

The Following Collect, Epistle & Gospel will be read during the Eucharist today in the personal Chapel of the Presiding Archbishop of the Australian Church of Antioch, The Most Reverend Frank Bugge.

The 13th Sunday after Trinity.

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Intent - Honesty Within Self

Candles 6.

The Collect

Lord God, source of all power and might, flush our minds of all unworthy thoughts, and promote within us the ability to develop and nurture all the godly things you offered to us, through the Christed Saviour. Amen.

The Epistle for the 13th Sunday after Trinity is from an adapted text by Annie Besant.

We must look at whether we have been honest in our prayer or just greedy. When prayer fails, it is probably due to our karmic debt not allowing the prayer to manifest. Each of us has contracted debts which have to be paid; our wrong thoughts, wrong desires, wrong actions have built up obstacles in our way, and sometimes even hem us in like a prison. A debt of wrong is discharged by a payment of suffering; and each of us must bear the consequences of the wrongs we have wrought. We are living in a realm of law, and forces may be modified or entirely frustrated by the play of other forces with which they come into contact. Two exactly similar forces may be applied to two similar balls; in one case the ball speeds to its target, and in the other external forces send it entirely off course. It is so with similar prayers; one may go on its way, the other flung aside by the karmic force of a past wrong. We must look honestly in our prayer to see if we are avidly grasping, or wishing good to another. We must face the fact that our prayers for ourself, if not in accord with karmic requirements will be blocked, but not ignored. When the time is right these prayers will be answered, but until then we keep trying, but be honest enough to understand if our prayer at this time is not answered.

Here Endeth The Epistle.

The Gospel for the 13th Sunday after Trinity is from the words of Thomas A Kempis.

To live for physical and mental, or sensual pleasures is like building a home on quicksand, or to cross a stream on the back of a crocodile believing it to be a tree trunk. How will we learn better things. It will be either willingly and with intelligence, or stupidly and hesitantly, depending on our ripeness and intelligence, as well as our spiritual stage of advancement. To pass from this life with the satisfaction of duty well performed during the incarnation, with the certainty that the Lord will call us his good servants and not reject us as useless chaff, means to conclude a valuable existence and to rightly expect a suitable reward of peace and happiness and contentment.

Praise Be to Thee O Christ.