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WEEK COMMENCING 25 JULY 2021– YEAR B *Divine Office: Week 1*
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

POPE FRANCIS' MESSAGE FOR 1ST WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 2021

On 31 January 2021, Pope Francis announced a new celebration in honour of all grandparents and the elderly.

Theme this year: "I am with you always", taken from St Matthew's Gospel. This new World Day will be celebrated annually on the 4th Sunday of July, to coincide with the Feast Day of the Mary's parents and Jesus' grandparents, Ss Joachim and Anne. The Holy Father also granted a plenary indulgence to grandparents, the elderly, and all who participate in the solemn celebration of this day, as well as to those who spend time (actually or virtually) with an elderly brother or sister in need on this day.



In his message for the first World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, Pope Francis writes: "...this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven ... 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!" We should cherish the elderly and recognise their value as members of our Faith community.

Comfort amid the pandemic: The Pope's message comes amid the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic that has affected everyone, especially elderly people. Many, Pope Francis noted, "fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods." The Pope assured that "The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time ... He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic." He illustrated this with the story of St Joachim, grandfather of Jesus, who, according to tradition, was consoled by a messenger of the Lord when he felt estranged from those around him.

The Lord messengers: The Pope assured that, even in our darkest moments, the Lord continues to send angels to console and to remind us that He is with us always. Sometimes, these angels will have the face of our grandchildren or in "the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us." But the Lord always "sends us messengers through his words". Pope Francis invited the elderly to "try to read a page of the Gospel every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets" as "the Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. For at every hour of the day, and in every season of life, he continues to send labourers into his vineyard."

Vocation of the elderly: The Lord commanded His disciples to "Go ... and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt 28:19-20). This command, Pope Francis said, helps the elderly to better understand that they have the vocation "to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones" irrespective of their age, or whether they have family and grandchildren, or still work, for that there's no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down the traditions and treasures of our Faith to grandchildren. The Pope further encouraged the elderly to "set out and undertake something new" in spite of the doubts and questions they might have. It can happen "if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills", the Pope said.

Emerging from the crisis: Pope Francis reflected on collective efforts bring an end to the pandemic. We will not emerge from the crises as we were before, but either better and worse. "No one is saved alone ... we are all brothers and sisters", and are indebted to one another. The elderly, he stressed, "are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow". The elderly, better than anyone else, can help to set up three of the pillars that support "this new edifice," which include dreams, memory and prayer. "It is necessary that we continue to dream," said the Pope. "Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity, can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future." He noted "dreams are intertwined with memory." Painful memories, such as war can help the young to learn the value of peace. The elderly that experienced the suffering of war must pass on the message and keep the memory alive. Sharing it with others is a true mission for every elderly person. "Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory," he said.

Prayer: Finally, Pope Francis spoke about the importance of prayer. He recalled Pope Benedict XVI's words: "the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others." The prayer of the elderly is "a very precious resource; a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need" that "inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore" especially in these times "as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic."

The Holy Father concluded by asking the Lord that "all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs. May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us today: 'I am with you, always!' Keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing."

Read the full message at: www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/events/event.dir.html/content/vaticanevents/en/2021/6/22/messaggio-giornata-nonni.html (printed copies available by request to those with no online access)

MASS TIMES WEEK COMMENCING 25 JULY 2021 **17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

Saturday Vigil	24	5.30pm	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	For Mass intentions see printed copy
Sunday	25	9.30am	St Joseph's	
		9.30am	St Peter's (Polish)	
		11.30am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Monday	26		<i>NO MORNING MASS (resumes 16 August)</i>	<i>Ss Joachim & Ann</i>
Tuesday	27	7pm	St Edward's ** <i>NOTE NEW TIME</i>	
Wednesday	28	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	
Thursday	29	10am	St Joseph's	<i>St Martha</i>
Friday	30	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>St Peter Chrysologus</i>
Saturday	31	10am	St Peter's (LIVE STREAM)	<i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>

MALAYALAM MASS is monthly - normally **4pm** on the **3rd Sunday** of the month at St Peter's Church

CONFESSIONS **Saturdays 10.30-11am** at St Peter's; **Sundays 9-9.20am** and **Mondays 9.30-9.50am** at St Joseph's. Or by request.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT 30 minutes before each *weekday* Mass in each church

STREAMED MASSES IN OUR PARISH <https://www.scarboroughcatholicparishes.org.uk/> Click button on home page

READINGS AT MASS & Daily Prayer of the Church: Link available on our website

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL SHRINE at St Peter's is open (gate is unlocked). Take a **free** medal.

POPE FRANCIS MONTH OF JULY PRAYER INTENTION: *that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship.*

† **RECENTLY DEAD** Linda Duggan, Robert Barnes, Mary Mathai

† **ANNIVS:** Matthew Gilson, Pat Aveyard, Fr Tom O'Connell, Lillian Bane, Anthony Greenaway

MASS ATTENDANCE: **Vigil** St Peter's; **50 Sun** St Joseph's **80;** Polish **72;** St Peter's **96; Total 298**

OFFERINGS Loose plate **£372;** Gift Aid envelopes **£379;** Polish **£30;** Average Standing orders **£648; Total £1,429**

PLANNED GIVING To sign up for *Offertory Envelope* or *Standing Order giving*, contact the parish office



YEAR OF ST JOSEPH MONTHLY THEMES – JULY: Joseph Most Faithful. *Fidelity connotes steadfastness. In the vicissitudes of life, one needs steadfast love, that is, fidelity, when encountering confusion, suffering, and failure. The image of Joseph finding a place in which the Child could be born was his movement in all of life. Failure simply meant one went on in fidelity and found by failure what God had intended for the fruitfulness of His will.*

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS to our Mass this weekend.

FUNERAL SERVICE of Linda Duggan: **12 noon on Tuesday 27 July** at St Peter's.

MASS AT ST EDWARD'S returns to **7pm this Tuesday 27 July**. It will be at 7pm each week until further notice.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Preparation will begin in September. 30+ have signed up (inc. 4 adults). Confirmations will take place at **7pm on Thursday 4 November**.

FEAST OF ST JAMES, APOSTLE would normally fall on **25 July**, but it falls on a Sunday this year, so the Lord's Day takes Preference. He is known as St James the Greater to distinguish him from St James the Less, who was said to be shorter in stature. St James was son of Zebedee and Salome and brother of John the disciple. He was one the earliest to follow Jesus, as is related in all 4 Gospels, and was one of only three called by Jesus to witness his Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1). James preached the Gospel in the Holy Land, and tradition holds that he spread the Word for many years in Spain. A local tradition says the Virgin Mary appeared to James on the bank of the Ebro River at Caesaraugusta, now Zaragoza, Spain, while he was preaching the Gospel. She appeared upon a pillar, *Nuestra Señora del Pilar*, and that pillar is conserved and venerated within the present Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar, in Zaragoza. Following the apparition, St James returned to Judea, where he was beheaded by King Herod Agrippa I in AD44. His body is said to have been brought on a rudderless ship with no sail which landed at Iria Flavia (modern day Padron, close to Santiago), and his remains taken inland for burial. Legend say Local Celtic Queen Lupa converted to Christianity following a miracle, after first attempting to thwart the group. St James' body was subsequently buried at the summit of Mt Libredón (nucleus of today's Compostela), where it lay forgotten for almost 800 years. In 814 a hermit discovered the burial ground containing the relics of St James, notified the Bishop of Iria Flavia, who confirmed that the bones belonged to St James. King Alfonso II of Asturias soon made the trek to Compostela to pay homage to the saint, becoming the first pilgrim on the Way of St James. A network of ancient pilgrim routes exists to St James' tomb at Santiago De Compostela, called the Camino de Santiago.

ASSUMPTION MASS CANCELLED Sunday 15 August: The Diocese has, with great regret, decided to cancel this year's Assumption Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley, due to rising Covid cases across the diocese.

REPAINTING OUTSIDE ST PETER'S is now complete (doors/guttering/downpipes/parish centre doors & railings).

CAFOD CLIMATE CHANGE PETITION Pope Francis has said that climate change "*represents one of the principal challenges facing humanity in our day*". This year, the UK will host the '**COP26**' climate talks in Glasgow in November. Many of the world's poorest countries are struggling to cope with the effects of climate change such as increased droughts, floods and cyclones. We need world leaders to put the poorest people at the heart of their talks and the UK has a critical role to play as host. Please sign the **ONLINE PETITION** to the Prime Minister. Go to <https://action.cafod.org.uk/page/73304/petition/1>

SOME RECENT EXPENSES Service and repairs to lightning conductors at all three churches £746; votive candles £312; altar breads £132; ordination expenses £300; Sanitiser fluid £520; PAT tests at all churches and meeting rooms (electrical appliances) £381.

ARE YOU NEW TO THE PARISH Please consider completing a Parish Census Form. Having correct records helps the church care for the parish community, especially in times of need when people often need the help of their priest. A copy is available at back or church, or by request. Note: all personal information is treated confidentially and kept securely and in accordance with the Data Protection act.

DIOCESAN VACANCY Diocesan Director of Music: Full Time (35 hours pwk). Salary: around £35,000. Permanent Contract. Based at St Mary's Cathedral, Middlesbrough. Starting: December 2021/January 2022. Job description, specification and application, from bishopsecretary@rcdmidd.org.uk. More info on role from Current Director of Music: musicdept@rcdmidd.org.uk for info

SANCTUARY LAMP DEDICATIONS £3 if you would like a Sanctuary Lamp candle to burn in memory of a loved one.

SUNDAY SMILE: *May the face of every good news and the back of every bad news always be in front of you.*

COVID-19 Latest Guidelines: Despite 'Freedom Day' 19 July we will continue with social distancing in churches for some time. Again, sanitising of hands on the way in and out please. Wearing of masks in church please. Vigilance is needed by all