



17th Sunday of Ordinary Time

27th July 2025

27th July : 5th World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 2025 A message from the Holy Father



World Day
for Grandparents
and the Elderly
2025

(continued from last week)

Signs of hope for the elderly

From biblical times, the Jubilee has been understood as a time of liberation. Slaves were freed, debts were forgiven and land was returned to its original owners. The Jubilee was a time when the social order willed by God was restored, and inequalities and injustices accumulated over the years were remedied. Jesus evoked those moments of liberation when, in the synagogue of Nazareth, he proclaimed good news to the poor, sight to the blind and freedom for prisoners and the oppressed (cf. *Lk 4:16-21*).

Looking at the elderly in the spirit of this Jubilee, we are called to help them experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment. This year is a fitting time to do so. God's fidelity to his promises teaches us that there is a blessedness in old age, an authentic evangelical joy inspiring us to break through the barriers of indifference in which the elderly often find themselves enclosed. Our societies, everywhere in the world, are growing all too accustomed to letting this significant and enriching part of their life be marginalized and forgotten.

Given this situation, a change of pace is needed that would be readily seen in an assumption of responsibility on the part of the whole Church. Every parish, association and ecclesial group is called to become a protagonist in a "revolution" of gratitude and care, to be brought about by regular visits to the elderly, the creation of networks of support and prayer for them and with them, and the forging of relationships that can restore hope and dignity to those who feel forgotten.

Christian hope always urges us to be more daring, to think big, to be dissatisfied with things the way they are. In this case, it urges us to work for a change that can restore the esteem and affection to which the elderly are entitled.

That is why Pope Francis wanted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated primarily through an effort to seek out elderly persons who are living alone. For this reason, those who are unable to come to Rome on pilgrimage during this Holy Year may "obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, the elderly who are alone... making, in a sense, a pilgrimage to Christ present in them (cf. *Mt 25:34-36*)" (APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, *Norms for the Granting of the Jubilee Indulgence*, III). Visiting an elderly person is a way of encountering Jesus, who frees us from indifference and loneliness.

As elderly persons, we can hope

The Book of Sirach calls blessed those who have not lost hope (cf. *14:2*). Perhaps, especially if our lives are long, we may be tempted to look not to the future but to the past. Yet, as Pope Francis wrote during his last hospitalization, "our bodies are weak, but even so, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being there for one another, in faith, as shining signs of hope" (Angelus, 16 March 2025). We possess a freedom that no difficulty can rob us of: it is the freedom to love and to pray. Everyone, always, can love and pray.

Our affection for our loved ones – for the wife or husband with whom we have spent so much of our lives, for our children, for our grandchildren who brighten our days – does not fade when our strength wanes. Indeed, their own affection often revives our energy and brings us hope and comfort.

These signs of living love, which have their roots in God himself, give us courage and remind us that "even if our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day" (*2 Cor 4:16*). Especially as we grow older, let us press forward with confidence in the Lord. May we be renewed each day by our encounter with him in prayer and in Holy Mass.

Let us lovingly pass on the faith we have lived for so many years, in our families and in our daily encounter with others. May we always praise God for his goodness, cultivate unity with our loved ones, open our hearts to those who are far away and, in particular, to all those in need. In this way, we will be signs of hope, whatever our age.

From the Vatican, 26 June 2025

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Cathedral of St Francis Xavier, 39 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

Church of St Patrick, 268 Grote Street, Adelaide

Church of St John Vianney, 546 Glynburn Road, Burnside

Church of St Mary, 179 Stanley Street, North Adelaide

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, cnr of Giles and Todd Streets, Kingscote, Kangaroo Island

Church of the Holy Name, 80 Payneham Road, Stepney

Church of St Peter Claver, cnr Stuart Road & Grandview Grove, Dulwich

Church of the Queen of Angels, cnr South Road & Kintore Street, Thebarton

ADELAIDE CATHEDRAL PARISH

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Regular Mass Timings

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PHONE CAMERA FOR OUR REGULAR TIMINGS

St Francis Xavier Cathedral, Adelaide

Sunday Masses

Sat : 6pm(Vigil)

Sun: 7am, 9am, 11am,
2.30pm (African), 6pm

Weekday Masses

Mon - Fri: 8am, 12.10pm & 5.45pm

Sat: 8am, 11.30am

Confessions

Mon, Wed, Fri: 11-12 noon, 5-5.30pm

Sat: 12 noon-1pm, 4.30-5.30pm

Holy Hour

Tues: 6.30pm, **Fri**: 11am

Public Holidays

8am Mass ONLY at the Cathedral

Except 01 January—Mass at 10am at the Cathedral

St Mary's, Lower North Adelaide

Tues and Fri: 8am

Sun: 9.30am

Our Lady Queen of Angels, Thebarton

Sat: Confessions: 5.45pm | **Vigil**: 6pm

Sun: 9.30am

St John Vianney, Burnside

Tues and Thu: **Mass**: 9am | **Confessions**: 9.30am

Sun: 9am

St Peter Claver, Dulwich

Wed: 9am, **Fri**: 11am **Confessions**: 11.30am

Sat: **Confessions**: 5.30pm | **Vigil**: 6pm

Sun: 11am

Holy Name, Stepney

Sun: 11am

St. Patrick, Grote Street, Adelaide

Sun: 10.30am (Croatian)

4.00pm (Portuguese) - 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays ONLY

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Kangaroo Island

Sun: Confessions: 9:00 am | Mass: 9.30 am

Please contact the Parish Office for Baptism & Wedding bookings.

WORSHIP

Entrance Antiphon: God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Responsorial Psalm: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 11:1-13.

Universal Prayer Response: Lord, hear our prayer.

Communion Antiphon: Bless the Lord, O my soul and never forget all his benefits.

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Next week: 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21.

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Liturgies & Activities (28th July-3rd August)

Tue St. Martha, St. Mary and St. Lazarus.

Wed St. Peter Chrysologus.

Thu St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Fri St. Alphonsus Ligouri.

Sat St. Peter Julian Eymard and St. Eusebius of Vercelli

Sun 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

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Prayer Requests for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Veronica Castillio Simbol.

Deceased & Deceased Anniversaries:

Cathedral: Marisa Bezzina, Jesus Sale, Dumon family, Antonio Pereira, Elizita Barros, Amos Bradley, Tomas Limenes, Braolio Bessi, Gladys & Jack Schrader, Newton Long and Veena Tauro.

Queen of Angels: Charlie De Fazio, Pasquale Morabito, Palumbo family, Forza family, Laurendi family, Tripodi family, Gerace family and John Cirilo.

St. Mary's/Holy Name: Veronica Dann, Don Roberts, Lorna Hurford, Patricia Nelly Roberts and Lim Choon Hiong.

St. John Vianney/St. Peter Claver: Mary Quinn, Rita Wirtitsh, Jim Douglas, Inara Bullitis, Salter & Hopkins families, Wellman family, Bruce McGregor, Liza Lonzanne, Nelia Orbita & family, Christabel Jenkins and John McVann.

Prayers Requests for the Sick

Anton Sylvester, Trevor, Cecilia Zulueta, Araceli Suzara, Fidel Ruivivar, Carol Giles, Antonio Romeo, Angelina Musico, Emily Swan, David Clayton, Mary Walsh, Vilma D'Cruz, Jennifer, Joshua, Jose, Madison Musico, William Hemmeld, Peter Slobodian, Marie Winters, Joshua Antony, Shaun & Joseph Coleiro and Denis Cranswick.

27 July: The Metropolitan Male Choir Winter Fundraiser for Seminarians in Timor Leste

Please support a musical afternoon at Our Lady of Victories Church at Glenelg on Sunday, 27 July to raise funds for seminarians in Timor-Leste. Please bring any family and friends who you think would enjoy the afternoon. If you are unable to attend, donations are also welcome by purchasing tickets or contacting Glenelg Parish Office on 8294 1888, Tuesday to Friday 9am until 2pm. Below is a link where you can view further details. <https://glenelgcp.com/event/the-metropolitan-male-choir-of-sa/>

28 July: 40th Anniversary of the Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy

The Australian Confraternity of Catholic Clergy this year celebrates the 40th Anniversary of its foundation. To celebrate this milestone, the priests, deacons and lay associates in South Australia will celebrate Mass with the National Chairman Fr. Greg Bellamy on Monday, 28th July at Our Lady Queen of Peace Church, 7 Marian Road, Payneham commencing at 11am. All welcome. Car parking will not be available on site. For further information please contact Fr. Michael Romeo (State Councillor) on 8369 8082 or sa.sc@clergy.asn.au

2 Aug: Power Up 2025: Diocesan Jubilee of Youth celebration

When: Saturday, 2 August 2025, 2:00pm until 9:00pm.

Where: Sacred Heart College, Somerton Park.

Who: Young people aged 16-35.



Cost: Free (including cost of all food and drinks), bookings are essential.

Hosted by the Catholic Office for Youth and Young Adults (COYYA), *Power Up 2025* will facilitate an afternoon of engaging workshops on a variety of topics with opportunities to experience reimagined prayer and spirituality, participate in spiritual reflection and formation, and hands on activities that are centered around faith, ecology and social justice.

After the workshops, Vigil Mass will be celebrated by Vicar General, Fr. Dean Marin before moving into dinner, hot drinks and dessert from food trucks/ vendors with live music from local musicians.

The evening will close with a praise and worship concert on the main stage featuring Proclaim Wildfire from the Lismore Diocese in NSW. Tickets (including cost of all food and drinks) are free, although bookings are essential. For more information and registrations scan the QR code above.

5 Apr: Rosary for Peace and Vocations

You are invited to join Our Lady (Saturday, 2nd August) and pray the Rosary outdoors, together united, to pray for peace. To celebrate Vocations Awareness Week we will also be praying with the intentions for an increase in vocations in our diocese and prayer resources will be available. Gather in Mary MacKillop Plaza (Adjacent to St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral) at 8.40am (after the 8am Mass). All welcome. For more information please contact: Mr Patrick Greenrod (Legion of Mary) on 0414 769 635.

3 Aug: Feast of St. John Vianney celebrated at St. John Vianney Church, Burnside

On Sunday the 3rd of August this year we will honour St. John Vianney during the Sunday Mass at 9am at St. John Vianney Church, Burnside. At the conclusion of Mass all are welcome to join in a Sausage Sizzle. All our parishioners and visitors are welcome to attend the mass

8n Aug :Feast of St. Mary of the Cross MacKillop: Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre

Together with the Sisters of St Joseph, the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Ministry invite you to celebrate the *Feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop* with Mass to be celebrated by Fr. Maurice Shinnick in St Joseph's Chapel on Friday August 8 at 10am. Following Mass, join the Sisters in Bethany for a relaxed and friendly morning tea. Afterwards you may choose to visit the Mary MacKillop Museum (reduced entry \$8) or pick up a guidebook and follow in Mary's footsteps by completing the Kensington-Norwood Mary MacKillop Heritage Walk. Please visit: <https://mmsm.org.au/events/feast-of-st-mary-mackillop-2/>

9 Aug: "A Day with Mary MacKillop": Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre

A Day with Mary MacKillop will be held at Bethany in the Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre on Saturday, 9th August. On this Reflection Day, you are invited to come to Kensington and spend the day where Mary MacKillop lived for 11 years. Find answers to questions about Mary and learn from her, so that we can be a gift for others. Facilitated by Mary Ryan RSJ, the day is suitable for all adults and is approved as a SAM by CESA. Bookings are essential. For more information <https://mmsm.org.au/retreats/a-day-with-mary-mackillop/>

9 Aug: A Vocations Prayer Retreat: Hearing God's Word

'Learn How to decipher the ways God communicates with you to guide your life choices'

To commemorate *Vocations Awareness Week (2nd-10th August)*. The Vocations Office invites all men and women to a **Prayer Retreat Morning** with Fr. Iain Radvan SJ at the Salisbury Parish Family Centre, 23 Commercial Road, Salisbury, **Saturday, 9th August at 9.15am to 12.30pm**. Morning tea and lunch provided. \$10 Registration fee (inclusive of lunch).

To register for this event please visit:

<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1433994>

For more information please contact Tracey on 0439 810 250 or the Vocations Office on 8210 8122 or email: vocations@adelaide.catholic.org.au

15 Aug: Solemnity of the Assumption at St. Peter Claver Church Dulwich

For the Solemnity of the Assumption (15th August) this year there will be an Evening Mass at St. Peter Claver Church, Dulwich at 6pm. Adoration will conclude this day at 5pm.

Safeguarding Children

Just a reminder that all children need to be accompanied to and from the toilet, ideally by an adult family member. Kindly ensure that children are supervised at all times by an adult family member when walking through the underground carpark, attending Church Services or attending activities in the Hall

Latin Mass Community Notices



Confirmation class continues today.

Servers' practice resumes tomorrow.

The Holy Name Men's Group mid-year BBQ is this Wed, 30th July, at the presbytery at Dulwich, beginning with the Rosary at 6.30pm followed by the BBQ. BYO meat and drink. Soft drinks, salads and warmth provided! All Welcome.

This Fri. is the 1st Fri. of the Month:

10am: Young Mothers' Rosary Group

5:30pm: Catechism Classes (school grades 3-12)

6:30pm: Low Mass followed by 1st Friday Devotions, Benediction and Compline, with Adoration continuing overnight until 6:30am Sat.

Holy Hours for the clergy at 3am and families at 5:30am Sat.

Low Mass at 7am and a Sung Mass at 8:30am Sat.

The Post-1st Holy Communion class will be held next Sunday 3rd August at 11am.

Please do not place any material (advertising or otherwise) in the church or the grounds without the prior permission of the chaplain. Thank you.

Welcome to new parishioners. If you are new to the Latin Mass or new to Holy Name, please don't hesitate to introduce yourself to either Fr. Popplewell or Fr. Sofatzis after Mass. There is a cuppa after the 9:15am Mass every Sunday in the tea room behind the church diagonally across the car park. All welcome. Also please feel free to register as a parishioner on our community census. The link is available on the website.

Please remember the sick in your prayers, especially Ted Woods (Gemma Fitzpatrick's uncle), Mary Walsh (Margaret Antonas' sister) Simon Fiedler (Nathan's Father), Hannah McCaffrey, Terry Muscat (Chris Forrester's mother), Damian Wyld, Domenic Marafiote, and Tony Caruso. Please also remember the recently deceased, and those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) Cathedral Program 2025/2026

Each year, our parish runs a series of instruction sessions for adults who are interested in joining the catholic faith. This is called the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. The 2025/2026 sessions will start in late August. If you are interested in joining this group, or even have an interest in finding out more about the catholic faith, kindly to contact the Cathedral Parish Office email: acp@adelaide.catholic.org.au or call 82108155 during office hours.

God and the Stars - Part 3

Following the success of the *God and the Stars* events last year, Lockleys parish is excited to announce God and the Stars – Part 3! This time the parish is planning a visit to the University of South Australia Planetarium at Mawson Lakes to enjoy a guided viewing of the stars and galaxies that make up our universe.

Date: Thursday August 21

Time: 7pm (90-minute session) Cost: \$25 per person

Carpooling will be arranged for those unable to drive to Mawson Lakes. Places are limited, so if you're interested, please register by emailing the parish office at info@lockleysparish.com by 14th August. For more information, visit: <https://unisa.edu.au/connect/galleries-museums-and-centres/adelaide-planetarium/>

Jubilee Year Prayer

(will be prayed before the final blessing)

*Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both humanity
and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.*

Amen.

16 Aug: Adelaide Cathedral Parish Day Pilgrimage to Penola.

The Adelaide Cathedral Parish is planning a full-day pilgrimage to St. Joseph's Church Penola on Saturday, 16th August 2025 as part of the 2025 Jubilee Year celebrations. Kindly note:

- The pilgrimage will depart at 6.30am from St. Francis Xavier's Cathedral, 39 Wakefield St. Adelaide and return on the same day by 8pm.
- **A bus service is available for registered pilgrims from the Cathedral to Penola and back at a nominal cost of \$55 per person. This will include travel costs, visit to the Museum and light refreshments at Penola.**
- **All parishioners travelling by private transport will need to pay a nominal fee of \$15. This is to cover expenses relating to refreshment and the museum.**
- **Prior registration and full payment is essential for all attendees using bus service or private transport.**
- Parishioners from other parishes and communities groups are welcome to join in.
- Please call 82108155 during office hours to register interest as seats are limited.
- You can also contact Agnelo Fernandes our Mass Coordinator for the 11am Sunday Mass. He will be available after the 9am and 11am Mass for the next 3 Sundays. He can also be reached on 0449506681.
- Please ensure you carry water, a hat, sun-glasses, an umbrella (in case it rains), any medications (since the journey is 4 hours each way) and possibly a foldable chair (if you have one at home) since seating is very limited at the venue for lunch.
- Kindly inform Agnelo or the Parish office of any health challenges that you may have prior to booking so that the same can be noted for the journey.