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Celebrating Community



**Our Lady Of Victories
Catholic Parish**
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Our Lady Queen of Peace
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Mass Times

Horsley Park:

Monday to Friday 8.30am Rosary
followed by Mass at 9.00am

Saturday 5.00pm

Sunday 8.30am, 10.00am
& 5.00pm

Kemps Creek: SUSPENDED

Reconciliation

Monday to Friday: 8.30am-8.50am

Saturday: 4.15pm -4.45pm

At other times by appointment

Enquiries regarding other Sacraments:
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25 July 2021

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

INTRODUCTION: Each Eucharistic celebration is a reminder of today's Gospel. Jesus takes the bread, gives thanks to the Father, breaks it and then shares it with those who are gathered. The Eucharist unites and feeds the Christian community so that it can continue to be Christ's living presence in the world. Jesus wants us to share Him with all and, like Him, to share ourselves too with one another. As we offer our prayers today let us ask Him to teach us how.

FIRST READING: 2 Kings 4 : 42-44
They will eat and have some left over.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18

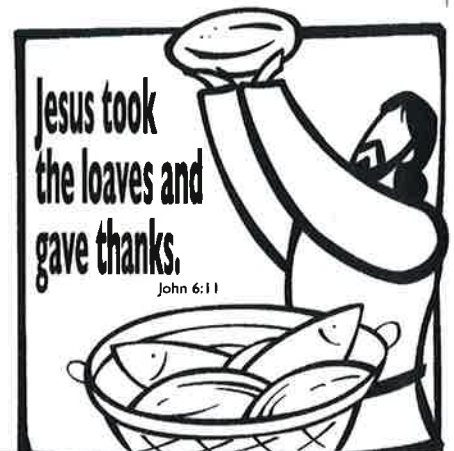
RESPONSE:
The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4 : 1-6
There is one body, one Lord, one faith, one baptism.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

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

GOSPEL: John 6 : 1-15
*He distributed to those who were seated
as much as they wanted.*



✠ WE PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED RELATIVES & FRIENDS: GALEA Joseph, John, GAUCI John, Connie, GRIMA Anthony, Carmel, GUIRGES Narges, MICALLEF Carmen, MONTELEONE Francesca, Giuseppe, MUSCAT Jean, Lewis, SCHEMBRI Joseph, Joe, TABONE Emanuel, deceased members of the Farag family. Recently deceased: John Grima, Pauline Vella. All Souls in Purgatory. All Relatives and Friends. May they rest in peace. Amen

WE PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS. Alyssa Ferreri, Seak Yek Heng, Vicky Vella. *May God's love give them strength and courage.*

**UNDER THE CURRENT NSW HEALTH ORDERS
ALL MASSES ARE SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Monday 26 July: *(Matthew 13:31-35) Sts Joachim & Anne,* Tuesday 27 July: *(Matthew 13:36-43)*
Wednesday 28 July: *(Matthew 13:44-46)* Thursday 29 July: *(John 11:19-27) St Martha*
Friday 30 July *(Matthew 13:54-58)* Saturday 31 July: *(Matthew 14:1-12) St Ignatius of Loyola*
Sunday 01 August: *(Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15, Ephesians 4:17, 20-24, John 6:24-35)*

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: For the duration of the lockdown, our office hours have been reduced to Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10.00am - 2.00pm. Any emails or phone messages will be dealt with during those hours. If you require a priest urgently, please call the Parish office and leave a message. Similarly if you feel that you need to speak with a priest for spiritual guidance please also call and leave your contact details and Fr Dominik or Fr Marek will call you back. We remind all that we are in lockdown and should not be leaving our homes, therefore *please do not come to the office or church unless* Father or a staff member have asked you to do so. This is for the protection of all.

COVID – 19 PRAYER RESOURCES: The Archdiocese of Sydney has set up a dedicated webpage to help the faithful during the current lockdown and beyond. Access livestreamed Masses from St Mary's Cathedral and many other parishes (some in other languages) and prayer resources at www.sydneycatholic.org/live-masses.

GRANDPARENTS DAY: Pope Francis has proclaimed the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held this Sunday 25 July (Feast of Sts Anne & Joachim, grandparents to Jesus) and has chosen the theme "I am with you always" (cf Mt 28:20) to express the closeness of the Lord and the Church to every older person, especially in these challenging pandemic times. The promise of closeness and hope can be shared by young and old alike. Not only are young people called upon to be present in the lives of grandparents and older people, but the elderly also have a mission—to pass on their faith, family histories and experiences of life such as migration, war, droughts, bushfires, financial recessions and much more. The older generation have seen it all before. They can provide perspective in the face of uncertainty. Let us all today reach out as safely as we can, to all our grandparents and elderly and pray for their continued presence in our lives.



Catechesis of St Joseph

ST JOSEPH - GLORY OF DOMESTIC LIFE

Train the young in the way they should go; even when old, they will not swerve from it. (Proverbs 22:6)

To say that St. Joseph is the Glory of Domestic Life is to say that in him we see a supreme example of how a man magnificently transforms home life. There is certain splendor, even honour in the household when it is properly ordered and guided by the fatherly example of St. Joseph.

For many men, domestic life is a secondary consideration. Most Catholic men understand that they are to work hard to provide the material necessities for their families. However, Catholic men also have the responsibility, together with their wives, to build the domestic Church. The term domestic Church refers to the family as the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ.

It is a home where family life is completely centered on the lordship of Jesus Christ, where parents who are disciples of Jesus, embrace their role as leaders to make disciples of their children. How can a father ensure this if he spends most of his time away from the home?

However, as disciples of Christ, we do not operate by mere material and earthly means, but instead rely on grace to perfect nature, and the supernatural to transform the natural. We must ask ourselves, what sacrifices can we make as husbands and fathers in order to spend more time with our families?

St. Joseph, Glory of Domestic Life, you were, yourself, once faced with the responsibility of providing the necessities of life for Jesus and Mary. Look down with fatherly compassion upon me so that I may have the grace to build the domestic Church in my home and lead my family along the path of discipleship.

Prayer to St Michael the Archangel

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil; may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do you, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



THE ELDERLY HAVE EARNED RESPECT IN ALL CULTURES

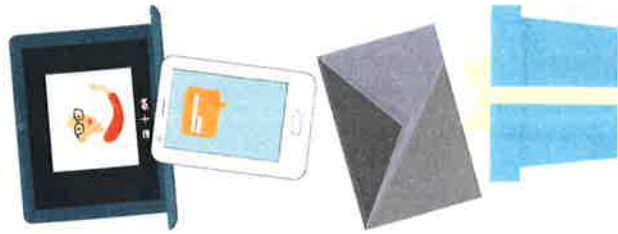
“When a grandfather dies, a whole library is buried with him” (African proverb).

“Our grandmother used to tell us stories of our dreamtime. Much of our sense of being part of a people comes from her” (Aboriginal parent).

Children and the elderly build the future of peoples: children because they lead history forward, the elderly because they transmit the experience and wisdom of their lives

Pope Francis - Angelus, Rio de Janeiro, 26 July 2013, quoting Aparecida Document, 447.

Long Distance (Tech-savvy) Grandparents



Whats App, Facetime, Zoom...

...and a host of other apps are good but prepare for them. Have a news item or interesting fact to pass on at each video-chat. Put a prompt in your calendar to remind you at a regular time.

Texting is quick...

... and perfect for passing on jokes, today's photo or interesting quotes. Get your grandkids to show you how to include emojis and gifs to take it up a level.

Email is so easy...

... and perfect for sharing an attachment from a store of photos, news items or interesting family history.

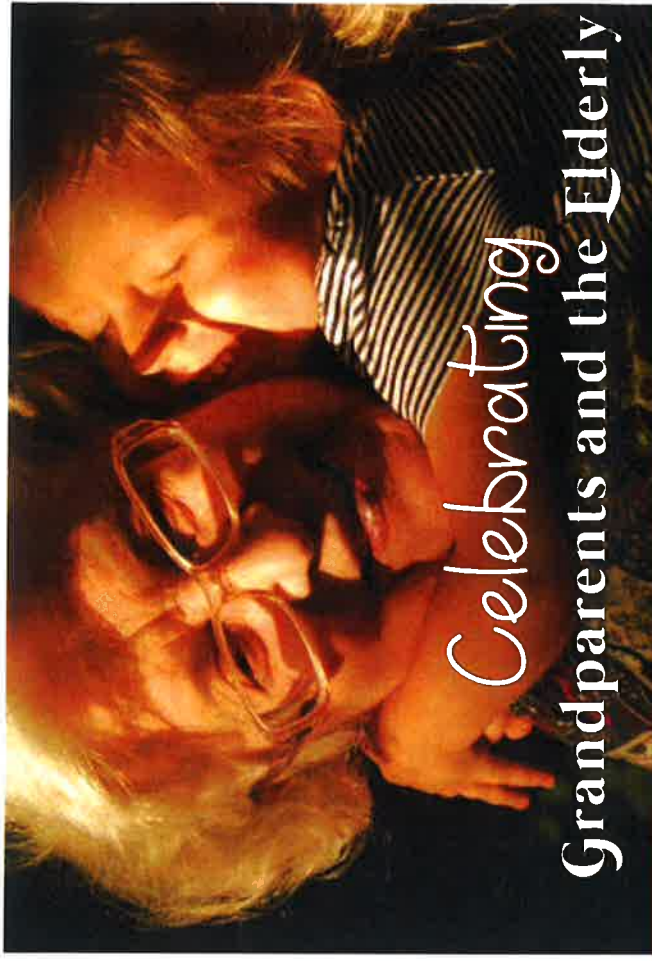
Snail mail is slow...

...yet unsurpassed in communicating your personal attention and delivering the delight of a physical letter or package.



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Celebrating Grandparents and the Elderly

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Each of us, whether married or single, religious or priest, share this mission. Let's reflect on the particular ways in which this is lived out by grandparents and the elderly.

THE OLDER GENERATION: THEY'VE 'SEEN IT ALL BEFORE'

In the confusion of a pandemic, older people are the ones with the longest experience of unpredictable and challenging times. They are survivors whose experiences often include migration, war, droughts, bushfires, financial recessions, business failures, to name just some. They can provide perspective in the face of uncertainty.



GRANDPARENTS: OUR PERSONAL BANK OF MEMORIES

Memories help us understand who we are. And when planning for the future, we call on our memories to help us to prepare. The elderly often can remember their own parents and grandparents as well as knowing the two generations that follow them. Only **they** carry with them the collective experience of five generations. That's a huge wealth on which to draw.

THE ELDERLY: GOOD FOR MENTAL HEALTH

The mental health of young people is enhanced by knowing their place in their own particular family's history. In the early days of Canberra, as young families moved there for work, a sociological challenge was the relative lack of the older generation. In today's world, the range of contacts of youth are hugely increased by modern social media but very often these are limited to their own narrow age range. The presence of the elderly can help to reduce that imbalance.

THE ELDERLY ALSO BENEFIT FROM THE YOUNG: IT WORKS BOTH WAYS.

Both generations benefit from each other. As one grandmother said, 'We enjoy playing kids' games that we would never play with friends of our age. And we enjoy taking the grandkids to movies that we would never watch on our own. So while we're teaching them things, they're helping us to keep abreast of new trends and new technologies. They keep us young.'



We know very little about Sts Joachim and Anne. Whatever their names or the facts of their lives, we can assume that Mary was raised in a Jewish family home, faithful to God and to the religious traditions of her day such that she was led to respond wholeheartedly to God's request with faith, "Let it be done to me as you will."



SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE,
PRAY FOR US; PRAY FOR OUR
GRANDCHILDREN WHO ARE SO DEAR TO US

GRANDPARENTS HAVE THE GIFT OF 'PRESENCE'

Grandparents often have time to 'do' things, like driving kids to school or sport, playing games or teaching them to cook or build things, reading stories. But their main gift is their presence - just 'being around'. Their own love and care and their observations are all part of creating a culture of security and care for the younger generations.



WHEN GRANDCHILDREN DON'T PRACTICE THE FAITH

The loss of faith practice of grandchildren can be a deep source of sorrow. Pray with trust daily for each grandchild by name.

Tell grandchildren you are praying for them, especially that they come to know the love of Jesus.

Pray for forgiveness for the times you haven't been the best grandparent.

Preach without words - be the kind of person you want your grandchildren to become: trustworthy, respectful, generous.

Be joyful - talk about the good that others do, eg care for the poor, respectful of others.

CATHOLIC GRANDPARENTS ASSOCIATION

An international movement with the mission to help grandparents pass on the faith and keep prayer at the heart of family life. It encourages grandparents at a local parish level to come together to help one another to pass on the faith. For more information, contact Rita & Mavis Pirola rita.pirola@marrriagefc.org



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