



Ss Peter and Paul's Catholic Parish

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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

24th and 25th of July 2021 - Year B

Our Vision

We are a Catholic Community who profess, celebrate and witness that Jesus lives, and to whom the Father sends His Spirit. We express that belief by living out and spreading the message of the Gospel.

Child Safety Policy

Ss Peter and Paul's is committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person, ensuring they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment within our parish. Visit our parish website or contact our parish office for our child-safe policy."

Acknowledgement to Country

In the spirit of reconciliation, Ss Peter and Paul's parish acknowledges the Wurundjeri people as the traditional custodians of the land we all now share. For thousands of years they raised their families, maintained their culture and sustainably managed this sacred land. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Extension to Lockdown

It is with regret that we find ourselves in an extended lockdown that will now hopefully end at 11.59pm on Tuesday the 27th of July. In view of this, there will be no weekend masses held at our Parish this weekend the 24th and 25th of July.

We will be having Zoom masses instead at the following times

Morning Mass will be held at our normal time of 9.00am On Saturday the 24th and on Tuesday the 27th of July. Our Weekend Mass will be held at 6.00pm on Saturday the 24th of July and 10.00am on Sunday the 25th of July.

All of our Zoom masses is available on the following link

**[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2597564312?pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnl0Zz09)
pwd=NGpkK2RsQTN1WkszdEdTTW5KSnl0Zz09
Meeting ID: 259 756 4312
Password: 689922**

Thank you very much for your patience, and in the meantime please keep safe.

Parish Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our parish AGM is scheduled for Sunday the 18th of July is postponed following the current snap lockdown. We will advise of the revised date when this has been arranged.

World Day for Grandparents

Sunday, 25 July 2021, has been designated by Pope Francis, as the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly (Ord Time 17). It coincides with the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus, on July 26. Occurring in the Year of Amoris Laetitia Family 2021-22 with the theme, 'I am with you always', the day draws attention to the vital role grandparents and the elderly play in our communities and in the mission of the Church.

We are pleased to be able to bring you via an attachment to this newsletter, courtesy of Cathfamily.org a printable handout for our communities who wishing to mark this occasion. Happy Grandparents day to all Grandparents in our community.

Ss Peter & Paul's One in a Hundred Appeal – Launching for 2021-22

In launching the One in a Hundred Appeal for another year we firstly say thanks very much to the 60 or so parishioner families who generously contributed \$10,000 in 2020-21. This was sent to the Notre Dame de Sion Local Children's Education Fund Jerusalem to assist Palestinian families with their children's education, and of immense benefit.

Their circumstances have regrettably worsened through the Pandemic and the recent upheavals in Israel, such that the need for our support is greater than ever – hence the decision to renew the Appeal for the coming year.

We will ask for your help by committing to the Appeal based on a \$120 per annum donation paid once, twice or via monthly envelopes. Please join us in this great work of charity – and see the Co-ordinator, Harry Martin or call him on 0421 770 498.

St Joseph – an encounter

The poem by Gerard Manley Hopkins describes Joseph, the graced and just man:

I say móre: the just man justices;

Keeps grace: that keeps all his goings graces;

Acts in God's eye what in God's eye he is —

Christ — for Christ plays in ten thousand places,

Lovely in limbs, and lovely in eyes not his...

– Gerard Manley Hopkins, *As Kingfishers Catch Fire*.

On the feast of Joseph the Worker, we encounter this man of justice whose life journey fulfilled a prophecy, saved lives and, while staying in the shadows, carried light. His story, one of silence and courage, inspires us to do the same.

With thanks to Colleen O'Sullivan rsj and the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart.



Prayers of the Community : Our Prayers are asked for those who died recently and those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially Peter Sammut and Paul Azzopardi, Margaret Healy, Jean Manders, Beryl Blackburn, Carmine Cococcio, Elvira Betrame, Frances Chen, Brenda Parkinson, Pietro Ventura, Ron Rigby, George Smith, Antonio Mosca, Giovanna D'Abaco, Fr Brian Murphy, Andrew Healy, Joenita Karman Mary Collins, Flora Herrero, Ida Barrasso, Ashley Seedsman, John Dowling, Andy Doria and Jimmy Vincitoria. **For those who are sick:** Rose Paynting, Pietro Ciccotelli, June Webster, Patrick and Rhonda McMahon, Emily Patrikis, Julia Smith, Ann Weerappah, Tai Thomas, Ann Burke, Judith Clark, Wen Jiang and Paul O'Connor (**If you would like to have a loved one's name added to the sick list, please let the Parish Office know. Thank you**)

Youth Alive in the Spirit

Youth Alive in the Spirit, every Monday, 8 – 8.30pm on Zoom. Youth aged 10 years and above are invited to join in to pray together and learn more about your faith with peers . Youth Alive is held during term time only.

Join via Zoom link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81405702253?pwd=R04zZ2ltdW1ZeGxWcmFPV3lVSmJwdz09> or by keying the meeting details:
Meeting ID: 814 0570 2253, passcode: 225436.

Bible Sharing Group

(Lockdown Permitting)

Bible-sharing group, every Wed, 10.15am, in the church foyer. The group begins with praying for our parish community, followed by breaking open and sharing the Word of God without judgement, and rounding off with fellowship over a small meal. All are welcome to join.

St Joseph—A creatively courageous father, example of love

Patris corde highlights “the creative courage” of St. Joseph, which “emerges especially in the way we deal with difficulties.” “The carpenter of Nazareth,” explains the Pope, was able to turn a problem into a possibility by trusting in divine providence.” He had to deal with “the concrete problems” his Family faced, problems faced by other families in the world, and especially those of migrants.

In this sense, St. Joseph is “the special patron of all those forced to leave their native lands because of war, hatred, persecution and poverty.” As the guardian of Jesus and Mary, Joseph cannot “be other than the guardian of the Church,” of her motherhood, and of the Body of Christ. “Consequently, every poor, needy, suffering or dying person, every stranger, every prisoner, every infirm person is ‘the child’ whom Joseph continues to protect.” From St Joseph, writes Pope Francis, “we must learn... to love the Church and the poor” (5).

A father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work

“A carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family,” St Joseph also teaches us “the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one’s own labour.” This aspect of Joseph’s character provides Pope Francis the opportunity to launch an appeal in favour of work, which has become “a burning social issue” even in countries with a certain level of well-being. “there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron,” the Pope writes.

Work, he says, “is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion.” Those who work, he explains, “are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us.” Pope Francis encourages everyone “to rediscover the value, the importance and the necessity of work for bringing about a new ‘normal’ from which no one is excluded.” Especially in light of rising unemployment due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pope calls everyone to “review our priorities” and to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work

Extracted from Vatican News

SUPPORTING MINISTRIES

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Rosary: After Mass/Communion Service

Reconciliation: Saturdays 9.30am and
5.30pm and any weekday after Mass

Baptisms: On 2nd and 3rd Sundays of every
month at 12.45pm by appointment

Weddings: By appointment

MASS TIMES for partner Parishes of

Our Lady of The Pines, Donvale

& Ss Peter & Paul, East Doncaster

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| Mon | - | No Communion Mass |
| Tue | - | Zoom Mass 9.00am |
| Wed | 9.00am Mass Followed by Rosary | 9.00am Communion Service |
| Thur | No Mass | 9.00am Mass |
| Fri- | 9.00am Mass— Rosary after mass | 9.00am Communion Service |
| Sat- | 5.00pm Vigil Mass | 9.00am Mass and 6.00pm Vigil Mass |
| SUN | 9.30am Mass | 8.00 am and 11.15am Mass - |

Rosters for the 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31st of July and 1st Aug. 2021

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| First Reading | Exodus | 16:2-4 | | |
| Second Reading | Ephesians | 4:17, 20-24 | | |
| Gospel | John | 6:24-35 | | |
| <u>Readers:</u> 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am | Joan Easdown Paul O'Connor Otylia Jasinka Walisz | | Communion Ministers 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am | Loraine Lednar Barbara Gratton Anna Fabris Nicole Morabito |
| <u>Commentator:</u> 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am | Nevissa D'Souza Paul O'Hanlon Carmel Nigro | | <u>Money Counters:</u> <u>Group 5</u> | Chery and John Manders, Jim Seymour |
| <u>Projector Operator</u> 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am | Glisam Lusbo Frank Smit Marlene Lee | | <u>Altar Servers</u> 6.00pm 11.15am | Dhevin Fernando and Valaria Isaza Amelia and Zachary Tan |
| <u>Sacristans</u> | 6.00pm 8.00am 11.15am | Vincent Lam/Kenneth Ting Nelson Lim Dale Gordon—Stewart, Kenneth Ting | | |

Covid Roster

6.00pm
8.00am
11.15

Andreas and Lucila Isaza
Pauline Donovan and Greg Sleeth
Julianto and Suzanna Siaril

THE ELDERLY HAVE EARNED RESPECT IN ALL CULTURES

“When a grandfather dies, a whole library is buried with him” (African proverb).

“Our grandmother used to tell us stories of our dreamtime. Much of our sense of being part of a people comes from her” (Aboriginal parent).

Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives

Pope Francis - Angelus, Rio de Janeiro, 26 July 2013, quoting Aparecida Document , 447.

Long Distance (Tech-savvy) Grandparents



Whats App, Facetime, Zoom...

...and a host of other apps are good but prepare for them. Have a news item or interesting fact to pass on at each video-chat. Put a prompt in your calendar to remind you at a regular time.

Texting is quick...

... and perfect for passing on jokes, today's photo or interesting quotes. Get your grandkids to show you how to include emojis and gifs to take it up a level.

Email is so easy...

... and perfect for sharing an attachment from a store of photos, news items or interesting family history.

Snail mail is slow...

...yet unsurpassed in communicating your personal attention and delivering the delight of a physical letter or package.



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Celebrating Grandparents and the Elderly

Pope Francis has proclaimed the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on Sunday 25 July 2021 (Feast of Sts Anne & Joachim, grandparents to Jesus).

In announcing this, Pope Francis has chosen the theme *“I am with you always”* (cf. Mt 28:20) to express the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times.

This promise of closeness and hope is one that can be shared by young and old alike. Not only are young people called upon to be present in the lives of grandparents and older people, but the elderly also have a mission – to pass on their faith.

Each of us, whether married or single, religious or priest, share this mission. Let's reflect on the particular ways in which this is lived out by grandparents and the elderly.

THE OLDER GENERATION: THEY'VE 'SEEN IT ALL BEFORE'

In the confusion of a pandemic, older people are the ones with the longest experience of unpredictable and challenging times. They are survivors whose experiences often include migration, war, droughts, bushfires, financial recessions, business failures, to name just some. They can provide perspective in the face of uncertainty.



GRANDPARENTS: OUR PERSONAL BANK OF MEMORIES

Memories help us understand who we are. And when planning for the future, we call on our memories to help us to prepare. The elderly often can remember their own parents and grandparents as well as knowing the two generations that follow them. Only **they** carry with them the collective experience of five generations. That's a huge wealth on which to draw.

THE ELDERLY: GOOD FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The mental health of young people is enhanced by knowing their place in their own particular family's history. In the early days of Canberra, as young families moved there for work, a sociological challenge was the relative lack of the older generation. In today's world, the range of contacts of youth are hugely increased by modern social media but very often these are limited to their own narrow age range. The presence of the elderly can help to reduce that imbalance.

THE ELDERLY ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE YOUNG: IT WORKS BOTH WAYS.

Both generations benefit from each other. As one grandmother said, 'We enjoy playing kids' games that we would never play with friends of our age. And we enjoy taking the grandkids to movies that we would never watch on our own. So while we're teaching them things, they're helping us to keep abreast of new trends and new technologies. They keep us young.'



CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

An international movement with the mission 'to help grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer at the heart of family life'. It encourages grandparents at a local parish level to come together to help one another to pass on the faith. For more information: contact Ron & Mavis Pirola | rm.pirola@marriagerc.org

We know very little about Sts Joachim and Anne. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, we can assume that Mary was raised in a Jewish family home, faithful to God and to the religious traditions of her day such that she was led to respond wholeheartedly to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will."



SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE,
PRAY FOR US; PRAY FOR OUR
GRANDCHILDREN WHO ARE SO DEAR TO US

GRANDPARENTS HAVE THE GIFT OF 'PRESENCE'

Grandparents often have time to 'do' things, like driving kids to school or sport, playing games or teaching them to cook or build things, reading stories. But their main gift is their presence - just 'being around'. Their own love and care and their observations are all part of creating a culture of security and care for the younger generations.



WHEN GRANDCHILDREN DON'T PRACTICE THE FAITH

The loss of faith practice of grandchildren can be a deep source of sorrow. Pray. Pray with trust daily for each grandchild by name.

Tell grandchildren you are praying for them, especially that they come to know the love of Jesus.

Pray for forgiveness for the times you haven't been the best grandparent.

Preach without words - be the kind of person you want your grandchildren to become: trustworthy, respectful, generous.

Be joyful - talk about the good that others do, eg care for the poor, respectful of others.