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World Day of Grandparents & The Elderly

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A 23 July 2023

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Sunday Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:00am and 9:00am

Croatian Mass: Sun 11:00am

Kid's Church

Sunday 9:00am during School days

Weekday Masses

Mon, Wed, Thu, Fri & Sat: 9:00am

Tuesday: 7:00pm Mass and Novena

Baptism: By appointment

On Sundays at 10:15 am

Reconciliation:

Saturdays 9:30am – 10:15am

Confirmation:

Sunday 21st May 2023

Marriage:

By appointment (Six months' notice)

Divine Mercy Prayers & Benediction

Fridays 6:30pm

St Vincent de Paul Society Meetings

1st Weds of the month 6pm presbytery

Entrance Antiphon: See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Theme: As part of Christ's discourse on the kingdom of heaven, today's gospel offers three parables to describe the Kingdom of Heaven. All three parables use commonplace experiences to explain the aspects of the Kingdom of Heaven. Invitation to the Kingdom of God is open to everyone, but evil and sin exist as barriers. Contained within these parables are words of caution as well as words of consolation. The patience of the farmer in letting the weed grow on until harvest time, exemplifies the infinite mercy of God. God is patient with every sinner and His goodness surpasses every evil. The parable portrays God's ultimate sovereignty and authority over the final judgment, when the wheat will be gathered, and the weeds will be cast into eternal punishment. Though God offers invitation and grace; Kingdom of God is achieved through conversion and commitment.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord, the gracious, the merciful, has made a memorial of his wonders; he gives food to those who fear him.

World Day of Grandparents & The Elderly

"His mercy is from age to age" (Lk1;50) This is the theme of the Third World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis reminds us of the joyful meeting between the young Mary and her elderly relative Elizabeth and invites us to reflect on the bond that unites young and old. The presence of our grandparents and the elderly is precious and should be honoured. *Pope Francis*

Catholic Weekly for \$2 each

- World Youth Day pilgrims go with haste!
- Natalia Matar hears God's call for WYD

Prayers & Thanks

Thanks to Jimmy & Marilou Ong for the altar flowers, offered in thanksgiving for the favours received. Let us pray for their intentions.

Flowers & Candles Offering.

There is a new Flowers Offering form starting from 10th Sept to Christmas 25th Dec. There will be no flowers during Advent.

The parish will pray specially for your intentions on the weekend you choose to offer flowers and candles. Thank you for your offering pledges.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal takes place this weekend. This appeal supports the members of our local community experiencing disadvantage and hardship; particularly the concerning number of older women experiencing risk of homelessness. Donations above \$2 are tax deductible. Tax receipts will be issued by Vinnies.

New volunteers needed to read.

New volunteers are needed to read at the Sunday 9am masses rostered 4-5 weekly. Please contact the parish office if you would like to help.

The Marian Movement of Priests (MMP)

Cenacle on Thurs at 9.30am for half an hour (after 9am mass). Consisting of rosary prayers for Holy Father and priests, followed by Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Please feel free to attend. Books provided.

Feast Days of the Week

25 July – Saint James

26 July – Saints Joachim and Anne

29 July – Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus

Prayer Requests

1. Mass Intentions

2. The Sick: Beatrice Bentley, Ruby C. Gorospe, Ben Stever, Ernie Amante, Ryan Genard Bacal, Rachel Baker, Gesalit Cabrera, Hilda Caiza, Jennifer Caiza, Maria Cerreto, Terry Delaney, Grazia Ferraro, Ann Fiala, Steve Forster, Lourdes Infante, Lourdes Lubrin, Tomi Lusaipau, Gwen Menzies, Carol Merrick, Alexander Metierre, Nadia Radmilo, Katie Thornton, Diana Wiley, the sick in the parish, and all the sick and suffering.

3. Recently deceased: Fr Carl Ashton, Ann Grimmant, Eduardo Garcia, Lisa Juliano

4. Deceased Anniversary: Marijon Bernatovic (6th anniv), Isabel R. Gorospe (24th anniv), Salvacion Rubin, Vincent Tran van Ban (8th anniv), Stephanie D'Souza

5. Deceased's Birthday: Ibarra Cruz

6. Other Deceased: All Souls in Purgatory.

7. Thanksgiving

ROSTERS for Next Week

Sat 29 July- VIGIL SAT 5.30 PM

Readers: Janelle Panton/Margaret C

Acolyte: David Spowart

Sun 30 July - SUNDAY 7.00 AM

Readers: Carol O'Loughlin/Tanya S

Acolyte: Socorro Lucas

Sun 30 July - SUNDAY 9.00 AM

Readers: Fabian & Maria Heaton

Acolyte: Albert Nera

Counters: Dever Family

Altar Society: (Gp3) Gloria Nimmett
& Joan Butler

Flowers Offering: David & Mary
Spowart

