



HOLY FAMILY DOVETON

The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)



17th SUNDAY in Ordinary Time
27th July 2025



In this prayer, I feel Jesus was revealing God the Almighty who likes to be connected to His children. We have our God who wants to enter into an intimate relationship. 'Abba' reminds the Children, a sweet, loving and undeniable relationship.

We shall look at the Prayer and try to find out the meaning of this beautiful prayer.

"Our Father" – A Relationship of Intimacy

Jesus doesn't tell us to begin with "Almighty Judge" or "Distant Creator." He invites us to say, "*Our Father*." In these two words, Jesus draws us into His own relationship with the Father. This is a prayer not of fear, but of **trust**, **love**, and **belonging**. It reminds us that we are not strangers or slaves – we are **children of God**, and if we are children, then we are brothers and sisters. This is a prayer of **unity**, not individualism.

"Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done" – A Surrender

So often, we pray asking for *our* will to be done. But Jesus teaches us to pray that *God's* will be done. This is the heart of true prayer: surrender. We pray not to change God's mind, but to let God change **our hearts**. His will is not always easy, but it is always **good** – and trusting it transforms us.

"Give us this day our daily bread" – Dependence and Simplicity

Jesus teaches us to ask only for *today's* bread – not tomorrow's plans or next year's security. Like the manna in the desert, God gives us what we need for each day. This prayer teaches us to live in the present, trusting in God's provi-

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Christina D'Couto

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday..... 9.15am

..... 11.00am

Healing Mass 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:

Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 9.15am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am

Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:

Saturday 9.00am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Baptisms: Second Sunday**Divine Kids Bible Class:**

Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:

Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

Parish Halls Hire:

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dence. And the “bread” we ask for is not only food – it is also the **Eucharist**, the true Bread of Life.

"Forgive us... as we forgive" – A Call to Mercy

Here is the most challenging line. We ask God to forgive us **in the same way** we forgive others. Do we truly want that? If we carry grudges, if we hold on to bitterness, how can we pray this honestly? The “Our Father” is not a comfortable prayer – it’s a mirror that confronts us with our need to forgive as we have been forgiven.

"Deliver us from evil" – A Cry for Protection

We end by asking God to deliver us from the snares of sin and Satan. In a world full of temptations, confusion, and suffering, we cling to God as our refuge and strength. This prayer is spiritual armour – a shield for the soul.

Conclusion

The “Our Father” is not just a prayer to *recite*. It’s a prayer to **live**. When prayed with the heart, it draws us into the heart of Jesus. It humbles us, purifies us, and makes us more like the Father whose name we hallow.

So when we pray it let us mean it. Let each word shape our soul. Because this is not just the prayer we say — it’s the prayer that **makes us who we are**: children of God, forgiven sinners, daily disciples, and bearers of the Kingdom.

God bless us all

Solemnity of
The ASSUMPTION of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
Holy Mass
@ 9.15 AM & 7.00 PM

CHILD SAFETY

Holy Family Parish is committed to upholding the wellbeing, safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

READINGS

SUNDAY

Gen 18:20-22
Ps 137:1-3, 6-8
Col 2:12-14
Lk 11:1-13

MONDAY

Ex 32:15-24,30-34
Ps 105:19-23
Mt 13:31-35

TUESDAY

Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus
1Jn 4:7-16
Ps 33:2-11
Jn 11:19-27

WEDNESDAY

Ex 34:29-35
Ps 98:5-7,9
Mt 13:44-46

THURSDAY

St Ignatius of Loyola,
priest
Ex 40:16-21,34-38
Ps 83:3-6,8,11
Mt 13:47-53

FRIDAY

St Alphonsus Liguori,
bishop, doctor
Lev 23:1,4-11,15-
16,27,34-37
Ps 80:3-6, 10-11
Mt 13:54-58

SATURDAY

Lev 25:1, 8-17
Ps 66:2-3,5,7-8
Mt 14:1-12



Registration open for
**Australian Catholic
Youth Festival 2025**

Nov 30
to
Dec
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**Melbourne Convention &
Exhibition Centre (MCEC)**

Age
09 - 25

‘In a world that can sometimes cloud hope,
thousands of young people gathering in our city
will be a radiant sign of the Gospel. We can’t
wait to welcome every pilgrim and see the
young Church of Australia gathered together,’

Teresa Rhynehart, Festival Director

CONFIRMATION COMMISSIONING

SUNDAY AUGUST 3RD AT 9.15 AM HOLY MASS

Saints of the Week



MEMORIAL



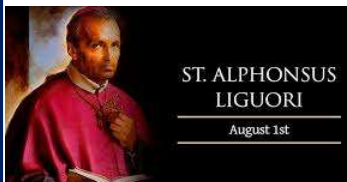
MEMORIAL



ST. IGNATIUS
OF LOYOLA
July 31st



MEMORIAL



WEEKLY PRAYER INTENTION

**For all suffering from
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)**

We will be praying for this intention in every Holy Mass for this week. Please keep them in your personal Rosary and prayers.

NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK 3 – 10 AUGUST 2025

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



DIVINE KIDS TO JESUS THROUGH MARY Spiritual Retreat for Children and Teens

Ages
5 - 15

**AUG 23 AND 24, 2025
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
9:00 AM - 3:30 PM**

**HOLY FAMILY CHURCH
100 POWER ROAD, DOVETON, VIC**

***Food is provided. Enrolment is necessary.*
To enrol, please visit - www.divinekids.com.au**

We are committed to promoting and protecting the safety and wellbeing of children and young people, by providing a child safe environment where children and young people are safe and feel safe. We strictly follow all the Child Safety Rules and Safeguarding policies during our programs and missions.

Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday
9.30am to 1.30pm

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Let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, and all the more as you see the day approaching. (Hebrews 10:25)