

Appendix 1 Pilgrimage

Advice to Pilgrims

Please slow down and walk with me.
Be my companion for a mile or two
and tell me your story for I have much to learn and every
pilgrim's story enhances my own.
Speak to me of yearnings beyond people and things
and show me the leaning of your heart
like a compass towards true north.
It does not matter that we borrow from different books or
use different words to describe the journey.
We are on the same path whatever shoes we wear.

Joy Cowley "WYD 05 Pilgrim Journal"

A pilgrimage is a journey
whose goal is less to reach a destination
than to be transformed in the journey itself...
A tourist goes somewhere to see something new, while a
pilgrim goes somewhere to become someone new.

Lisa Fullam "Humility a Pilgrims' Virtue"

May Mary, Mother of Wisdom, support you along the way,
enlighten your decisions and teach you to love
what is true, good and beautiful.
May she lead you all to her Son,
who alone can satisfy the innermost yearnings
of the human mind and heart.

John Paul II "Message To the Youth of the World"

Blessed are they who find strength in You,
whose hearts are set on pilgrimage

Psalms 84:5

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Or your local Catholic parish or school about how you
can participate in this once in a lifetime pilgrimage.



Pilgrim Prayers for WYD08

Come Holy Spirit,

Sweep across our nation, ancient and new,
Call together pilgrims from near and far
Inspire us to embrace the journey to World Youth Day
May we be empowered to be your witnesses in all lands. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit,

Capture our hearts anew as we encounter the Cross and Icon
Draw us into a deeper relationship with Jesus and His Mother
Kindle a yearning for prayer and quietness in our lives
May we rejoice in celebrating our faith with others. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit

Gather together young people from every nation to our diocese
Reveal to us the beauty and goodness within each pilgrim
Open our hearts to welcome them into our homes and lives
May we grow together in faith and friendship. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit,

Draw people, young and old, to Christ during World Youth Day
Stir within them the desire to celebrate faith with others
Lead them to be active in their local Catholic faith communities
May they experience being welcomed and accepted. Amen.

Come Holy Spirit,

Arouse within us a renewed call to be followers of Jesus
Draw us into deeper communion with God and one another
Empower us in our baptismal mission to transform the world
May all we say and do bring the Kingdom of God alive
throughout Australia.

These five distinctive prayers have been created to pray for the action
of the Holy Spirit in the lives of pilgrims, at different points along the
World Youth Day journey. Each prayer stands on its own or can be
combined with others that best reflect the focus of your prayer.

Pilgrimage

THE JOURNEY
WITHIN AND BEYOND



The tradition of pilgrimage, ancient and new, invites
us to set aside sacred time to stand apart from the
busyness of our daily lives and reflect on the great
treasure that we have in the person of Jesus Christ.



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Pilgrimage: ANCIENT AND NEW

Pilgrimage is an ancient practice which is part of the tradition
of all great faiths. Christians, Buddhists, Muslims and Hindus
are encouraged to undertake spiritual journeys to sacred
places that remind them of their origins, their sacred stories,
their beliefs and reaffirm their identity as a people of faith.

For thousands of years, indigenous Australians made an
annual pilgrimage or 'Walkabout' around their tribal territory,
retelling their dreaming stories in song and ritual as they
visited sacred places. The elders passed on their culture
and beliefs to other members of the tribe and highlighted the
significance of their land and their relationship to it and to
one another.

For the Jewish people, pilgrimage is at the very heart of their
faith, with Abraham, their father in faith, leaving his family and
country to embark on a journey of faith to a new land where
his descendants would be as many as the stars of heaven.
Each year the Jews relive their experience of the 'Exodus' from
Egypt in the Passover celebration which finishes with the call:
'Next Year in Jerusalem'.

Christians are those who follow in the footsteps of Jesus, the
pilgrim who leads us to the Father's house. Both Jesus and
the apostles after Pentecost were pilgrims proclaiming the
advent of God's kingdom. The preferred image of the Church
at Vatican II was that of the pilgrim people of God who are on a
missionary journey to tell the whole world
the Good News of God's saving love for
all people.

Pilgrimage involves:

- taking a journey of discovery
- encountering the sacred
- living a simple lifestyle
- sharing with others enroute
- gaining a new perspective.



Everyday Pilgrims

Because our life is a faith journey from birth to death to
eternal life, we experience being a pilgrim in the ordinary,
everyday circumstances of life through:

- **A Journey of faith** within our hearts each day as we seek to
deepen our relationship with Christ in prayer and in those
special extended times of quietness, reflection, meditation
and contemplation.
- **A Journey of learning** to enrich our understanding of our faith
through reading a spiritual book, joining a faith discussion
group, undertaking a study course or attending a seminar or
weekend faith course.
- **A Journey of hospitality** that welcomes pilgrims into our
homes to share a meal or greets them with a smile or kind
word. It also challenges us to receive gratefully the kindness
and generosity of others.
- **A Journey of unity** with members of other Christian traditions
and other faiths through our commitment to working for the
betterment of our world and affirming the dignity and value of
every person through our respect for people of every culture,
race and creed.
- **A Journey of relationships** with family, friends, work
colleagues and social contacts through nurturing strong
bonds of love and care, forgiving past hurts, celebrating
special events and enjoying each other.
- **A Journey of justice** that seeks to redress some of the
injustices in our world through our daily efforts to be honest
in what we do, seek change of unjust practices and care for
the earth.
- **A Journey to sacred places** that provide a haven for us to
encounter our God anew and be refreshed and energised
through our time apart from the demands of hectic lifestyles.

WYD08 Pilgrimage

A ONCE IN A LIFETIME OPPORTUNITY

Pilgrimage has often been a privilege of the wealthy or those
who are very religious. In the past 20 years, the introduction
of World Youth Days has challenged this mentality. Millions of
young people, both rich and poor from across the globe, have
responded to Pope John Paul II's call to gather, celebrate and
give witness to their faith.

In 2008, World Youth Day will be held in Sydney – a once in
a lifetime opportunity for the young people of this nation to
experience such a gathering in their own backyard. Instead
of two thousand Aussie pilgrims setting out Rome, Toronto or
Cologne, WYD Sydney makes it possible for over one hundred
thousand young Aussies to join half a million Catholics from
around the world in meeting with Pope Benedict.

For WYD pilgrims, it will be a challenging and exhilarating
opportunity to gather with pilgrims from across the world to
celebrate their faith, renew their commitment to be 'living
saints' and to embrace the mission to share the Gospel of
Jesus Christ with others.

Catholics across this nation, whatever their age, can play
a key role in helping this to happen by:

- encouraging and assisting young people to attend
- sponsoring pilgrims from developing countries
- hosting international pilgrims in the family
home
- supporting parish and diocesan WYD events
- using WYD as an opportunity for speaking
faith into a family or workplace discussion
- providing an attentive ear to pilgrim
stories.

Every Catholic can contribute to
making WYD08 a unique opportunity
for evangelisation across this Great
Southland of the Holy Spirit.



Appendix 2 WYD & JCI Prayers

A Prayer for World Youth Day 2008

God our Father,
we consecrate to you the World Youth Day in Sydney in 2008.
Guide and protect Pope Benedict and all the leaders of the Church.
Inspire and direct all those leading and planning the World Youth Day.
Unite and protect them by your fatherly care. Amen

Lord Jesus Christ,
before you ascended to the Father you promised to send your Holy Spirit so that we might be your witnesses
to the ends of the earth.
Bless and multiply the efforts of all our staff and volunteers.
Help us to take up our cross and follow you under the heavenly sign of the Southern Cross. Amen

Holy Spirit,
pour out your grace on this Great South Land of the Holy Spirit and grant to us a New Pentecost.
Make of this land a true place of welcome for the young people of the world.
Grant to those young people who come, conversion of life, a deeper faith, and love for all.
Enable them to build a new civilisation of life, love and truth.
Make them true witnesses to your power and grace. Amen

Our Lady of the Southern Cross,
Help of Christians – pray for us,
Blessed Mary MacKillop – pray for us.

Taken from the WYD 2008 website: www.wyd2008.org



A Prayer for the Journey of the WYD Cross and Icon

We make this prayer through the Sign of the Cross.

In the name of the Father
who gives to all the gift of his love
through World Youth Day,
and who has entrusted to our nation
the sign of the Cross,

And of the Son,
who was crucified out of love
for us
and who teaches us to carry our cross
with courage and hope,

And of the Holy Spirit,
who makes us witnesses
of love
to the ends of the earth.

We pray for the Journey of the Cross and Icon
throughout the Great Southland of the Holy Spirit.
May this pilgrimage bless the lives of all who encounter
Christ in the Cross
and behold the image of Mary our Mother.
We ask that this Journey may truly prepare young hearts
and our nation for World Youth Day 2008.
Amen.

Taken from the WYD 2008 website: www.wyd2008.org



Appendix 3

Process for Praying the Scriptures

Process for praying the Scriptures

A short reflective process has been provided to help participants to reflect on scripture

- Step 1 What do I need to do:
- Find a quiet place.
 - Have the passage of Scripture at hand.
 - Music?
 - Comfortable space/ chair.
- Step 2 Place yourself in a comfortable position; either lying on the floor or sitting with your feet on the floor, your back straight and your hands in your lap.
- Step 3 As you begin in an attitude of quiet let the events of the day pass through your mind. Don't hold onto them. You can look at / deal with them later. Listen to the sounds around you. Identify them and again let them go. Don't get "stuck" on them. Don't let them take over your consciousness.
- Step 4 Feel your breathing. Feel your body rising and falling as you draw in fresh breaths of air. Listen to your breathing. Feel yourself slow down and concentrate on your breath. Get used to the rhythmic rising and falling of your chest. Be conscious of your next breath. Be still.
- Step 5 As you begin ask for the grace you need this day.
- Step 6 In this stillness read the words of scripture quietly.
Don't stop.
Then read the words through again slowly.
What words or images capture you/ draw you?
Sit with these images/ phrases. Allow them to speak to you.
- Step 7 What is your response? What did you feel/experience? Don't fill the silence with words. Let the words speak to you...then
Speak to God in this stillness. What do you want to say to God? Ask now for what you need/desire.
- Step 8 When you feel ready bring your meditation to a close. Finish with a simple prayer eg the Glory Be or a similar prayer. Allow yourself time to sit for a few minutes in silence.
- Step 9 Engage in a simple Review and record your responses in a journal: eg.
- What time did you begin and finish?
 - What passage did you use?
 - How did I begin?
 - What did I understand? What struck me? Where did I stay?
 - What was my main attitude... feeling... experience (joy contentment, struggle etc)?
 - Was I distracted? What did I do with the distraction?
 - How did I finish?

Appendix 4

Journey of the WYD Cross and Icon: Archdiocesan Itinerary

Friday 17 August

9.00am	Receive from Toowoomba Diocese
9.00am–11.30am	South Country Deanery (Gatton)
1.15pm–2..30pm	Schools (St Mary's College, Ipswich)
5.00pm–10.00pm	South Country Deanery (Ipswich)

Saturday 18 August

8.00am–9.00am	CityCat to South Bank & walk to Brisbane Convention Centre
9.00am–7.30pm	AYD07 Archdiocesan Youth Day (Mini WYD Event) (Brisbane Convention Centre)

Sunday 19 August

8.00am–10.30am	Brisbane East Deanery
12.00pm–2.00pm	Y-Walk Pilgrimage (Brisbane CBD)
2.00pm–4.00pm	Multicultural Mass (St Stephen's Cathedral)
5.30pm–8.30pm	Central Deanery

Monday 20 August

5.30am–7.00am	Dawn Service (Gold Coast beach)
8.30am–10.30am	Schools (Marymount College, Burleigh Heads)
1.00pm–3.00pm	Australian Defence Force - Canungra
5.00pm–8.00pm	South Coast Deanery

Tuesday 21 August

9.00am–3.00pm	Schools (Clairvaux MacKillop College, Upper Mt Gravatt / Trinity College, Beenleigh)
4.00pm–5.00pm	Hospital Visit (Mater Children's Hospital, South Brisbane)
5.00pm–9.00pm	Logan Deanery

Wednesday 22 August

7.00am–9.00am	Youth Ministry Breakfast
9.00am–3.00pm	Schools (Marist College, Ashgrove / St Joseph's, Gregory Terrace / St Laurence's, South Brisbane)
4.00pm–5.00pm	Brisbane Youth Detention Centre
6.00pm–8.30pm	Brisbane South Deanery

Thursday 23 August

9.00am–3.00pm Schools (Southern Cross Catholic College, Scarborough / St Joseph’s College, Nudgee / Mt Alvernia, Kedron)
3.00pm–5.00pm Parliament House
5.30pm–9.00pm Brisbane West Deanery

Friday 24 August

9.00am–3.00pm Schools (Lourdes Hill, Hawthorne / Carmel College, Thornlands)
6.30pm–12.00am All Night Vigil (St Stephen’s Cathedral)

Saturday 25 August

12.00am–4.30am All Night Vigil (St Stephen’s Cathedral)
6.00am–8.30am Pilgrimage Walk up Mt Coot-tha
10.30am–1.30pm Stradbroke Island (Dunwich)
1.30pm–4.00pm Redland/Bayside Deanery
6.00pm–7.30pm Interfaith/Ecumenical Reception
8.00pm–10.00pm Street Outreach

Sunday 26 August

9.30am–1.00pm Brisbane North East Deanery
1.15pm–3.30pm Brisbane North West Deanery
6.15pm–11.00pm Brisbane Northern Rivers Deanery

Monday 27 August

9.00am–3.00pm Schools (St John’s College, Nambour / Siena Catholic College, Sippy Downs)
3.00pm–8.00pm North Coast Deanery

Tuesday 28 August

9.00am–9.30am North Country Deanery (Nanango)
11.00am–12.00pm North Country Deanery (Kingaroy)
1.30pm–3.30pm North Country Deanery (Murgon)
5.30pm–7.30pm North Country Deanery (Gympie)

Wednesday 29 August

8.00am–11.30am North Country Deanery (Maryborough)
12.30pm–4.00pm North Country Deanery (Hervey Bay)
5.30pm–8.30pm North Country Deanery (Childers)
Handover to Rockhampton Diocese

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Appendix 5

World Youth Day Cross and Icon: Background

Best known now as the World Youth Day Cross, it also goes by the names the “Holy Year Cross”, the “Jubilee Cross”, the “Pilgrim Cross” and the “Youth Cross”. It had its beginning in 1984, when celebrating the Holy Year of Redemption, Pope John Paul II desired that there should be a cross - the great symbol of our faith - near the main altar in Saint Peter’s where it could be seen by everyone.

At the conclusion of the Jubilee Year Pope John Paul II closed the Holy Door, and the Cross, 3.8m high and 1.75m wide, that had made its home inside, was taken outside and entrusted to a group of young people to be carried out into the world -

My dear young people, at the conclusion of the Holy Year, I entrust to you the sign of this Jubilee Year: the Cross of Christ! Carry it throughout the world as a symbol of Christ’s love for humanity, and announce to everyone that only in the death and resurrection of Christ can we find salvation and redemption.

At that time more than 300,000 young people from all over the world had taken up the Pope’s invitation to come to Rome for the Palm Sunday International Jubilee of Youth. Even then finding accommodation was a major logistical challenge: when Rome’s city authority decided at short notice to forbid the planned construction of a gigantic tent site for the guests, 6,000 families spontaneously came forward with offers to put up the young people in their own houses. Along with the many bishops who engaged the young people in discussion, Mother Teresa of Calcutta and Br. Roger, the founder of the Taizé Community, also came to the event. In the Colosseum young people prayed the Stations of the Cross, while in St. Peter’s Basilica the Eucharist was celebrated. Overwhelmed by the response, the Pope called out to the young crowd:

What a fantastic spectacle is presented on this stage by your gathering here today! Who claimed that today’s youth has lost their sense of values? Is it really true that they cannot be counted on?

It was in this context, borne out of deep conviction that young people could be relied upon and that young people would shoulder the task of being faithful builders of a new civilization of love and truth and a culture of life and hope, that John Paul II entrusted to them the central symbol of their faith, the Cross - the “World Youth Day Cross”.

The UN declared 1985 the International Year of Young People. Recalling the special gathering of 1984, Pope John Paul II again called young people to meet with him on Palm Sunday of that year in Rome. 250,000 young people responded. To everyone’s surprise, a week later, Pope John Paul II announced that there would be an annual “World Youth Day” and in his Christmas address to the College of Cardinals, on 20 December 1985, the Pope repeated his decision that a World Youth Day should in future become an annual event:

The Lord has given his special blessings to this gathering [on Palm Sunday], so in the coming years a celebration of the World Day of Youth shall be held on Palm Sundays in collaboration with the Council for the Laity.

World Youth Day has since been celebrated locally every year and internationally in a different host country every 2-3 years. The elements of that first largely spontaneous gathering in 1984 - of simple home-stay accommodation, the presence of the Holy Year Cross, bishops in discussion with groups of young people, international personalities witnessing to their faith, the Way of the Cross, sacramental Reconciliation and the Eucharist - remain at the heart of each World Youth Day. As does its central call to young people -

I reaffirm my conviction that young people face a difficult yet exciting task: changing the underlying mechanisms that promote egotism and repression in the relations between nations, and creating new structures oriented to truth, solidarity and peace.

The Journey of the WYD Cross...

Since 1984 the WYD Cross has made its way around the world, throughout Europe, behind the Iron Curtain, and to parts of the Americas, Asia, Africa and briefly to Australia, being present at each international celebration of World Youth Day along the way. In 1994 the Cross began in earnest what has since become a tradition: its year long journey around the dioceses of the host nation of each international World Youth Day, as a means of prayerful preparation for the big event.

Heralding these international celebrations of young people, the Cross is now best known as “the World Youth Day Cross”. The media have often called the Cross the “Olympic Torch” of the World Youth Day. It is a useful comparison. In each country that the Cross visits, it travels from cities to towns, parishes to prayer groups. Young people take charge of it, spend time in prayer with it, and encourage their peers to do the same.

...and Icon of Our Lady

In 2003, Pope John Paul II gave young people a second symbol of faith to be carried in the world, accompanying the WYD Cross - the Icon of Our Lady, ‘Salus Populi Romani’, a contemporary copy of a sacred and ancient icon housed in the first and greatest basilica to Mary the Mother of God in the West, St Mary Major.

Today I also entrust to you... the Icon of Mary. From now on it will accompany the World Youth Days, together with the Cross. Behold, your Mother! It will be a sign of Mary’s motherly presence close to young people who are called, like the Apostle John, to welcome her into their lives.

Rome, 18th World Youth Day, 2003.

Pope Benedict XVI continues the Legacy

Pope Benedict XVI, continuing the WYD legacy of his predecessor, spoke at the hand-over ceremony of the WYD Cross and Icon from a group of young Germans to a delegation of young Australians on Palm Sunday 2006. He made clear why the Icon of Mary belongs on the pilgrimage of the WYD Cross.

Our Lady was present in the cenacle with the Apostles as they waited for Pentecost. May she be your mother and guide. May she teach you to receive the word of God, to treasure it and to ponder on it in your heart (cf. Luke 2:19) as she did throughout her life. May she encourage you to declare your “yes” to the Lord as you live “the obedience of faith.” May she help you to remain strong in the faith, constant in hope, persevering in charity, always attentive to the word of God.

As we behold Mary in the Icon carrying her Son she teaches us how to carry him to the world.

Millions of young people over the past 20 years have attended the World Youth Days. Hundreds of thousands more have participated in the grace of the event through their encounter with the WYD Cross and Icon.

These symbols are presented most powerfully to the world by young people who carry them not only for a few moments or hours, but in the example of their daily Christian lives.

You are invited to do the same!

Taken from the WYD 2008 website: www.wyd2008.org

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

...The handover of the cross, after each of the world meetings, has become a "tradition," in the proper sense of a "traditio": a highly symbolic handover, which must be lived with great faith, committing oneself to a journey of conversion in Jesus' steps.

After visiting several countries in Africa, to manifest the closeness of Christ and of his Mother to the peoples of that continent affected by so many sufferings, the cross and the Marian icon will be received next February in different regions of Oceania, and eventually travel to dioceses of Australia, until it reaches Sydney in July 2008. It is a spiritual pilgrimage that involves the whole Christian community, particularly young people.

[After the handover of the cross and icon, the Pope added:]

...we pray to the Lord with faith that this Cross and Icon be instruments of peace and reconciliation between people and nations, and invoke the intercession of the Virgin Mary on the new pilgrimage, which begins today, so that it will be fruitful.

Pope Benedict XVI

The Germany - Australia Handover of the WYD Cross & Icon, Palm Sunday 2006, Rome



Appendix 6 Family Prayer Ideas

'Family Prayer Ideas' is a resource which provides: formation; prayers; and sometimes reflections based on the Sunday Scriptures; and assists parents and families with prayer and faith sharing. This resource can be distributed to families in your parish to help them prepare for the Journey of the WYD Cross and Icon.

For regular Family Prayer Ideas' issues, go to www.bne.catholic.net.au/ycm

Family Prayer Ideas Ordinary Time 2007

July 15, 2007
15th Sunday in Ordinary time
Luke 10:25-37

About the Scriptures

The story of the Good Samaritan reminds us that loving God involves 'loving' our neighbour. Who is my neighbour? The biblical concept of 'neighbour' knows no boundaries. It goes beyond family, friends and familiar faces. Being a 'good neighbour' means caring compassionately about all people, especially those in need of 'healing'.

Loving our neighbour is like being on a journey, it goes on and on.

Talk time

July 15 marks 1 year out from the Opening Mass of World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney.

The World Youth Day cross and icon have also been on a long journey from Rome, through Africa and Oceania to Australia. The cross and icon will be travelling throughout the Brisbane Archdiocese in August. The goal of the journey of the WYD cross and icon is to proclaim the Christian imperative to love one's neighbour!

Christians are on a journey of faith to and with God. Sometimes life's roads can be dangerous and we find ourselves needing support, strength and healing. Parents discuss with your child/ren what it means to be a 'good neighbour'. Parents tell your child/ren about the many different ways you 'heal' them, when they are hurt, sad, lonely, confused or afraid.

Something to do

Since 1984, the Pope has given young people two symbols to carry with them on their pilgrimage of faith and life. At the end of 1984 the World Youth Day cross was given. The cross is made of wood, 3.8 m high, and 1.75 m wide and weighs 40 kilos. The icon of Mary with child was given by the Pope to young people in 2003.

The icon is a wooden panel, 1.18m high, 79cm wide and weighs 15 kilos. The icon is a contemporary replica of the ancient Marian icon, 'Protector of the People'.

Visit the Sydney World Youth Day site for information about the Cross and Icon itinerary:

<http://www.wyd2008.org/index.php/en>

Visit our Brisbane site: <http://www.wydbrisbane.org.au/index.php>

Let us pray

Parent: We pray for families in Africa.
Lord hear us.

Child: Lord hear our prayer.

Parent: We pray for families in Asia.
Lord hear us

Child: Lord hear our prayer.

Parent: We pray for families in New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and East Timor.
Lord hear us.

Child: Lord hear our prayer.

Parent: We pray for families in Samoa, Tonga, Fiji and Vanuatu.
Lord hear us.

Child: Lord hear our prayer.

Parent: We pray for families in New Zealand and Australia. Lord hear us.

Child: Lord hear our prayer.

July 22, 2007
16th Sunday in Ordinary time
Luke 10:38-42

About the Scriptures

In today's gospel story, Jesus visits the sisters, Mary and Martha. In a gesture of hospitality, Martha begins to prepare a meal whilst Mary sits down to talk with and listen to Jesus. Both welcome Jesus, in different ways. There are many forms of hospitality, many ways to welcome, many ways to respond to Jesus' invitation to faith.

Talk time

World Youth Day 08 will see many young people make a pilgrimage to Australia. The Archdiocese of Brisbane is looking forward to opening our homes and our hearts to young people from around the world as part of the Days in the Dioceses program prior to World Youth Day 2008 in Sydney. In Brisbane, the Days in the Dioceses program will commence on Thursday 10 July 2008 and will conclude on Monday 14 July 2008. Pilgrims will then travel to Sydney to be part of World Youth Day 2008.

If your family would like to show some hospitality to our overseas visitors, contact the World Youth Day Secretariat now!
Phone: 07 3336 9341
Email: wyd08@bne.catholic.net.au

Something to do

Hospitality is an attitude of welcome and inclusion. Are there families in your parish who feel isolated and alienated? How could you contact these families? Do you have a Care and Concern group or a St Vincent de Paul group in your parish? What could your family do to welcome and include other families?

Let us pray

Loving God,
give us hands to reach out in friendship,
give us eyes to see the lonely and neglected,
give us ears to hear the cries of sadness and pain,
give us a heart to welcome and include all people.
Amen.

July 29, 2007
17th Sunday in Ordinary time
Luke 11:1-13

About the Scriptures

When asked how we should pray, Jesus taught the disciples the prayer we now call the 'Our Father'. The gospel passage then continues with a message about the hospitality of God: God will give us all we need and more!

Talk time

The World Youth Day cross and icon are reminders of the importance of prayer. The cross is a central symbol of the Christian journey. Luke's gospel (the gospel from which most Sunday readings are taken this year) presents Jesus on his journey to Jerusalem and to the cross. Prayer sustained and strengthened Jesus. Prayer can sustain and strengthen us on our journey. What are your favourite family prayers?

Something to do

Want some new ideas for prayer?
Try these sites:

www.catholicireland.net/talk2god
www.cptryon.org/prayer/

Let us pray

Here is the 'Our Father' with some simple prayer actions:

Our Father

Begin with arms outstretched, palms upwards and bring together into praying hands position.

Who is in heaven

Make circular arm movements with praying hands

Hallowed be your name

Raise arms

Your kingdom come

Bring left arm down in front of body, palm facing upwards.

Your Will be done

Bring right arm down in front of body, palm facing upwards.

On earth as it is in heaven.
Bring hands together, palms still facing upwards.

Give us this day our daily bread
Make a 'scooping' action with hands

And forgive us our trespasses
Place one hand over the other, palms facing away
from body and move hands outwards, away from
body

As we forgive those who trespass against us
Make gentle zigzagging motions with hands, palms
facing away from body

And lead us not into temptation
Move 2 hands to right side, palms facing
downwards

But deliver us from evil
Move 2 hands to left side, palms facing downwards

Amen
Hands together in prayer

August 5th, 2007
18th Sunday in Ordinary time
Luke 12:13-21

About the Scriptures

The gospel for this week is a parable about a rich man whose main objective in life was to become richer and richer. He worked hard at this but he was called from this life before he had time to enjoy his wealth. Life is not about gaining and storing riches for our own benefit. The Christian life calls us to hospitality, generosity and compassion. It's not what we have that's important, but how we use what we have, to ease the suffering of others and bring peace and happiness to people.

Talk time

The young people who will travel from around the world to attend World Youth Day 08 will bring with them the gift of other cultures and lifestyles. What are the 'gifts' of your culture and lifestyle that you would like to share with someone from another country? What do you love and value about life in Australia? What do you love and value about being a Catholic?

Something to do
An icon is a picture, image or representation.
Create your own icon to represent all the things you love and value about being a Catholic.

Let us pray

Parent: We pray for the gift of grandparents.

Child: Thank you Jesus.

Parent: We pray for the gift of parents and children.

Child: Thank you Jesus.

Parent: We pray for the gift of faith.

Child: Thank you Jesus.

Parent: We pray for the gift of hope.

Child: Thank you Jesus.

Parent: We pray for the gift of creation

Child: Thank you Jesus.

August 12th, 2007
19th Sunday in Ordinary time
Luke 12:35-40

About the Scriptures

There is a clear message in today's gospel to 'Be ready, be prepared'. This reading is similar to the Advent readings we hear which call us to 'Prepare the way of the Lord'. Our life as a Christian is about being awake and alert and prepared to welcome everyone, to offer hospitality, to act with compassion. The word 'catholic' comes from the Greek 'kata holis' which means 'welcoming everyone'.

Talk time

Young people in Australia and from overseas are preparing themselves to journey to Sydney. The journey of the World Youth Day cross and icon is part of the preparation for World Youth Day 08.

Preparations are important parts of a journey.

Talk about some recent journeys your family has enjoyed, highlighting the preparations you made.

Something to do/ Let us pray
Make the shape of the cross with your body by standing straight and stretching out your arms. This shape reminds us of Jesus embracing the joys and sufferings of the world.
Draw a cross shape on some paper and write on the cross the following prayer:

Jesus be in my mind.
Jesus be in my heart.
Jesus be with us every day.
Amen.

August 15th, 2007
Feast of the Assumption
Holy Day of Obligation
Luke 1:39-56

About the Scriptures

The Feast of the Assumption celebrates Mary's glorious entry into heaven. Mary is a great model of faith for us. The gospel recounts the story of Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth who is preparing for the birth of her son, John the Baptist. Mary prays: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of God and my spirit exults in God my saviour.'

Talk time

At the end of 1984 Pope John Paul II presented to young people what is now called the World Youth Day cross. This wooden cross is 3.8 m high, 1.75 m wide and weighs 40 kilos. The icon of Mary with the Child Jesus was presented by the Pope to young people in 2003. The icon consists of a wooden panel, 1.18m high, 79cm wide and weighs 15 kilos. The icon is a contemporary replica of the ancient Marian icon, 'Protector of the People'.

This icon is very similar to our own Mary Help of Christians who is the patroness of Australia. Parents talk with your children about Mary. What help would you like from Mary?

Something to do

Google the internet for a picture of the Marian icon. Type in 'Salus Populi Romani' ('Protector of the People').

Read together some stories from the bible. Try these:

The Annunciation - Luke 1:26-38
The Visitation - Luke 1:39-45
Mary's song of praise - Luke 1:46-56
The birth of Jesus - Luke 2:1-20

Buy or hire a copy of 'The Nativity Story', a beautiful movie released in Australia in December 2006.

Let us pray
Pray together the 'Hail Mary'.

Hail Mary,
Full of Grace,
The Lord is with you.
Blessed are you among women,
and blessed is the fruit
of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary,
Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of our death.

Amen.



Appendix 7 Further Resources

Websites

Archdiocese of Brisbane WYD Website www.wydbrisbane.org.au

This site contains local information about WYD and local participation and organisation details. Further resources will be posted on this site.

WYD Sydney Website www.wyd2008.org

This site contains up to date information about World youth Day and the Journey of the WYD Cross and Icon. There are also regular prayer and reflection resources uploaded.

Holy See – World Youth Day www.vatican.va/gmg/documents

The Holy See website has comprehensive coverage of previous WYD's, with Papal messages, previous themes, logo's and pictures available.

Youth and Children's Ministry www.bne.catholic.net.au/ycm

As the Archdiocesan agency supporting ministry with children and young people, the YCM site has newsletters, resources and training opportunities for those who minister with children and young people. Family Prayer Ideas is available free from this site.

Books

Break Open the Word
The Liturgical Commission
GPO Box 282, Brisbane, Qld, 4001
Ph (07) 33369444
www.litcom.net.au

Cross Roads – National Pastoral Planning Handbook
World Youth Day 2008 Office
Email: wydinfo@wyd2008.org

My Dear Young Friends
Pope John Paul II Speaks to Teens on Life, Love, and Courage
Edited by John Vitek
St Mary's Press
Winona, Minnesota, USA
www.smp.org

Events & Workshops

Jesus: From Cross to King
Professor Larry Hurtado
a seminar for young people and those who minister with children and young people in preparation for the visit of the WYD Cross and Icon.
Thursday 26th July, 6:30pm - 9:00pm
Marymac Centre, 616 Ipswich Rd. Annerley
For further information contact Youth and Children's Ministry: (07) 33369186 or ycm.fl@bne.catholic.net.au