



## OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL PARISH

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**25 July 2021**

### Seventeenth Sunday Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:42-44  
Psalm Response: Psalm 144:10-11, 15-18

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

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6  
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

### LET US PRAY FOR

**Sick:** Chris DOUTRE Vicki HEATH Paul HOCKING Chris HULL Mary & Joe KLOSS Pasquale MANARITI Roisin MCGOVERN Christopher MCKEOWN Benjamin MIFSUD Esmaela PAPANGO Lucy PERKOVIC Peter RYAN Anthony SERIC

**Anniversaries:** Anna Maria FILISETTI  
Kathy WHORLOW



*Our Parish is committed to  
the Safety, Wellbeing and  
Dignity of all including  
children and vulnerable  
adults.*

## **Parish Vision: Christlike relationships of friendship and faith, valuing one another and sharing our gifts for the good of all**

### **THE FIRST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

Today begins this annual World Day began by Pope Francis continuing each year on the fourth Sunday in July, close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

**THE ELDERLY POPE'S MESSAGE TO THE ELDERLY:** In his official message for the World Day, Pope Francis affirmed the elderly, reminding them that God is with them always:

"This is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven. They are the words that he repeats to you today, dear grandfathers and grandmothers, dear elderly friends. 'I am with you always' are also the words that I, as Bishop of Rome and an elderly person like yourselves, would like to address to you on this first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. The whole Church is close to you-to us- and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!"

**OUR GRANDPARENTS-A TREASURY OF WISDOM:** Previously, at the World Meeting of Families in 2018, Pope Francis reminded the Church that: "A society that does not value grandparents is a society that has no future. A Church that is not mindful of the covenant between generations will end up lacking the thing that really matters, which is love. Our grandparents.... Are a treasury of experience, a treasury of wisdom for the new generation " (address, IX World Meeting of Families, Dublin 25 August 2018).

**PASTORAL CARE FOR TODAY'S ELDERLY:** In January 2020, near the end of a 3 day conference in Rome, Pope Francis addressed the group: "The Catholic Church at every level, he said, must respond to the longer life expectancies and changing demographics evident around the world.

While some people see retirement as marking the time when productivity and strength decline, the 83 year old Pope said, for others it is a time when they are still physically fit and mentally sharp but have much more freedom than they had when they were working and raising a family.

In both situations, he said, the church must be there to offer a helping hand if needed, benefit from the gifts of the elderly and work to counter social attitudes that see the old as useless burdens on a community."

**THE ELDERLY ARE BLESSED- A FUTURE OF THE CHURCH:** "Today I want to tell you that the elderly are the present and tomorrow of the church," he said. "Yes, they are also the future of a church, which, together with young people, prophesies and dreams. That is why it is so important that the old and the young talk to each other. It is so important."

"In the Bible, longevity is a blessing," the Pope noted. It is a time to face one's fragility and to recognise how reciprocal love and care within a family really are."

"Giving long life, God the Father gives time to deepen one's awareness of him and to deepen intimacy with him, to draw closer to his heart and abandon oneself to him." the Pope said. "It is a time to prepare to consign our spirit into his hands, definitively, with the trust of children. But it also is a time of renewed fruitfulness."

While aging is not a disease, "solitude can be an illness," he said. "But with charity, closeness and spiritual comfort, we can cure it."

The elderly, he said, "are not only people we are called to assist and to protect in order to safeguard their lives, but they can be protagonists of evangelisation, privileged witnesses of God's faithful love."

....Kevin McIntosh

**NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK:** begins next Sunday, 1st August. It is an opportunity for us to pray for and help young people discern their vocation from God.

**BEQUESTS:** *Are you writing your will or considering a change? Please consider leaving your legacy to the work of our Parish. Details can be obtained by contacting the Parish Office. Telephone 9744 1060 or email [sunbury@cam.org.au](mailto:sunbury@cam.org.au)*

**OUR PRAYERFUL SYMPATHY:** we offer to Rachel Naughton and her family as her daughter Deidre, aged 42 and her granddaughter Leela aged 10, died in their farmhouse fire in Tallarook on 13th July. Rachel is our Diocesan Archivist and member of the Diocesan Historical Commission. Rachel helps parishes when celebrating historical events.

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: JESUS THE NEW MOSES:** This Sunday, we interrupt our continuous reading of Mark's gospel and move to John's Gospel, chapter six which over 71 verses presents Jesus as the Bread of Life. John links the event of Jesus' feeding the five thousand with the people of Israel being fed by God while being led by Moses escaping from the slavery of Egypt.

Looking back to the Exodus, John has Jesus taking the bread and giving thanks, which in Greek is eucharisten.

**PLENTY OF FOOD FOR ALL:** The feeding of the multitude is a profoundly political statement. Today, there is sufficient food in our world to ensure that no one should ever go hungry. Sadly, the distribution of that food is such that there are some in our world whose bellies are expanded from an excess of food while others' are distended from a lack of food. We can easily feed the entire world. It is the responsibility of us in the developed world with more than we need to bring about a more equitable distribution to bring food to those who don't even have enough to live.

**KEEPING IN TOUCH DURING LOCKDOWN:** If we have not already began to keep in contact by telephone with those we think may be lonely during lockdown, let us make a start. St Mother Teresa of Calcutta said loneliness is the major illness of the 20th century.

**60 YEARS OF PRIESTHOOD:** On Friday, Bishop Peter Connors originally from Lancefield and Fr Noel Mackay (originally from Fitzroy) marked 60 years since they were ordained priests for the Church of Melbourne. Bishop Peter was secretary to Archbishop Little for many years, before being appointed the Bishop of Ballarat in 1997 for 15 years. Father Noel was parish priest of Scoresby for over thirty years before he retired.

**HONORARY PARISH ACCOUNTANT:** we are seeking the services of a partly or recently retired Accountant to assist in the administration of the Parish. Anyone interested should contact Jim Foran on 0456 654 003 to discuss the role and obtain an information sheet. They might then let Jim know of their interest in joining the team.

**JUSTICE IN JULY:** Thank you most sincerely to all who have contributed to the appeal for Vinnies and Asylum Seekers. In collaboration with the schools we have had a spectacular response.

**HOLY TRINITY PROGRESS REPORT:** The construction of Stage II of Holy Trinity School is proceeding well. The six new classrooms are scheduled to be completed by the end of this month, if the weather is suitable. The community building with its 6-metre cross is due to be completed at the end of August. Solar panels have been installed. Plastering of the Community Hub will finish in 2 weeks.

**PARISH COORDINATING TEAM PURPOSE:** To promote the Parish mission to live and communicate the love, values, and teachings of Christ in our world. The PCT shares in the responsibility for the ongoing life and development of the faith community, working together with parishioners to provide support for their efforts to live as followers of Christ. Our PCT members are **Michael McConville, Denise O'Brien, Juan Carlos Rodriguez-Dellar, Jane Voon, Sue Wight, Mary Baensch, Garnet Jacob, Pauline Sharma, Michael Hetherington, Fr Kevin, Lyn Plummer & Sr Jose.**

This month the PCT reviewed the Plenary Council and Parish Survey documents with a view to implementing our Parishioners' suggestions.

**TELEVISED SUNDAY MASS:** with an extension of their licence, C31 (or Channel 44 for digital TV) the community TV channel will continue to broadcast live and free from St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne while there are Covid restrictions at 11am Sunday mornings.

**PERMANENT DIACONATE:** On Saturday, 14th August, at 10.00am at the University of Divinity, Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC, there will be an information session on the Permanent Diaconate. Your help is needed to promote this vocation within your parish. Perhaps there are some male parishioners, married or single, between the age of 30 to 60 years, whom you could speak with concerning this call to ministry. For more info email [diaconate@cam.org.au](mailto:diaconate@cam.org.au)

**PAPAL VISIT TO HUNGARY AND SLOVAKIA:** from 12th to 15th September, Pope Francis will have a packed schedule that shows he has no intention of slowing down despite his recent recovery from colon surgery.



## YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

*"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"*

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