

Why we should be a praying Church

Martin Luther: "Prayer is the most important thing in my life. If I should neglect prayer for a single day, I should lose a great deal of the fire of faith."

John Wesley: "I have so much to do that I must spend several hours in prayer before I am able to do it."

Billy Graham: "Every person whose life has counted for the church or for the Kingdom of God has been a man of prayer. You cannot afford to be too busy to pray. A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian."

Prayer for the Archdeaconry

Loving God, let us be people of courage. Speak to the depths within our hearts and souls; the places where we ask the questions of meaning and faith and purpose. Help us attend to the answers, help us recognize what makes us afraid, what paralyses and holds us back. Let us understand these things, and then with love, with humour, courage and humility let us teach and learn, dream, and imagine and with every action, every word, work towards the vision of Your Kingdom among us. In Jesus's Name. Amen.

Prayer Requests

We give thanks for prayers answered and ask for continued prayers for:

Sandy, Peter Schulz, Gail, Kerri, Gail, Shirley & Graham Robinson, Aletta, Mitch, Margot, Shirley, parishioners in the congregation of Saint James.

Pray for those whose need is ongoing:

David & Jo & family, Glen & Irene, Marj Desbrow, Liesel Cole, Tyson, Jan Embrey, Enid and Susanne Mallon.

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"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?"

Isaiah 43.18—19

Giving: Envelopes are available at each centre. To deposit offerings:
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Diocese of Brisbane—Parish of Rosewood
Rosewood, Marburg, Lowood, Hidden Vale

3 AUGUST 2025

STEPHEN, DEACON & FIRST MARTYR



Today's Services

Saint Luke's

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

5:00pm Holy Communion (Rev'd John Simons)

Next Week

Saint Luke's

8:00am (Rev'd John Simons)

5:00pm Prayer, Praise & Proclamation

All Saints, Marburg

10:30am (Rev'd John Simons)

Bible Readings

2 Chronicles 24.17—22 (p 642)
Psalm 31.1—8 (APBA p250)
Acts 6.8—10; 7.54—60 (p1663 & 1666)
Matthew 10.17—22 (p1481)

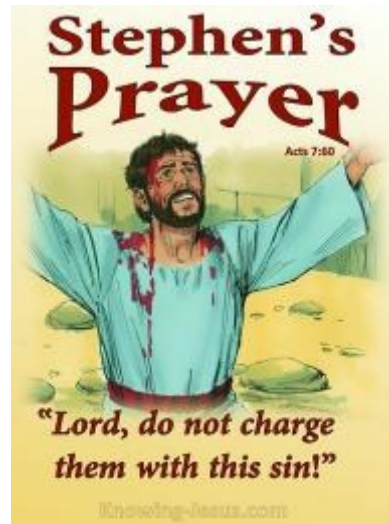
Reflect on today's sentence

The Most High does not live in houses made with hands, as the prophet says, "Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool, says the Lord."
Acts 7.48—49

As we gather in the various churches of our parish, we acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land, the Jagera, Yuggera and Ugarapul peoples, and their elders past and present. We honour the connection the traditional custodians have with this land.

Prayer of the Day

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory,
for the example of Stephen, the first
martyr,
who prayed for his persecutors,
and looked to him who was crucified,
your Son Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**



THE CHURCH'S CORE ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY.

***Matthew 10:16 -22**

The truths contained in these verses should rest deep in our hearts as we also ponder the word by Bp Cam - to reach out to our local communities.

This TO BE OUR CORE GOAL!

***vs 16 -17.** A call on Christians to be moderate in our expectations.

We will often find ourselves like sheep in the midst of wolves -hence the teaching of Jesus " be wise as serpents and harmless as doves - the Holy Spirit to guide us - John 14:26

*** vs 19.** As we wait and pray for wisdom,we will be able to speak with a sound and gentle mind.

*** vs 20.** It is the Holy Spirit of your Father which will speak to us!

Eph 5:15 .Be very careful, then how you live, not as unwise but as wise people, making the most of every opportunity... also Acts 6:3 'Be full of wisdom with Holy Spirit guiding you and me,

let this be the pattern OUR CORE GOAL in our Community as we follow in the steps of Jesus.

*** GETTING STONED WITH STEPHEN ***

Are we prepared to LIVE our Faith! As Stephen died he spoke words very similar to what Jesus said on the cross,(Luke 23:34) 'Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing'

Stephen was ready to suffer like Jesus. even to the point of asking FORGIVENESS for his murderers. Such a forgiving response comes only from the Holy Spirit.

Sisters and brothers, the Holy Spirit can also help us to respond as Stephen did with love for our enemies Luke 11:13..Jesus said "How much more will the Heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask!"

Let us come Boldly before the Throne of Grace with confidence and receive Mercy In our time of Need.- Hebrews 4:16 -- We have the Freedom of Choice -ALL THE TIME. Ask today! Grace and Peace to you all

Our Community

We strive to spread the Gospel through word and action within our local communities and so reflect the love of Christ



Chaplaincy Fundraiser

Our local Chaplaincy Team is holding a fundraiser dinner. You can hear stories from Principal, chaplains, students and the community.

Date: Tuesday, 9 September

Time: 5:30, for a 6:00pm start

Cost: \$60

Minden Retreat

25 Boughens Rd

Minden



3 August—Parish Council meeting
16 August—Rosewood markets
30 August—Grocery collection at Drake's IGA, Rosewood