

GCN Parish Prayer Calendar - February 2018

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.” Colossians 4.2

1	Pray for the Mainly Music team at Holy Rood. As the yearly program commences today, that our Lord will empower the team with energy to bring hope to those who attend.
2	As our Lord was presented at the Temple as a sign of hope for the world, pray we may be dedicated and acceptable to Him.
3	Pray that we will continue to build on 230 years of Christianity in Australia since the first Christian service in Sydney Cove on this day in 1788. Pray for on-going healing, peace and forgiveness in our culturally diverse nation.
4	Epiphany 5 “Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles.” <i>Isa 40.31</i> Pray for strength to proclaim the Gospel with our words and the integrity of our lives.
5	For those who struggle against injustice and abuse. Remember those who witness to the supremacy of God’s love in violent and oppressive societies and communities.
6	By all we do and say, may the Lord help us to build up the faith and confidence of those who we are called to love – our family, friends and neighbours. Particularly remembering my “One Life” partner.
7	The Bible. Help us Lord to understand the Holy Scriptures with our minds and apply it to our lives. Pray that we each may share with others how the Bible opens to all the wonders of God’s love.
8	For drug addicts and alcoholics in our community. Give them the will to accept a cure and restore them to the possibility of a healthy life.
9	Remember all who have lost their livelihood and possessions as a result of natural disasters.
10	Deacons Lyn Dunn and Rosie Stower and their families giving thanks for their ministry of service and spiritual gifts.
11	Last Sunday after Epiphany. As Epiphany becomes the Lenten season, pray that the light of Christ the Son of God will continue to be visible in our lives.
12	Archbishop Phillip and Christa Aspinall. Pray that Phillip may minister in God’s household as a true servant of Christ, inspired and sustained by the Holy Spirit. Pray for Christa and her ministry to clergy spouses in the Diocese.
13	Give thanks for the world family of God’s people; for our brothers and sisters in Christ the whole world over.
14	Ash Wednesday. This Lent, may our Lord stir us up with the gift of the Holy Spirit, so that we may profess our faith with freshness and announce with joy the wonders of His love.
15	Our parish priest and family. John and Felicity Dougherty and their family; Lucy, Laurie, Griffin, Jude, & Suzannah. Pray the Holy Spirit will sustain and strengthen John in his service and leadership of all in his care and for Felicity in her ministry of support.

16	For the Parish musicians giving thanks to God for their gift of music and song.
17	The Anglican Board of Mission (ABM) ; for their work of mission in Australia and abroad. Pray that God will inspire all missionaries and workers with the vision and mission to make Jesus known.
18	<u>First Sunday of Lent.</u> “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near.” <i>Mk 1.15</i> Pray for repentance, and that, as a community of faith, we may ever obey God’s will in righteousness and true holiness.
19	Other Christian denominations worshipping and ministering alongside us on the Northern Gold Coast; that we honour and support one another in Jesus’ service.
20	The Church Missionary Society (CMS) and all who have gone out in its fellowship to preach, teach and heal in Jesus name.
21	Pray the ongoing search for an Associate Priest, for the guidance of the Holy Spirit; providing a capable clerical leadership team.
22	Pray for Regional Bishop elect John Roundhill, his wife Frances and their family, as they prepare for their transition to episcopal ministry in April.
23	That our Lord might guide the lives of the young people in the Parish according to His will, and equip them to carry out His purposes in their lives. For all youth and children’s ministries.
24	The ministry of the Church Wardens and their team of administrators. For Rod and Karen and the team of office volunteers. For astute and wise elections at the Parish AGM tomorrow.
25	<u>Second Sunday of Lent.</u> Pray that we take up the cross of sacrifice, denial and service as we follow Jesus. <u>Parish AGM.</u> Pray God will help us make His concerns our concerns, so we might carry out His work in this community, for Jesus sake.
26	Those suffering abuse, violence and neglect. For healing of wounds, freedom from fear, and restoration to health and hope.
27	For all refugees, particularly those who have lost husband or wife, children or parents, livelihood, security or home. That God will prosper all those who seek to help them in their need.
28	That the Lord will bless the schools within our community. That they be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom.