



Prayer for Grandparents (Pope Benedict XVI)

Lord Jesus, You were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them as they grow older. May they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

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.



Prayer for the Elderly

Heavenly Father, we bring before You all the elderly and infirm in our world. Protect them from those who seek to harm them. Keep them under the shadow of Your wing. Regard each of them as the apple of Your eye. Keep them close to Your Divine Heart, which is filled with love for all of Your children. In Your mercy, draw each one into closer fellowship with Yourself. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary

O Heart of Jesus pierced for our sins and giving us Your Mother on Calvary! O Heart of Mary pierced by sorrow and sharing in the sufferings of your Divine Son for our redemption! O sacred union of these Two Hearts! Praised be the God of Love Who united them together! May we unite our hearts and every heart so that all hearts may live in unity in imitation of that sacred unity which exists in these Two Hearts. Triumph, O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary! Reign, O Most Sacred Heart of Jesus! - in our hearts, in our homes and families, in the hearts of those who as yet do not know you, and in all nations of the world. Amen.

A reflection by the Venerable Servant of God, Archbishop Fulton J Sheen

In the Old Testament, God was pleased to use trivial and insignificant things to fulfil His purposes, like the flag on the cradle of a babe which won the heart of Pharaoh's daughter, or the shepherd's stick of Moses which worked

miracles in Egypt, or the slingshot of David which overthrew the Philistines. Because bread was now involved, there was even a kind of a parallel to the gestures that were later used at the Last Supper.

‘And He took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave these to His disciples.’ (Mark 6:41)

As a grain of wheat slowly multiplies in the ground, so the bread and fishes, by a Divinely hastened process were multiplied until everyone had his fill. If He had given money, no one would have had his fill. Nature was to go as far as it could, then God supplied the rest. He ordered that the fragments be gathered up; they filled twelve baskets. In the reckoning of men there is always a deficit; in the arithmetic of God, there is always a surplus.

The effect of the miracle on the multitude was stupendous. There was no denying the fact that Christ had Divine power; He showed it in multiplying the bread. It brought their minds back immediately to Moses, who had given their forefathers manna in the desert. And had not Moses said that he was the prefigure of Christ or the Messiah?

‘No, the Lord thy God will raise up for thee A prophet like myself, of thy own race, A Brother of thy own; it is to Him Thou must listen.’ (Deuteronomy 18:15)

If Moses had authenticated or sealed himself by bread in the desert, was not This the One to Whom Moses had pointed, since He too gave bread miraculously? Who, then, could be a better King for them to throw off the yoke of the Romans and make them free? Here was a Deliverer, greater than Josue, and here were five thousand men ready to take up arms; here was a King greater than David or Solomon, Who could rebel against the tyrants and set the people free. They had already acknowledged Him as a Prophet and Teacher; now they would proclaim Him as King. But the Reader of hearts knew how worldly were their ambitions for Him:

‘Knowing, then, that they meant to come and carry Him off, so as to make a King of Him, Jesus once again withdrew on to the hillside all alone.’ (John 6:15)

They could not make Him King; He was born a King. The Wise Men knew this as they asked: Where is He that has been born The King of the Jews: We have seen His Star out in the East, and we have come to worship Him.’ (Matthew 2:2) His Kingship would come through the Divine “must” of the Cross, and not through popular force. This was the second time that He declined a crown; the first was when Satan offered Him the kingship of the world, if He would fall down and adore him. “My Kingdom is not of this world,” He would tell Pilate later on. But the crowd would push Him to a throne; He said He would not be pushed; He would be “lifted up” to it and the throne would be the Cross, and His Kingship would be over hearts.

(Life of Christ)



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 28 JULY 2024



“God is faithful, and if we serve Him faithfully, He will provide for our needs.” - St Richard of Chichester

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 2 Kings 4:42-44

A reading from the second book of Kings

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. ‘Give it to the people to eat,’ Elisha said. But his servant replied, ‘How can I serve this to a hundred men?’ ‘Give it to the people to eat,’ he insisted, ‘for the Lord says this, “They will eat and have some left over.”’ He served them; they ate and had some over, as the Lord had said.

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:10-11, 15-18

R: The hand of the Lord feeds us; He answers all our needs.

1. All Your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and Your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of Your reign and declare Your might, O God. **R.**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to You and You give them their food in due time. You open wide Your hand, grant the desires of all who live. **R.**
3. The Lord is just in all His ways and loving in all His deeds. He is close to all who call Him, who call on Him from their hearts. **R.**

Second Reading Ephesians 4:1-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and

the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God Who is Father of all, through all and within all.

♦ **The word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation Luke 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia! A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited His people. **Alleluia!**

Gospel John 6:1-15

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee - or of Tiberias - and a large crowd followed Him, impressed by the signs He gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with His disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?’ He only said this to test Philip; He Himself knew exactly what He was going to do. Philip answered, ‘Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.’ One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; He then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough He said to the disciples, ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that He had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet Who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, Who could see they were about to come and take Him by force and make Him king, escaped back to the hills by Himself.

♦ **The Gospel of the Lord.**

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

Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible





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Roman Catholic Diocese of Armidale

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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

We pray for: Repose of the souls of all those in Purgatory.

the Recently Deceased:

Robert Sanders, Bishop Kevin Manning, Collette Mitchell, Eileen Hagan, John Smallwood, Annie Ledger, Paula Lennon.

the sick:

Brenda McPhee, Princess Catherine, Danielle Irwin, Sue Barwick, Bob McGuire, Peter Moroney, Christopher Pay, Jeanette Keightley, Phillip Matthews, Neville Barwick, Fr Barry Leech, Lara Bentley, Danny Dickins, Elizabeth Albany, Fr David Crabb, Rebecca Lane, Brian Barker, Clare Lockwood, Margaret Kahler, and all the sick members of our parish.

Please contact the priest on 67221103 for home visits to the homebound and the sick

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE CLERGY AND THE PARISH

1st Collection: Presbytery (for support of priest)

BSB 082105 Account No. 001023550

Account Name: Sacred Heart Presbytery Inverell Savings Ac.

2nd Collection: Church upkeep, maintenance, expenses

BSB 082105 Account No. 001013072

Account Name: Sacred Heart Parish Inverell

For those on the Planned Giving Program could you please quote your surname and envelope number for the reference.

Baptism - Saturdays & Sundays at 10.30am

Marriages and Funerals by Appointment

JULY - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

MONDAY 29th

Feast Day of Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus

No Mass - Church open from 8am to 1pm

TUESDAY 30th

Feast Day of St Peter Chrysologus, bishop, doctor

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Holy Hour - 4.30pm to 5.30pm

WEDNESDAY 31st

Feast Day of St Ignatius of Loyola, priest

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

AUGUST - THE HOLY MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

THURSDAY 1st

Feast Day of St Alphonsus Liguori, bishop, doctor

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass - 12 Noon

Adoration - 12.30pm to 1.30pm

FRIDAY 2nd

First Friday & Feast Day of St Peter Julian Eymard, priest

Yr 4WL Mass - 9.30am

Rosary - 11.30am

Holy Mass & Adoration - 12 Noon

Benediction - 1.00pm

Funeral Service for Eileen Hagan - 2.00pm

SATURDAY 3rd

First Saturday & Feast Day of St Dominic, priest

Confession - 8.00am

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Rosary - 5.00pm

Holy Mass of Sunday - 5.30pm

SUNDAY 4th

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Rosary - 8.30am

Holy Mass - 9.00am

Sacrament of Confession

Sunday: 8.00am to 8.30am

Tuesday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Thursday: 1.00pm to 1.30pm

Friday: 5.00pm to 5.30pm

Saturday: 4.45pm to 5.15pm (and at any time upon request)

OTHER MASSES: (May to August times)

McLean Village Each 4th Thursday - 10.00am

2nd Saturday - *Bundarra*, St Mary of the Angels - 3.00pm

3rd Saturday - *Ashford*, St Patrick's Church - 3.00pm

4th Saturday - *Tingha*, St. Francis' Church - 3.00pm

5th Saturday - *Yetman*, St Joseph the Worker - 2.30pm

PARISH NEWS AND NOTICES

A friendly reminder

Please maintain a respectful atmosphere of reverence before and after each Mass so those praying may do so without distraction. Any conversation should be conducted quietly. Also, please remember to turn off your mobile devices.

"By devoutly assisting at Holy Mass you render the greatest homage possible to the Sacred Humanity of Our Lord."

- St Leonard

ALTAR SOCIETY ROSTER FOR JULY

Megan Gaukroger & Rhonda McGregor

HOME ROSARY



"How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening." - Pope St John Paul II

Bernie & Colleen Graham

11 Diamond Street, Tingha

Wednesday 31 July at 4.30pm

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Pastoral Council - Wed 7 August 2024, 5.00pm

Men's Breakfast - Sat 10 Aug 2024, 8.30am, Out the Back Café

Sunday Morning Tea - Sun 11 Aug 2024, after Mass

Finance Committee - Wed 4 September 2024, 5.00pm

Liturgy Committee - Sat TBA 2024, 9.00am

Thank you to those who have donated to the air-conditioning project. For others who may wish to contribute, you may use the Special Collection envelopes placed at the entrances of the Church or use the BSB and Account Number of the 2nd Collection. Use "air-conditioning" as the reference.

First Holy Communion will occur on Sunday, September 8th at the 9:00am Mass. The preparation programme begins this coming week. The students from Yr 3 at Holy Trinity will make their enrolment commitment at the HTS Mass on Friday, August 2nd at 9:30am. The Parent Information sessions are on July 30th at 1pm or 5:30pm in Sacred Heart Church. Please pray for these children and their parents and families.

Let your voice be heard! The NSW Parliament is set to begin debating the so-called "equality" bill when it resumes in a fortnight. There is much in this bill that is against Natural Law, and is not for the good of the human person, as well as contravening Divine Law. Even though 85% of NSW residents rejected the bill as part of a parliamentary inquiry, the Government has still not indicated they would oppose it. You can sign a petition to let your opposition to this bill online by going to parliament.nsw.gov.au and searching for Vote against the Equality Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 among the e-petitions.

MASS ROSTER	27Jul-Sat 5.30pm	28Jul-Sun 9am	3Aug-Sat 5.30pm	4Aug-Sun 9am
Projector	Sr Coral	R McGregor	S Szumowski	MJ Guest
Readers	J Kelly & Volunteer	J Rainger & B McGrath	J Harris & B Baldwin	M Gaukroger & S Hollis
Commentator	N McCosker	M Robinson	J Monie	J Rainger
Offertory	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	A Michael	J Rainger	J Monie	B McGrath
Counters		R & G Johnson		L MacDonald & P Girle

Prayer to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus

Precious Blood, ocean of divine mercy: Flow upon us!
Precious Blood, most pure offering: Procure us every grace!
Precious Blood, hope and refuge of sinners: Atone for us!
Precious Blood, delight of holy souls: Draw us! Amen.
(St Catherine of Siena)



World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly

With its fourth celebration, the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly continues to be an important occasion. Attending to our grandparents and the elderly is not only a sign of gratitude and affection, but a necessity in the construction of a more human and fraternal society. Pope Francis invites us to recognise their value and to do so permanently, not just occasionally. It is not a matter of celebrating an anniversary once a year, but of making the elderly feel like an integral part of our Christian family and our common history.

The successive generations of elderly people must be taken seriously, and the Church must give them appropriate pastoral attention.

Sick Visit / Last Rites: A reminder that if you have a Catholic relative in hospital or aged care who is in need of a priest, please inform the parish office or Fr Paul so he may visit them.

Collette Mitchell: With sadness we heard recently of the death of Collette who was an Armidale artist and art teacher. She created the beaten copper image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help which adorns the penitent's side of the confessional in our church. May she rest in peace and may her soul enjoy the unimaginable beauty of the beatific vision of the Holy Trinity.

A Reminder! August 15th, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Catholics are obliged to attend Mass on that day. There will be a Vigil Mass, on the evening before, to assist those who work and go to school.

With joy and thanksgiving to God, on Sunday, August 4th, at the 9:00am Mass:

- Alisha Bagnall will make the Profession of Faith and be received into the Catholic Church. She will also receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and make her First Holy Communion.

- Joshua Charter will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and make his First Holy Communion.

- Ashleigh Rose will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.