

CHURCH Prayer Calendar - MAY 2017.

1 <sup>st</sup> Pray for all those who have sacrificed so that this generation can operate with fair labour practices. Give us the courage to fight for a better future for all.
2 <sup>nd</sup> Pray for those who meet at all our centres for a morning of craft and fellowship. Give thanks for their contribution to the life of the parish and their generosity to those in need.
3 <sup>rd</sup> We give thanks for all the blessings of our everyday lives, for living in a country where we are able to worship and gather freely. Help us, Lord, to value this.
4 <sup>th</sup> Pray for the Anglican Board of Mission; for their work in Australia and abroad. Pray for parishes as they assist in this work.
5 <sup>th</sup> Pray for the Ladies' Prayer group that meet on the first Saturday with Lyn Martin; give them discernment and a spirit of wisdom as they pray for issues in the parish
6 <sup>th</sup> Pray for the Cursillo Ultreya that is taking place today at St James; that it is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and worship that strengthens and encourages those who attend.
Sun7 <sup>th</sup> Pray for those who are attending the various services across the parish today, that they will be enriched by the teaching, the Eucharist and the fellowship.
8 <sup>th</sup> Pray for those who read our prayers on Facebook, that they will be enriched and moved to regular prayer.
9 <sup>th</sup> Pray for the office staff, give thanks for their ministry to the parish and to the wider public with whom they interact in the name of Jesus.
10 <sup>th</sup> Pray for Rev John and his family as they continue to settle into this parish. Pray particularly for John to be filled with the spirit to enable him for this task.
11 <sup>th</sup> Pray for the new associate, whoever that may be. That the right person is found and responds with joy.
12 <sup>th</sup> Pray for school chaplains in all Anglican schools that they bring the knowledge and love of Jesus into the lives of the students and support and pastor the staff.
13 <sup>th</sup> Pray for Rev. Lyn, Rev. Rosanne and their families that God our Father and the Lord Jesus might give them grace and peace always.
Sun14 <sup>th</sup> Give thanks for mothers as they are celebrated in the community today. Pray that they have the wisdom and strength to do what is truly best for their families. Give thanks for our own mothers and also for all the 'mothers' in our wider circle that contributed to our childhoods.
15 <sup>th</sup> Give thanks for all the various groups that meet across the parish. Pray that they provide opportunities for members to grow in knowledge of the Bible and also of Christ in their lives.

16 <sup>th</sup> Pray for Fr Gary and Margaret as they continue to minister with a compassion and wisdom that have blessed so many of us in the parish. Lord, keep them in your protective care.
17 <sup>th</sup> Pray for Bishop Allison as she pastors the priests under her care; give her good health, wisdom and unending love and patience to help them be the best they can
18 <sup>th</sup> . Lord, we know that you are the way, the truth and the light; help us to stay on the way, hold onto the truth and follow the light so that we will become more and more like you
19 <sup>th</sup> Pray for Rev Steffan Van Munster and his new bride Elaine as they are legally married today in Switzerland. Pray for a long and happy union for them
20 <sup>th</sup> Pray again for Steffan and Elaine as they have their Christian marriage today. Pray that the blessings of the wedding and of their marriage vows will be with them all their days
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> Lord we pray that you would continue to shepherd us and that we would hear and follow your voice. Keep us from false shepherds that will try to get into our lives by promising easy solutions to the problems of the world and our lives
22 <sup>nd</sup> We pray for God's Peace and an end to the fighting in Syria, in many countries of the Middle East and Africa. We pray for those who wage war against the innocent and do it in the name of religion. Lord, we hope and pray for a Peaceful World.
23 <sup>rd</sup> Give thanks for those of the pastoral care team from GCN who visit so faithfully; pray that more people are called to this ministry.
24 <sup>th</sup> Pray for our neighbours, the people who live next to us. Pray that their lives are peaceful and joyful and that they recognise Christ in us.
25 <sup>th</sup> Ascension; As we remember the ascension of Jesus, pray that we look for His coming again with joyful hearts, living our lives to his glory
26 <sup>th</sup> Dear Lord, encourage us to trust You at all times, regardless of the circumstances and be thankful of Your guiding presence and loving kindness.
27 <sup>th</sup> Pray for our preachers tomorrow. Give them wisdom as well as a full measure of the Holy Spirit so that as the people listen they will learn and encounter Christ.
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> Pray for all the services taking place across the parish today, that we may see that we are one in Christ no matter how diverse we are as individuals
29 <sup>th</sup> We pray for the Parish Council and the lay leaders that they would be led by the Holy Spirit
30 <sup>th</sup> "Lord, give us faith to believe, the courage to act, the love to continue, the willingness to sacrifice, and in doing so, always be ready to go wherever You send us, knowing Your will is being done and not ours."
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