

“This is truly the Prophet, the one who is to come into the world.”



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25 July — 17th Sunday In Ordinary Time

From Fr Paul

This Sunday, 25 July it is the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. It is the elderly members of our communities who are particularly vulnerable during this time of lockdown and the presence of COVID-19 in our community. It is timely then this Monday, 26 July, we honour Saints Joachim and Anne, parents of Mary and **grandparents of Jesus**.

From the *Protoevangelium of James* (150AD), we learn the accepted names of Mary's parents, **Joachim and Anne**, as well as the tradition that the couple was childless until an angel appeared to Anne and told her that she would conceive.

Let us reflect on **this beautiful verse** adapted from the Byzantine Daily Worship "Today St Anne claps her hands for joy, the earth radiates with light, kings sing their happiness, priests enjoy every blessing, the entire universe rejoices, for she who is Queen and the Father's immaculate bride buds forth from the stem of Jesse."

Though little is known of the historical Joachim and Anne, **the truth is** that it was Mary's parents who nurtured her, taught her, brought her up to be the worthy Mother of the Lord. **It was their teaching** that led her to respond to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will." **It was their example** of parenting that Mary must have followed as she brought up her own son, Jesus. **It was their faith** that laid the foundation of courage and strength that allowed her to stand by the cross as her son was crucified and keep faith in the promises of God.

As a community of faith, we honour grandparents and the elderly, and we express our love and gratitude for those who have enriched our lives.

Take care. Stay safe. Let us recognise the presence of the Lord even when things are difficult for us. Like Mary, may we each be willing to say our 'Yes' to God. *Fr Paul*

Prayer for Grandparents

*Lord Jesus, you are Son of God and son of Mary,
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.*

*Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! Support them!
May they be teachers of wisdom and courage, and all that is good
that they may pass on to future generations
the fruits of their long life experience.*

*Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents.
May they never be ignored or excluded, but always be treated with respect and love.
May human life (from conception to death) and family life
be everywhere valued and respected. Amen.*

***Mary, Mother of all the living**, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end. Amen.*



St Joachim and St Anne

**Parents of Blessed Virgin Mary
and
Grandparents of Jesus.**

Parish Masses This Week

Monday	26 July	No Mass				Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday	27 July	Mass	9.15am	<i>Livestreamed</i>		Weekday, Ordinary Time 17
Wednesday	28 July	Mass	9.15am	<i>Livestreamed</i>		Weekday, Ordinary Time 17
Thursday	29 July	Mass	9.15am	<i>Livestreamed</i>		St Martha
Friday	30 July	Mass	9.15am	<i>Livestreamed</i>		Weekday, Ordinary Time 17
Saturday	31 July	Mass	5.00pm*	<i>*If lockdown is lifted</i>		St Ignatius of Loyola, priest
Sunday	01 Aug	9.30am*	5.30pm*	<i>*If lockdown is lifted</i>		18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

Please Remember in your Prayers

RECENTLY DECEASED:

Brian Oong (husband of Gwen, father of Matthew, Jason and Damian, father in law of Sally, Christine and Lily & grandfather of Natalie, Katie, Chloe, Zara, Hannah and Ryan died 21 July, aged 89), Julie Raftery (Gemma McDermott's mother, died 16 July), Robert (Bob) Logue, Sr Karen Stafford SMSM (Shirley Stafford, died 15 July, aged 85), Ethel Christenson (mother of Paul and Linda, mother in law of Virginia, and nana of Isabella, Alana, Claudia, Nick and Daniel) died 13 July), Margaret Woodlands (wife of Brian, died 6 July), Br. Michael Stanley Madden cfc (Chris Madden's brother died 2 July, aged 95 years), Veronica Richards (Rebecca Luca's mother, died 28 June), Graham English (Lecturer and former Christian Brother, former teacher at Brigidine College, St Ives), Fr Kevin Liam Condon OP (died 14 June), Joseph Burke (Brother in law to Patrick Kirkwood, died 11 June aged 93), George Doherty (ex parishioner, died 9 June, aged 97), Noel Murphy (brother in law of Frankie Doran, died 4 June, aged 91), Salvatore (Sam) Severino (husband of Elizabeth (Betty) died 31 May aged 92 years).

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron Phillips (father of Lynne Attard, 1st anniversary 20 July), Evelyn Attard (Ray's mother, 23rd anniversary on 22 July), Amanda Therese Duggan (daughter of Therese and John, 15th anniversary on 26 July), Jim Johnson (2nd anniversary 30th July) Betty Le Gras (wife of Chris and mother of Peter, 10th anniversary on 15 July), Kathleen Busuttill (1st anniversary 10 July), Susan Lukas (mother of Andy and Donna Lukas, 2nd anniversary 11 July), Gabrielle Quirk (sister of Rosalie Talty, 4th anniversary on 14 July), Gabrielle Small (Jennifer Skelly's mum, 2nd anniversary on 16th July), Andre Henriks (father of Yvonne van den Berg, 2nd anniversary 17th July), Bruce Phillips and Enid Phillips (parents of Megan Khannah, 19th anniversary on 23 July and 13th anniversary on 15th May), Daniel McGarry (son of Brian, 11th anniversary on 2 July), Vincent McGarry (father of Brian, 16th anniversary on 3rd July), Kevin Francis Lynch (cousin of Jennifer Gregory, 5th anniversary on 5 July), Ramon Moraza (brother of Rose Planas, 5th anniversary on 4 July), Norman Li (husband of Jennie, 1st anniversary on 13 July), Joe Tulinsky (brother in law of Cyril Littrich, 2nd anniversary 17 June), Felicity Gallagher (50th anniversary on 20 June), Thomas Allan Wah (father of Noreen Pang, 21 June), Frank Machado (father of Tony, anniversary on 25 June), James (Jim) Miller (Jackie's Dad - 11th anniversary on 30 June), Estelle Smith (mother of Dot Brink, 27th anniversary on 11 June), Kevin Madden (brother of Chris, 2nd anniversary 14 June), Joan Crawford (aunt of Jenny Southam, 3rd anniversary on 15 June), Richard Doran (husband of Frankie, 10th anniversary on 16 June), Elisha Foti (30th birthday on 4 June), Peter Reidy (husband of Carol, 1st anniversary 23 May), Maria Maiolo (Tony's mum, 7th anniversary on 20 May), William (Bill) Smith (father of Lyn Saul, 27th anniversary) on 19 June, Maria Ruth Gomes (Linette Sardinia's Mum, 8th anniversary 26 May), Peter Anderson (Frank and Jo Waldron's nephew, 7th anniversary on 19 May), Matthew Ho (Caroline Ho's father, 3rd anniversary), Anne Stormon (7th anniversary on 19 May).

FOR THE SICK:

Greg Couch (husband of Cristina, son of Paul and Gemma, brother of Jess), Peter Higgins (son of Norma), Dr Gagan Khannah, Dawn Phillips (Lynne Attard's Mum), Ina Evans, Alyssa Kent, David Walker (Bishop Emeritus of Broken Bay), Margaret Fandral (mother in law of Joanne Rolleston), Ted Hook (Antonina's husband), Gerard Vince (brother of Cecilia Kean), Kevin Brown (brother-in-law of Halina and David Brett in England), Tina Northcott, Joe Pulis, Mel Vince (Cecilia Kean's Mum), Patricia McGrath, Helen Dunning (niece of Leila McCreton), John Clark, June Lynch (sister in law of Rosalie Talty), Edda Fragiaco, Maurice Aliprandi (father of Erica Bayldon), Conor McCreton, Margaret Anderson (sister-in-law of Frank and Jo Waldron), Anne Carney, Richard Connolly (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Walter Sutcliffe, Isla Fisher, Norma Higgins, Davin and Sharon Ho, Leanne (Sharon's sister), David Waldron (son of Jo and Frank), Chris Le Gras, Judith Hodson, Dennis Morgan, Susie Dunning (sister of Leila McCreton), Gloria Boswell, John McGarry, Freya Carney, Peter Brassil (great friend of Helen and Bill Tysoe), Fr Michael Fallon msc (friend of Patrick Kirkwood), Steve Ralph, Hildegard McLaughlin, Doris Buzinskas, Christopher Anderson, Jim Clayton (Fran's father-in-law), Madeleine Ryan, Gabrielle Flood, Grant Jepson, Noeline Mannix, Madeleine Reicher (granddaughter of Patricia Cox), Thomas Nash, Ross Truda, Frances Hall, Anne Sutcliffe (Walter's wife), Lillian Whitty, Mary Gibbs, Chad Walkaden, Noelene Burke, Maureen Ritchard, Martin McCreton (brother and brother in law of

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Due to the Covid-19 Lockdown/restrictions, we have **suspended** our Preparation Program for Confirmation. The program will recommence as soon as we are able. In the interim, we invite parishioners to register their interest for their children to prepare for Confirmation later this year. Current circumstances are beyond our control and we appreciate your understanding in this matter.
Fr Paul and Sally Oong



What does the Word say to us this Sunday?

First Reading (2 Kings 4:42-44). The miraculous food which the prophet Elisha gave to hungry people was a sign of God's concern for his people.

Second Reading (Ephesians 4:1-6). St Paul pleads with the Ephesians to live a life in keeping with the Gospel, placing special emphasis on the need for unity and harmony.

Gospel (John 6:1-15). Like Elisha, Jesus feeds the people miraculously, but does so even more astonishingly.

For this and the coming Sundays the Gospel readings come from Chapter Six of St John's Gospel, the Bread of Life discourse.

The miracle described in the First Reading shows God's concern for his people during a time of famine. The bread in question was the bread of the first-fruits, which was meant to be offered to God. But instead of offering it to God, Elisha, the prophet of the old covenant, gave it to the people. The left-overs stress God's generosity.

Like Elisha, Jesus, the prophet of the new covenant, feeds hungry people, and does so even more astonishingly. There are clear Eucharistic overtones in the way the miracle is related. Jesus 'took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to the people'. Such language is meant to remind us of what he did at the Last Supper, and of what happens every time we celebrate the Eucharist.

This is expressed beautifully in the prayer which the priest says over the bread at the Offertory of the Mass:

'Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.'

Reflection/Quote for the Week

The earliest account of the Last Supper is in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (11:23-25) composed in Ephesus c.53AD: 'The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed (Greek: paradidōmi – perhaps better translated 'handed over') took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

'This is my body that is for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying,

"This cup is the new covenant in my blood.

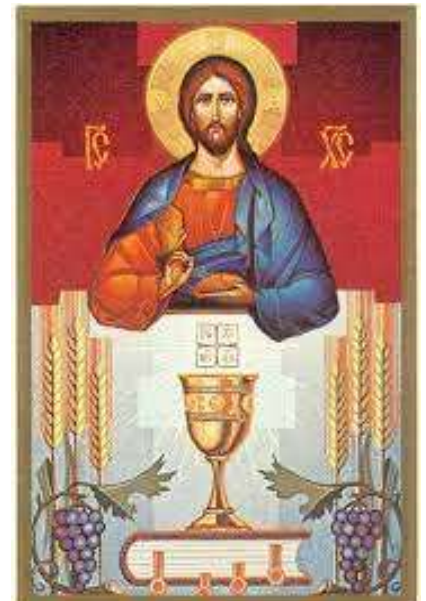
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Jesus wants his disciples to 'remember' when his life is so brutally taken from him that he is not simply a victim of his enemies. He has always given himself for them. On the cross this self-giving will reach its consummation.

In Paul's words: 'He loved me and gave himself (paradidōmi) for me' (Galatians 2:20).

When he breaks bread that evening, and when he pours out the blood-red wine, he invests them with a special meaning, symbolising the final offering he is about to make. When they take and eat this bread, he wants them to know that it is his body that they are taking, given as a gift of love to them to nourish them on their journey.

When they take and drink this wine, he wants them to know that it is his life poured out for them that he is offering to their thirsting souls.



Fr Michael Fallon MSC

Condolences to Gemma and Sally

Sadly last Friday, Julie Raftery, mother of **Gemma McDermott** (Chair of our PPMC) died. Julie was farewelled on Thursday.

On Wednesday, Brian Oong, father-in-law of our Sacramental Co-Ordinator **Sally Oong**, lost his long battle with cancer. As we pray for the repose of Julie and Brian's souls and commit them to God's mercy. We keep Gemma and Sally and their families in your prayers. May Julie and Brian rest in peace.

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am and 5.30pm

and 7.30pm at Loreto College Normanhurst during school terms

Mass on Tuesday to Friday: 9.15am

8.00am— 8.30am *Silent Prayer*

8.30am— 8.45am *Morning Prayer of the Church*

8.45am— 9.00am *Rosary*

Rosary after Mass on Tuesday

Special Intercessions/intentions remembered at Friday Mass.

Friday evening: Holy Hour from 7.00pm (Suspended)

Mass is also celebrated :

Our Lady of the Rosary Cathedral, Waitara— Monday 7.00am

St Leo's College, Wahroonga Friday 12.55pm during school terms
(Suspended until further notice)

Baptism:

Every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 11.00am.

Please make an appointment through the Parish Office

Marriage:

By appointment, at least six months in advance.

Sick Calls:

Any time day or night.

Please call 0408 350 885 out of office hours

Confessions:

Saturday 11.30am or by appointment. The list of times in surrounding parishes is on our parish website. We recommend you call the parish in advance to confirm times.

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Thank you for your financial contribution to the support of our Parish Community and its priests—it is very much appreciated.

- The 1st Collection taken up at Mass goes to the Clergy Remuneration Fund for the financial support of the priests.
- The 2nd Collection taken up at Mass is for the upkeep of the Parish.

We invite you to help our Parish by committing to a Planned Giving scheme. Please see the parish office for the way you can participate in this. Another way to assist our parish is to consider a gift in your will. Your gift of any size will help our parish continue our good works & outreach. Please contact the parish office for a confidential discussion or more information.

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