

**The Following Collect, Epistle & Gospel was 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 17th Sunday after Trinity**

**Intent - Spiritual Progress.**

**The Collect**

We pray O Lord, that in your name we might be brought to a junction of spiritual advancement, and that we will show the wisdom to select the path that you would have us tread, we ask this through the love of the Christed One. Amen.

**The Epistle for the 17th Sunday after Trinity is from the works of Blavatsky**

We forget one thing. This is that our modern education is precisely that which makes it difficult for us to understand spiritual progress. Our mind is so full of intellectual subtleties and preconceptions, that our natural intuition and perception of the truth cannot act. It does not require any metaphysics or any education to make people understand the broad truths of spiritual progress. Look at the millions of poor uneducated people to whom spiritual progress is a solid reality, simply their minds have never been cramped or distorted by being forced into an unnatural groove. They have never had the innate human sense of justice perverted in them. The Christian populace must face this, and learn to live up to its moral ideals, and accept its lot contentedly. Then murmuring and dissatisfaction in western lands will cease.

**Here Endeth the Epistle.**

**The Gospel for the 17th Sunday after Trinity is from the words of St Ignatius.**

To ensure a sound decision about anything, our intention must be as single minded as we can make it. For one thing, we must look at what we were created for. We were created to evolve towards the higher realms to meet with the Holy Ones. Once there we will turn our hands to helping those behind us on the path. It follows that whatever choice we make should be made with this idea of self help, and help to others. This will aid us in achieving our goal.

**Praise Be to Thee O Christ.**

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