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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

17th Ordinary Sunday



27th July 2025

Notes from Yukiko's Desk



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

Last week, our theme was hospitality. This week focuses on the theme of **prayer**. The readings remind us that prayer is not just about saying words. It is about trust, hope, and knowing that God is listening.

The first reading in Genesis 19 describes Abraham interceding before God on behalf of Sodom, lest it be destroyed. This text, I believe, is one that most succinctly defines our relationship to God and the importance of prayer; speaking honestly with God, asking questions, and waiting for answers. I was struck by the fact that Abraham has no fear in his conversation with God. He prayed not once, twice, or even three times- but *six* times!

One of the key ways in which we maintain our relationship with God, and our fellow humans around us, is through prayers. I am sure you would agree with me. Prayer can be intensely personal and publicly uplifting. Even in non-religious meetings and events, quite often we begin with prayers. For example, our Space group do not talk about God during the session, but we begin and end with Karakia, and it seems everyone is happy about it.

So, what is prayer for you?

I am inviting you to ponder your life of prayer with me.

May his peace be with you,

Yukiko

News and Upcoming Events



As I am going to Ministry Conference on **6th Aug**, I wonder if anyone can come to help between **11:30-12:30** for morning tea on that day. Please let Yukiko know if you are available.



Settler's Morning Tea:

Next meeting: Wednesday **20 August at 10 am** at Settler's.

AN INTERFAITH SERVICE TO MARK WORLD PEACE DAY

**5pm Sunday 3 August
Holy Trinity Cathedral**

Join us for a special World Peace Day Service as we come together in interfaith prayers for peace and mutual understanding across the world. This reflective service will

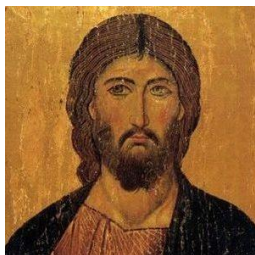
mark the 80th anniversary of the end of World War II in the Asia-Pacific region and commemorate Hiroshima Day.



Let us unite in remembrance, hope, and a shared commitment to peace.

Yukiko will be involved in the service. It would be great if some of you can join the service.

Prayer and Contemplation with Icons



You will learn about icons, how they can become 'windows' to the divine, how we can deepen our own prayer through Christian contemplation, and spend time in prayer.

19th Aug or 22 Oct, 10.30-12.30, Vaughan Park,
Long Bay

To register please email: jacky.sewell1@gmail.com

Cost: There is no charge, but you are invited to give a koha.

Suggested koha: \$5-10 unwaged \$15-50 waged, per session.

We pray for:

- The survivors of Saint Porphyrius Catholic church in Gaza last week
- Communities rebuilding from disasters, that they may receive the support needed to recover and prepare for what's ahead.
- Those struggling to pay for food or heat their homes, for families in overcrowded or unhealthy living situations, for young people forced onto the street, for those who have lost their jobs and are experiencing life as punitive and dehumanising.

This Week's Bible Question

According to Genesis, what was the least number of righteous people that could have saved Sodom and Gomorrah from destruction?

A: 5

B: 10

C: 15

D: 20

This Week's Service Songs at Holy Cross

Opening: Guide me o, though great redeemer
Gospel: Be still and know I am God
Offertory: When I survey the wondrous cross
Recession: What a friend we have in Jesus

Sentence for the day

Ask, and it will be given you; seek, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you.

(Luke 1:9)

Readings

	<u>27th July</u>	<u>3rd August</u>
1 st Reading:	Genesis 18:20 -32	TBC
Psalm	Ps 138	TBC
2 nd Reading:	Colossians 2:6-19	TBC
Gospel:	Luke 11:1-13	TBC

Summary of the Scripture

1st Reading: Abraham intercedes for Sodom, which is a symbol of wickedness.

2nd Reading: Paul warns against false spiritualities and distortions of the Christian faith.

Gospel: Jesus speaks to the disciples on the nature of prayer.

Collect for the Day

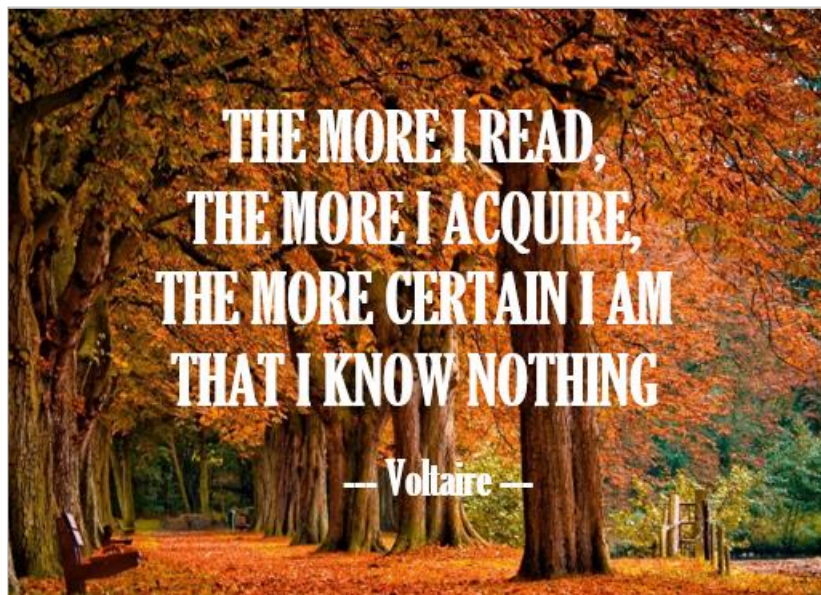
Almighty and merciful God,
more ready to hear than we to pray,
giving more than we desire or deserve;
pour upon us the abundance of your mercy,
forgive those things
of which our conscience is afraid,
and give us those good things
which we are not worthy to ask,
except through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Liturgical Colour

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This Week's Bible Question Answer

B (see Genesis 18:32)



Rosters

Holy Cross

	<u>27th July</u>	<u>3rd August</u>
Sacristan	Alison Coughlan	Val Deas
Welcomer	Dorothy Schultz	Ria Gormley
1 Readings	Valerie Churchill	Trish Duncan
2 Readings	John Churchill	Bernadette
Presiding	Yukiko	Yukiko
Prayers	Beatrix Jones	Rhona Stace
TV Setup & Slides	Patrick Harris	Graham Wood
Music	Anne	Andrew
Morning Tea	Valerie & June	Dorothy M & Ria
Flowers	Ria Gormley	Ria Gormley

St Michaels

	<u>27th July</u>	<u>3rd August</u>
Prayers	Bruce Goertz	Bruce Goertz
Readings	Brian Simpson	Bruce Goertz
Presiding	Bruce	Yukiko

**The gospel is less about
how to get into the
Kingdom of Heaven after
you die, and more about
how to live in the
Kingdom of Heaven
before you die.**

Dallas Willard

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Feedback welcome:

If you have feedback on any aspect of our church activities, please contact the wardens, Dorothy & Trish – contacts as above – or via the office at the email above.

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