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**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
(Year C)**

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)

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to Me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching Him he said, 'Are You really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will You really overwhelm them, will You not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No,' He replied, 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to Him, 'Perhaps there will be only forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' He replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like

this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' He replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' He replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 137:1-3, 6-8)

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
You have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless You.
I will adore before Your holy temple.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.

I thank You for Your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of You.
On the day I called, You answered;
You increased the strength of my soul.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.

The Lord is high yet Ye looks on the lowly
and the haughty Ye knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
You give me life and frustrate my foes.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me.

You stretch out Your hand and save me,
Your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of Your hands.

R. Lord, on the day I called for help, You answered me

Second Reading: (Colossians 2:12-14)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with Him through your belief in the power of God who raised Him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: He has brought you to life with Him, He has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; He has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation: (Romans 8:15)

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)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when He had finished, one of His disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may Your name be held holy, Your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.

And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. what father among you would hand his son a stone

when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon: (Ps 103:2)

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

Thanksgiving

Not available at time of printing

Apologies. Figures will be provided next week

If you would like to make a donation:

Running expenses of the Church

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For Fr Francis' living expenses

St Patrick's Presbytery Account

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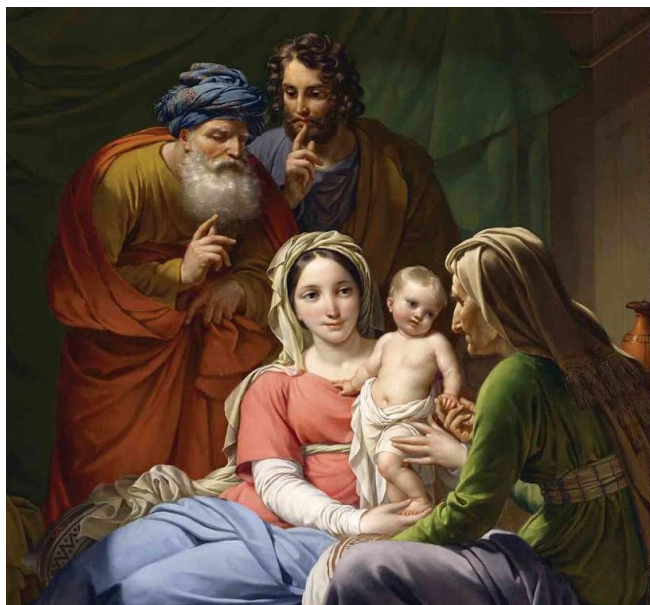
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PARISH PRAYER LIST

Recently Deceased:

Sick: Babies Emmett, Noah Glen Christie, Tedi and Santi; Roman, Blake Smith, John Snell, Peter Munro, Megan, Bernie Jansen, John, Glenn, Lyn Francis, Dorothy Barber, Fiona, Annie Preuss, Damian, John, Alison, Heather, Julie Bates, Garry Dettman, Bradley Jordan, Jeanette Henkel, Richard Galbraith, Debbie Huby, Geoff Lucas, Glen, Fred Coullas, Evie Gleeson, Indy Dawes, Rade Krstic, Megan Williams, Michael Wood, Michael, Margo & Stephen Youngberry, Marie Hammond, John Mulholland, Rhiannon Days, Val Savitt, Ron Garland, Jaz Nueber, James Cooney, Robert, Mary & Gerard Bariola, Tilly Van der Zee, Lydia, Joyce Slattery, Annie, Michael Christie, Ted & Peter Bowling, James, Mitchell Wilson, Veronica Ireland, Lauren, Brooke, Anthony, Laura Baosde Pinto, Michelle, Judy, Annette Fromholtz, John Wray, Lynn Doensen, Elsa Gianforte, Fiona M, Louise Jansen, Carol & Noel Biddisombe

Saints of the Week: St Joachim and St Anne



Names: Joachim and Anne

Born: 1st Century BC

Died: 1st Century AD

Feast Day: 26th July

Patron Saint of: Grandparents, married couples, women in labour, cabinet-makers

St Joachim and St Anne are traditionally honoured as the parents of Mary, and therefore the grandparents of Jesus. There is no mention of them in the New Testament, and therefore we must look to extra-Biblical sources in the tradition. The richest account of these saints' lives comes to us from the apocryphal Proto-Evangelium of St James (dating from the 2nd Century). This describes how Joachim and Anne were very elderly and without any children, when an angel appeared to promise that they would have a child. Such details are far from reliable, and seem to conform to biblical archetypes (Abraham and Sarah; Manoah and his wife; Elizabeth and Zechariah) of children, miraculously conceived, who are destined for greatness in God's plan. We can safely assume that they lived as devout Jews, following the Jewish customs of their day. Any details beyond that, and the fact that Anne and Joachim are Mary's parents, will unfortunately be impossible to verify. It's noteworthy that the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception relates to Joachim and Anne. Although Mary was conceived naturally by her parents, God granted to Mary the singular grace of being preserved from Original Sin at the very moment of her conception in Anne's womb.

In spite of the paucity of information about their lives, devotion to Saints Joachim and Anne has remained strong. There is something very humanising about the thought of the infant Jesus being doted upon by his adoring grandparents. The

Church's veneration of Saints Anne and Joachim is a reminder of the great importance of grandparents and their role as mentors in both the human and spiritual domains. Grandparents have a special relationship to their grandchildren; one typically marked by great tenderness and affection. This enables them to be an example of Christian faith and to guide and instruct their grandchildren in basic catechesis and devotional practices. Many parents today feel 'unqualified' to offer much religious instruction to their children, or they never quite get around to it with the business of life. There is a void here that can be, at least in part, filled by the grandparents. Lighting a votive candle with your grandchildren to pray for some special intention, or reading a story from the Bible or the lives of the saints, or perhaps teaching them the rosary, are some simple ways of sharing the faith. When your grandchildren make the sacraments, support and encourage them, and reinforce the importance of the sacraments, perhaps sharing your own memories. There are countless small ways for grandparents to nurture the gift of faith in their grandchildren, to lead them to a knowledge of Jesus Christ.

St Anne and St Joachim, pray for us!

FOR THOSE WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES ARE IN JULY

Ann Maris (03.07.07), Julie Ann Ward (03.07.86), Nick Pitt (03.07.13), Margaret Brown (06.07.07), John Jansen (06.07.04), Ulick O'Boyle (07.07.11), Stenya Laszczewski (11.07.15), Jan Kisala (15.07.07), George Youngberry (18.07.67), Derek Beeby (18.07.11), Keith Chandler (20.07.13), Ronald Hosie (23.07.06), Theresa Humphries (25.07.11), Bernie Morrissey (26.07.00), Terry Fromholtz (28.07.12), Rev McCarter (30.07.96), Kevin Leahy, Jackie De Koning

Request from the Care Group

The Care Group collects and distributes "end of day" stock from The Wild Grains Bakery to homes within the community on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday each week. We have recently lost a number of volunteers from the collection/delivery roster and are currently struggling to cover all three days each week. We are seeking volunteers who would be interested in taking on one of those delivery days once every 4 weeks. The collection time is 4pm and The Care Group will provide the list of recipients and addresses. The combined time for collection and delivery is typically 60-90 minutes. If you think you might be interested, please call **Maree Jecott 0417 087 199**.

Care Group July Update

THANK -YOU TO NEWEST VOLUNTEERS -

Many thanks to the newest bread volunteers who have responded to the Care request in a time of need.

THANK YOU TO THE ST. BRIGID'S CHILDREN AND SCHOOL COMMUNITY –

Many thanks to the wonderful school children who produced home-crafted cards for the elderly. The cards will take pride of place on our friends bedside tables, a reminder that they are not forgotten but loved and in our hearts and prayers.

And to each of our AMAZING CARE HELPING HANDS -

whose support enables the various Care services to continue each week. It may be your prayers, a helping hand or financial donation. 'It is only together we can be there for our neighbour, our community'

INVITATION TO PARISH/CARE LUNCHEON

WHEN: Thursday 28th July

TIME: 11:30-1:30

WHERE: St Brigid's Parish Hall

All very welcome to come along and join us for some lunch and fun, chatting, laughing and being together.

The cost is NIL but bring along gold coins for our 'Angel's Purse' raffle and bargain table.

May God always bless us, our families and friends.

Maree 0417087199

Change of Date for Yarra Glen Mass this Month

Due to Fr Francis' leave, the 5:00pm Mass at St Aloysius, Yarra Glen, will instead be on the fourth Sunday (**this weekend, 24th July**) for this month only.

Propagation of the Faith Appeal (Collection This Weekend 23/24 July)

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong. Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name altered to protect identity

Can you undertake an Overseas Mission?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves.

Palms Australia, who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support.

Ph: 0422 742 567 or **Enquire online**

(<https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/assignments-abroad/>) to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also Register at

(<https://palms.org.au/event/celebrate-palms-return-to-global-mission/>) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms' partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends.

The stories will inspire.

St Brigid's Parish Hall for Hire



A reminder that St Brigid's Hall is available for hire for community groups or private functions.

It's a great, versatile space with access to industrial kitchen.

Very reasonable rates: \$30 per hour or \$250 per day.

Make your enquiries via the Parish office.

Safeguarding children news

We now have a dedicated email address for all enquiries regarding child safeguarding

Safeguardinghealesville@cam.org.au

