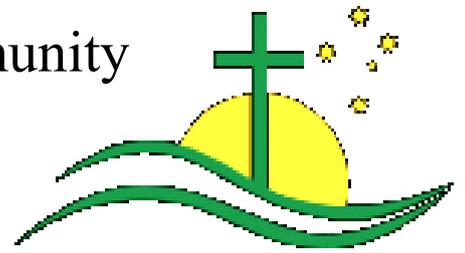




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17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 24-25 July, 2021

The Love that Binds

In Pope Francis' Catholic vision, the aged should not be regarded and treated as if they are dispensable, but rather have a place of honour.

World Days multiply like rabbits. So Pope Francis' decision to dedicate the fourth Sunday of July each year (25 July 2021) to the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly comes as no surprise.

Those of us who live in the affluent West, of course, might wonder when we see grandparents associated with the elderly. Many grandparents are in their 50s, and so little more than halfway through their anticipated life's course.

Bringing together grandparents and the elderly, however, might make us appreciate two of Pope Francis' consistent concerns. Because he holds so strongly that each human being is precious in God's sight, and is part of a community that should give priority to their needs, he is distressed that elderly people are often neglected and treated as expendable. The neglect and restrictions placed on them during the pandemic, the lack of government attention to those who live in accommodation for the aged, and the revelations that physical and financial abuse of elderly people are clearly widespread, should give us all occasion to reflect.

In Pope Francis' Catholic vision, the aged should not be regarded and treated as if they are dispensable, like relics or as damaged goods which have passed their use-by date.

They have a place of honour for themselves. Their lives are a gift from which nothing that is good is lost in God's sight, nor should be in our sight. Their value does not depend on what they are contributing to society, still less to what they have contributed, but to who they are. And of course, they have a precious place in society because of all the relationships of which they have been part – to families, to workplaces, to friends, to neighbours, to the parks in which they have walked and the beaches swum, to the books they have read and the music they have listened to. Pope Francis speaks often of the ecology of human life – the relationships to the world and to people that shape us. We are of infinite value as person and for the gift we make to others and receive.

Pope Francis' dedication of the World Day to Grandparents reflects also his emphasis on the complexity and gift of our relationships. He broadens our vision of the nuclear family beyond the nuclear family and its economic contribution by reminding us of the significant gift that grandparents and grandchildren are, and how much they offer to one another. These are irreplaceable gifts. At their best these relationships are a blessing to themselves and to their families. They offer variety, affection and enrichment to the relationships that shape a family. They may not be recognised when people give dismal accounts of families in purely economic terms, but they are beyond price. They are emblems of love without expectation, a rare gift.

As do so many of Pope Francis' symbols, his dedication of the fourth Sunday of July to the Elderly and Grandparents points to the importance and preciousness of ordinary relationships that we often overlook.

No weekend or week-day Masses until further advice

Live streamed Mass is on Sunday 11am

Please click on this link to follow this Sunday Mass

<https://youtu.be/iEdbZzcEyQo>

No Reconciliation this weekend

Priests: Fr Brendan Connell CP (PP) Fr Luke Bulley CP	Passionist Community Fr Brian Gleeson CP Fr Kevin Hennessy CP	St Paul Apostle North Primary School Ph. 9700 6068 Principal Mrs Mary Lucas	St Paul Apostle South Primary School Ph. 9700 3663 Principal Mr Paul Gleeson	St John's Regional College Ph. 9791 3366 Principal Mr Tim Hogan
Parish Staff: Gillian Velupillay (Bursar) Didi Karkas (Secretary)				

Parish Calendar, News & Events

As with other such symbols it invites us constantly to look at our society through the lens of persons who are precious to us in themselves, and for being bound to us in a complex and delicate set of relationships. When we look at society through their eyes we can then treasure the simple gift of each human life and of the love that binds us together

by Fr Andrew Hamilton SJ

CONGRATULATION TO
FR. BRIAN GLEESON
FOR 60th YEAR OF PRIESTHOOD



WEEKEND MASSES

Due to the latest government regulations, we regret to remind you all that there will be no live Masses this weekend and on weekdays until we are out of lockdown. However, we still have our LIVE STREAMED MASS on Sunday at 11am. This means the celebration for Fr Luke and Fr Brian will also be postponed for the time being. Please keep an eye on our website for any updates.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The final class for this program is due to be held on TUESDAY, 27th July 2021 at 7pm in the church. Unfortunately, due to the current regulations we will be unable to hold our face to face class. We have now organized an ONLINE SESSION. All children, with the help of their parents, are required to complete this session before the 29th of July 2021. The Sacrament

of Reconciliation services are on Thursday, 29th July and Friday, 30th July at 7pm. The lists of children participating each night have now been finalized and all parents have been informed accordingly

SAFEGUARDING (PROFESSIONAL STANDARD)

As we have highlighted in our newsletters and at the Masses, the importance of updating our record on Professional Standard, that includes staff and volunteers. After the two sessions we had, there are still some volunteers who have not attended the session due to some personal reason. We have now decided to run 2 extra sessions to ensure that all of our volunteers are up to date with all of the necessary information on safeguarding. The sessions are either Wednesday August 4th at 6pm or Sunday, August 8th at 10am in the annexe. Please contact the parish office to book either via email: office@stpaulapostle.com.au or phone 9700 3781.

Please note that if you have attended one of the previous sessions this year, you do not need to attend again this

JUSTICE GROUP

The group extend their gratitude to all parishioners for their ever generous support. Even during this difficult time, through buying masks or simply a donation to the egg collection, the group received \$992. This money will provide important protein for asylum seekers

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/ The Parish Office will be closed during the lockdown, but /
/ if you have any query or urgent matter, please send us an /
/ email or leave a message on our answering machine and /
/ we will reply to you accordingly /
/ (please remember to leave your contact details) /
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Readings:

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B:

2 Kg 4: 42-44;
Eph 4: 1-6;
Jn 6: 1-15

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr B:

Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15;
Eph 4: 17, 20-24;
Jn 6: 24-35

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This weekend we pray for:

Those whose sick

Ronald Peters, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Alex Clark, Pinky, Godfrey Joseph, Andrès, Kirk Smaller, June Smaller, Michael Nguk Yan, Patrick Savelio, Camilla D'Rozario, Sr. Serafina, Andre Machado, Bryony, Findlay Lawless, Gaetan Clark, Ismael Bermudez, Jack Scanlan, Domenica Lombardi, Dwayne Edmonds, Anne Ghatt, Chase McCarthy, Irma Aiello, Graham Hawkesworth, Esric Jackson, Emily Broadbent, those who are ill due to Coronavirus and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues

Those who have died

Merwyn Joseph Baptista, Rachel Naomi Fernando, Regina Martyn, Vera Albuquerque, Rodel Cuenco, Meredith Almeida, Newton Lowe, Joseph Trindade, Deon Lawrence, **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace



We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

