees the separation that has happened and is constantly drawing us back to himself. No matter how bad we think we are, or that we don't deserve a perfect love, in His presence, God's healing can begin to work. He gives us His worth and values us. This is the work of His Spirit ever growing within us if we truly desire all that is God's kind of goodness.

opening prayer — consciously drawing together in our mind our Parish community around our table.

Be still and silent. Visualise in your mind, those whom you invited to share with you. Pray:

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Here, and throughout the world, We adore you O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world. Amen

Bless this food, both physical and spiritual. Bless all who gather at your table, both seen and unseen, In Jesus' name we pray. Amen

Let us read and reflect on our cycle of readings.

A reading from the Book of Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the

Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33: 1-12 — A.P.B.A. Page 252

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous: for it befits the just to
praise him.
- 2 Give the Lord thanks up on the harp :
and sing his praise to the lute of ten strings.
- 3 O sing him a new song:
make sweetest melody, with shouts of praise.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true: and all his works are
faithful.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice:
the earth is filled with the loving-kindness of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made:
and their numberless stars by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathered the waters of the sea as in a water-skin: and laid up the deep in
his treasures.
- 8 Let the whole earth fear the Lord:
and let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it was done:
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The Lord frustrates the counsels of the nations: he brings to nothing the
devices of the peoples.
- 11 But the counsels of the Lord shall endure for ever:
the purposes of his heart from generation to generation.
- 12 Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord: the people he chose to be
his own possession.

A reading from the Letter to the Romans 4:13-25

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") — in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. For I have come to call not the righteous but the sinners. Matthew 9 12-13

Let us now engage in some quiet reflection, or conversation and sharing, responding to the passages of scripture.. We may like to write down some key thoughts for further reflection.



Jesus told his opponents to act with compassion: to treat others, no matter how different they were, with respect and love. Jesus really did not care if people were good Jews, he was kind and welcoming even to the ones who were considered to be under direct punishment from God. Samaritans, lepers, sinners, tax collectors, he opened the flood gates of God's love to them all and others were determined to keep them firmly shut. Our faith is judged by how good we are at respecting and showing compassion to people whom others reject.

prayer-time

Now let us continue to offer our prayers for healing of the world; especially for those affected by natural disasters, war and conflict; for family; for members of the parish and wider community, for the life and ministry of the Church, for encouragement in our journey of faith. We continue to pray for a peaceful resolution to the escalating conflict in the Middle East Lebanon and the continuing conflict in Ukraine.

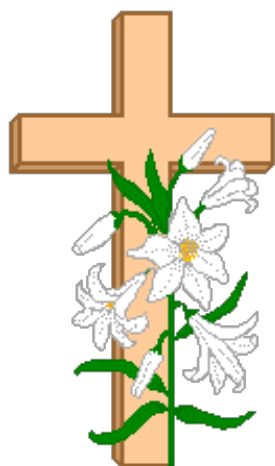
.We continue to pray for those in our parish asking for prayer Sue Mack, Peter G, Morgan, Rev Beck and family, Jo and family, Trish, Suzi, Nicole, Richard and family, Rachel, :Ann W, Joy I, David B, Cathy, Lorraine, Margaret P, Kay & Chris DeVries Lynn H, Jean T, Sue and family, Stephen, Anne, Ken, Neville B, Lisa W, Jan Y, Michael, Andrew, Pratibha K, Jeanette B, Barbara A, Jo M, Sue Mc, Griselda, Patrusca, Rachel, Steve, Ebony, Nicole, David, Takoohi, Glenda, Margaret, Wendy, Gweneth, Jo and Ginne, Matthew, Kathryn and Keiran, Ruth, Jean N, Georgia, Pat V, Brenda, Joanie, Jan, Jac B; Eileen, Ursula P, Nicholas & Ben; Sue & Frank G, Emily and her family; Christina and any others we wish to remember, either silently or aloud

Let us say the Lord's Prayer Together.

Our Father

Prayer for this Sunday

O God,
you have assured the human family of eternal life
through Jesus Christ our Saviour:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in him,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.



together.

Conclude the meal with the following prayer

***May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be amongst us and remain with us always. Amen.***

Intentional connection beyond your home

After the Table Service, take the time to contact other people you know, especially those on their own.. Make sure they are well, or see if they would appreciate a visit. Let the Holy Spirit guide you to the person or persons with whom you should connect. Pray for them. Contact them. Start a conversation. How have you been keeping, what about this changing weather or hope you are keeping well, was just thinking of you and decided to call.

