

## **Parish Prayer Calendar - August 2017**

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

1	Give thanks for the ministries of Karen and the volunteer team in the <b>Parish Office</b> .
2	For the members of the <b>Federal and State Parliaments</b> and the <b>Gold Coast City Council</b> ; may they be quiet in spirit, clear in judgment, and by their plans and actions may Christ's kingdom come and His will be done.
3	The <b>Mainly Music Team</b> at Holy Rood. Pray that the Lord will enable the team with energy and planning, and bring your hope to those to whom they minister and serve.
4	For <b>John Dougherty, Felicity, Lucy, Laurie, Griffen, Jude and Suzannah</b> . Give thanks for John's leadership and pastoral care of the parish and that the Holy Spirit will sustain him in his ministry with us.
5	For those who struggle against injustice. Remember those Christians who are witnesses to the supremacy of God's love in violent and oppressive societies.
<b>6</b>	Almighty God, give us courage and patience to take up our cross daily to follow Jesus, who for our sakes endured the agony and shame of the cross.
7	For <b>drug addicts and alcoholics</b> in our community. Give them the will to accept a cure and restore them to the possibility of a healthy life.
8	For God's blessing on the <b>Cursillo</b> pot luck dinner this evening.
9	For the ministry and service of the <b>Mothers' Union</b> as they remember today their founder <b>Mary Sumner</b> .
10	<b>The Bible</b> . Help us Lord to understand it with our minds and apply it to our lives. Pray that we each may share with others how the Bible opens to all the wonder of God's love.
11	Pray that the Lord will bless the <b>schools within our community</b> . That they be lively centres for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom.
12	Pray that <b>Bishop Alison Taylor</b> will sustain sound health to enable her to minister in God's household as a true servant of Christ, inspired and sustained by the Holy Spirit. And for she and Trevor as they plan for their retirement and return to Melbourne at the end of this year.
<b>13</b>	Grant to us Lord, the spirit to think and do always such things as are right, that we may, by you, be enabled to live according to your will.
14	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 our <b>“One Life”</b> partner.
15	Pray that God, our shepherd and guide, will provide your Church in this Region a new bishop after your own heart who will walk in your ways, and with loving care watch over God's people. For Archbishop Phillip as he begins the process of discernment and prayer.
16	Give thanks to God for the <b>parish musicians</b> who minister to us through their gift of music.
17	The Diocesan <b>Bush Ministry Fund</b> and all those ministering in the isolated Western Region.
18	<b>Deacons Lyn and Rosie</b> and their families, giving thanks for their ministries of service and spiritual companionship.
19	Our <b>ecumenical partners</b> on the Northern Gold Coast; that we honour and support one another in Jesus' service.
<b>20</b>	God of all energy and life, give us such a love for all your Creation that we may delight in it with our eyes, nurture it with our hands and enrich it with our love, for our world is not our world, but yours.
21	<b>Parish Council Meeting</b> . Pray for wisdom and prayerful decisions for the extension of God's kingdom in this parish.
22	Pray for the <b>Bush Church Aid Society</b> and its ministry to people living in remote and regional Australia. For on-going support and commitment to reach for Christ the people of isolated Australia.

23	That God will send blessings upon the <b>young people</b> of this parish. That our Lord might guide their lives according to His will, and equip them to carry out His purposes in their lives.
24	For the Lord's blessing upon the <b>Church Missionary Society</b> and all who have gone out in its fellowship to preach, teach and heal in Jesus name.
25	For all who minister with the <b>Anglican Board of Mission – Australia</b> as they serve the Church in Australia and our partner churches overseas so that all may come to know God's justice, peace and love.
26	For the work and ministry of <b>Anglicare</b> with the aged, and with those suffering abuse, violence and neglect. For healing of wounds, freedom from fear, and restoration to health and hope.
<u>27</u>	<b>Day of Prayer for Refugees:</b> 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	For children and adults who have been abused and cruelly treated. Pray for healing and a sense of worth that comes from the knowledge that each is loved and valued in God's eyes.
29	<b>Gary and Margaret Smith</b> and their family. Pray the Holy Spirit will sustain and strengthen Gary in his service and nurture of all in his care.
30	Lord Jesus Christ, you called your disciples, Baptised them, and encouraged them along the way. May we in Gold Coast North be a welcoming church. Grant us clarity in our teaching, openness in our learning, and commitment in our responding to your call to make known your word and grace.
31	For the <b>Parish Family Camping Weekend</b> commencing tomorrow.