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# Novena Notes

## THE OUR FATHER

When one of his disciples asked Jesus, “Lord, teach us to pray. He said to them, when you pray, say: “Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us and do not bring us to the time of trial.”

This is the version from Luke’s gospel. Mathew’s gospel is a slightly longer version, and they are both similar and complement each other but it’s Mathew’s version of the Our Father that is best known and most used.

The Our Father is Christianity’s greatest prayer. As far as we know it’s the only prayer Jesus taught his disciples which is handed down to us. It is also Christianity’s strangest prayer. It is prayed by all Christians, of every denomination, but it never mentions Christ. It is prayed in all churches, but it never mentions church. It is also called the “Lord’s Prayer,” but it never mentions “Lord.”

It is prayed by Congregational, Methodist, Presbyterian, Episcopalian (Anglican) and Roman Catholic Christians, but it never mentions congregation, priest, pastor, bishop or pope. It is prayed by Christians who split from one and other over this or that doctrine, but it never mentions one of those doctrines, for example the virgin birth, the Eucharist, or the resurrection of Christ.

What if the “Our Father” is a radical declaration for the conscience and hope for all humanity? Since it does not offend people of other religious persuasions, I would think, anyone can pray this prayer if they so wish too.

However, it is a Christian prayer and our Greatest Prayer. It is intended, first, within Christianity itself. It is surely our greatest prayer, whether it’s the “*Abba Prayer*” as called by the early Christians, the “Our Father” with the Catholic community and prayed at all the masses, or the “Lord’s Prayer” with the Protestant tradition. It is certainly the official prayer of Christianity for over the last two thousand years and will be beyond.

*Reflection by Fr. Glenn de Cruz, CSSR*

## Readings & responses for the week

Sunday, 24 JULY	Gen 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13 On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.
Monday, 25 JULY St. James	2 Cor 4:7-15; Mt 20:20-28 Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap
Tuesday 26 JULY SS. Joachim and Anne	Ecc 44:1,10-15; Mt 13:16-17 The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David.
Wednesday, 27 JULY	Jer 15:10,16-21; Mt 13:44-46 O God, you have been a refuge in the day of my distress
Thursday, 28 JULY	Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53 He is happy who is helped by Jacob’s God.
Friday, 29 JULY Sts. Martha, Mary and Lazarus	1 Jn 4:7-16; Jn 11:19-27 I will bless the Lord at all times.
Saturday, 30 JULY St. Peter Chrysologus	Jer 26:11-16,24; Mt 14:1-12 In your great love, answer me, O God.

### NOVENA DEVOTIONS ON SATURDAY

Vaccinated Status required  
8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 4.00pm

No Vaccination Status/ No MARS required  
2.00pm (Mandarin), 6.00pm

### MASS ON WEEKDAYS

Vaccinated Status required  
12:15pm

Vaccinated Status required  
9.00am Public Holiday

No Vaccination Status/ No MARS required  
6.30pm

### MASS ON SUNDAY

Vaccination Status required  
8.00am, 10.00am, 12.00pm, 5.30pm

### SAFE MANAGEMENT MEASURES UPDATE

*No booking is required. There will not be standing room allowed in the main church.*

### RECEPTION OPERATING HOURS

Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 8.00pm

Lunch Hour  
11.45am to 12.45pm

Saturday  
7.30am to 7.00pm

Sunday  
8.30am to 1.30pm & 4.30pm to 7.00pm

# Novena notes

## St. Alphonsus Feast Day Triduum

We will be having a Triduum Mass in preparation for our Patron's Feast Day on 27th, 28th and 29th July at 7.30pm. All are invited however please note that it is a vaccinated-only Mass. Do note that the usual 6.30pm Weekday Masses will be cancelled on those dates in view of the Triduum Mass. Please refer to our social media/website for more details.

## Upcoming Activities in preparation for Novena Annual Procession

4 August : Learning to Forgive (Catholic Divorce Support Group) from 8.00pm to 10.00pm by Mr Joachim Goh.

5 August : A Safe Space (CFL Pro Bono Counseling) from 7.30pm to 9.00pm.

## St. Alphonsus de Liguori, Founder of the Redemptorists and Patron of our Church

We shall celebrate our Patron's feast day on 31st July 2022. Please continue to pray for the Redemptorists and also pray for more vocations to the Redemptorist Congregation.

## 1st August, Feast of St. Alphonsus Liguori

St. Alphonsus Liguori was born at Marianella near Naples on 27 September 1696. He was educated at the University of Naples and received his doctorate in both civil and canon law at the age of sixteen. By nineteen he was practicing civil law, but he saw the transitory nature of the secular world, and after a brief time, retreated from the law.

Visiting the Hospital for Incurables on 28 August 1723, he had a vision and was told to consecrate his life solely to God.

In response, Alphonsus dedicated himself to the religious life, even while suffering opposition from his family. He finally agreed to become a priest, but had to live at home as a member of a group of secular missionaries.



## Novena Theme in Preparation for Annual Procession



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The 9 week Novena in preparation for our Annual Procession will begin on Sat, 9th July 2022.

The Theme for this special Novena "Mary, in solidarity with our wounded world".

9th Jul	<b>Hope</b> Mary, Mother of Hope
16th Jul	<b>Solidarity</b> Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted
23rd Jul	<b>Womanhood</b> Mary, Wife and Mother
30th Jul	<b>Reconciliation</b> Mary, Refuge of Sinners
6th Aug	<b>Healing</b> Mary, Health of the sick
13th Aug	<b>Missionary</b> Mary, The First Evangelist
20th Aug	<b>Mercy</b> Mary, Mother of Mercy
27th Aug	<b>Youth</b> Mary, Virgin most Pure
3rd Sept	<b>Spiritual Motherhood</b> Mary, Mother of the Church

### TRIDUUM

31st Aug	Mary, Hope for Family
1st Sept	Mary, Hope for Society
2nd Sept	Mary, Hope for the World

### PROCESSION

4th Sept	Mary, in solidarity with our wounded world
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