

We acknowledge the Dharawal people, traditional owners and custodians of this place. They are part of the world's oldest living human culture, deserving of our deepest respect. May we walk gently on this land.



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MARRIAGES and BAPTISMS
by appointment

SUNDAY MASSES in the Church

9am each Sunday
6pm every 1st Sunday [at Menangle]
5pm every 3rd Sunday for

WEEKDAY MASS/PRAYER
in Jenkins Chapel

Monday: 5pm Prayer; 5.15pm Mass
Tues-Sat: 7am Prayer; 7.15am Mass
ALL WELCOME

TODAY WE CELEBRATE:
17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
YEAR C: JULY 25, 2010

Seek and you will find;
ask and it will be given to you.

What is it that you are searching for?

What would you ask God for
at this point in your journey?

How do you pray?

DID YOU KNOW?

In Jesus' time there were many teachers offering a spiritual path to their followers: a particular 'way'. Here the disciples ask Jesus to teach them his 'way' to the Father.

The reluctance of the man in the parable to get up to help his friend may be explained if we understand the houses of the period. Animals often occupied the ground floor at night, while the family spread out their sleeping mats on an overhead platform. The door was often difficult to bolt. To get up to assist, this man would have disturbed the entire family and flock.

In the Old Testament, God is often referred to as the Father of his covenant people, Israel, and as the one who will act to deliver his people. When Jesus addresses God as Father, however, he gives expression to his unique, personal, filial relationship to God. Through Jesus, the disciples are able to know God as a gracious and loving father.

FEASTDAYS THIS WEEK:

JU	26	Sts Joachim and Ann, Parents of Mary, St Ann Patroness of Mothers
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	27	Sts Nathalia, Aurelius, Lilioisa, Felix and George, Martyrs
	28	St Samson, Bishop of Dol
	29	St Martha, Virgin, Patroness of Cooks
	30	St Peter Chrysoloquus, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

**AS ONE VOICE – NATIONAL MUSIC CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 24-26, 2010**

Don't miss this exciting music event for singers, instrumentalists, choirs, liturgists, teachers and all who are involved in music within our parish and school communities. A wide variety of workshops, concerts and music events will be offered by some of Australia's best loved singers and composers including Monica Brown, Fr Kevin Bates, Br James Maher, Amanda McKenna, John Burland, Trisha Watts, Michael Mangan, Peter Kearney and more! For more information and to register online visit: www.asonevoice.com.au

Pax Christi USA, Prayer : Three Months Since the Gulf Oil Spill Began

Loving God,
We look at the devastation wrought by human hands
and are saddened by the greed of humanity.
Yet we know that your gentle Spirit
can move us to action
if we open ourselves to its mighty winds.

Bless us with the holy fire of your love
empower us to heal what harms,
and renew our commitment
to care for your creation.
Amen.

THE ROSARY THIS WEEK...



7.30pm Wednesday,
will be held in the
Jenkins Chapel. If you
would like to host the
Rosary on a Wednes-
day evening, please fill
in roster on the table
at back of Church.

WE PRAY FOR THE SICK...

Todd McRae, Sue Gay,
Christine Sullivan, Trish
Coleman, Peter Naughton,
Doug Moseley [Heather's
brother-in-law] Bill Penn,
Frank Dineen msc, Elisa Dal
Pozzo, Diane Douglas [sister
of Brian Ross], Fr Mick Sims
who has now moved on to
rehabilitation and is
thankfully recovering well.

**INVEST IN YOUR
MOST PRECIOUS
ASSET... YOUR
MARRIAGE!**

Out of me and a
discourage
are needed to see this picture.
Dates :
30 July-1 August, 22-
24 October, Edmund
Rice Retreat Centre, Mulgoa,
Bookings/further information:
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