

Parish Prayer Calendar – February 2017

1	Pray that the Diocesan nomination and selection processes will conclude swiftly to allow the appointments of both a priest-in-charge and associate priest to be accomplished.
2	<p><i>The Presentation of Christ in the Temple.</i> As our Lord was presented at the Temple as a sign of hope for the world, pray we may be both dedicated and acceptable to Him in our journeys of faith.</p> <p>The Mainly Music program at Holy Rood. As the 2017 program commences today, pray for the team, the children and parents who attend. Pray that the Lord will empower the team with the energy and compassion to bring hope to those to whom they minister.</p>
3	Pray that we will continue to build on 229 years of Christianity in Australia since the first service in Sydney Cove on this day in 1788.
4	As the school year commences, pray that God will send blessings upon the young people of this parish. That He might guide their lives according to His will, and equip them to carry out His purposes in their lives.
5	<i>Epiphany 5:</i> Father, give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory.
6	Give thanks to God for the parish musicians who minister to us with their gifts of melody and song.
7	The Anglican Board of Mission ; for their work in Australia and abroad. The Executive Director, Fr John Deane and staff at home and overseas.
8	Pray for the Church Missionary Society . Guard and guide all who have gone out in its fellowship to serve you so that your Church may grow, your will be done, and your glory revealed.
9	Our ecumenical partners on the Northern Gold Coast; that we honour and support one another in Jesus' service.
10	Give thanks for the world family of God's people; for our brothers and sisters in Christ the whole world over.
11	Remember all who gather at the combined barbeque breakfast at Holy Rood this morning. May it be a time of peace and blessed fellowship.
12	<i>Epiphany 6:</i> Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
13	Pray for the Parish leadership team; clergy and wardens as they meet today. Pray for wisdom and prayerful decisions for the extension of God's kingdom in this parish.
14	This St Valentine's Day reflect upon our Lord's path for us - "I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another." <i>John 13.34</i>
15	Give thanks for the world family of God's people; for our brothers and sisters in Christ the whole world over. For those Christians who suffer persecution because they profess Christ.

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16	Those suffering domestic and family abuse, violence and neglect. For healing of wounds, freedom from fear, and restoration to health and hope.
17	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.
18	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.
19	Epiphany 7: Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart, and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Parish AGM. Pray God will help us make His concerns our concerns, so we might endure in carrying out His work in this community and beyond, for Jesus sake.
20	Parish Council Meeting. Fill the councillors with the Holy Spirit, that they may listen to one another, speak the truth in love, for the growth of God's kingdom and glory.
21	For those who struggle against injustice. Remember those who are witnesses to the supremacy of God's love in violent and oppressive societies.
22	Pray for all who live in the remote parts of our vast country and for all called to serve them in the ministry of word and sacrament with the Bush Church Aid Society . Pray the Lord will encourage the workers in times of loneliness and give them refreshment in times of hardship.
23	Our Diocesan leadership team: Archbishop Phillip, Bishops Geoff, Alison, Jonathan and Cameron and their families. That they will be pastors of God's own heart and strengthened to watch over His people with loving care.
24	Pray for Bishop Geoff Smith and his family as they prepare, spiritually and psychologically, for his appointment as Archbishop of Adelaide on 28 April.
25	Deacons Lyn and Rosie giving thanks for their ministry of prayer, service and spiritual care.
26	Transfiguration: Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always thankfully receive the benefits of his sacrifice, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.
27	Father, you have shown us the wonder of your love for us in Jesus Christ through the Bible. Pray that we will find time to "spare a minute" this Lent to understand your word with our minds and apply it to our lives.
28	Lord, on this eve of Ash Wednesday, pray that this this Lenten season you will 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.