

**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 14th Sunday after Trinity**

**Green.**

**Intent - Strength of Purpose.**

**Candles 6.**

**The Collect**

Lord of all power and might, author and giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase within us true strength of purpose following the pattern of our Lord the Christ. Amen.

**The Epistle for the 14th Sunday after Trinity is from the writings of Mouni Sadhu.**

No journey has ever been taken without the first step being made in the desired direction. Many people without any strength of purpose would try to judge about the greatest of all journeys, to the eternal life consciousness, without ever taking a step towards it. This step is not some invented and accepted theory designed merely for discussion and reading. It is an inner movement, which steadily changes a person beyond all recognition when compared to their former state. Why deceive yourself and others. If you cannot find the root of eternity in yourself today, then how can you have any hope of conscious life immediately after death. Strength of purpose must be shown today, not in the morning, or in a few days. Now is the time my disciples, right now.

**Here Endeth The Epistle.**

**The Gospel for the 14th Sunday after Trinity is from the writing of Bishop Leadbeater.**

Jesus said -- If any will not take up their cross and follow me, they cannot be my disciple. This means that everyone must take hold of their lower nature and subdue it. It is exceedingly good for the soul, but extremely unpleasant for the lower nature which is being subdued; yet it is an absolute necessity, and because down here these lower vehicles are so unamenable, it does come to taking up a definite cross and bearing a definite amount of inconvenience. Any one who has a bad habit will find that there is no little suffering involved in suppressing it. If a person is in the habit of taking drugs, it is a terrible fight to conquer the habit. It is no less a fight to conquer bad temper, laziness, constant criticism and carping. All these things require strength to carry the burden of these crosses, but we must forge ahead or we cannot be a true disciple. Until we have got rid of our failings, a certain amount of sorrow and suffering is inevitable in our daily lives, and this will require determination and strength to endure.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**