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Fr Richard Ross PP

Dear Parish Family,

During the week Pope Francis released his message for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which is being held on Sunday 25th July, the day before the feast day of Saints Anne and Joachim, the grandparents of Jesus. This initiative forms part of the Church's current Year of the Family, which focuses on various aspects of family life. Pope Francis has chosen the theme: "I am with you always" (Mt 28:20) for this inaugural celebration. Identifying himself to be an elderly person and speaking to 'Grandparents & Elderly Friends', he says: "*The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!*" In his message he speaks about the impact of the pandemic on the elderly and the story of God sending an angel to be with Joachim when he felt estranged from society. He says:

"That is the meaning of this Day ... may every grandfather, every grandmother, every older person, especially those among us who are most alone, receive the visit of an angel! The Lord is always – always – close to us. He is close to us with new possibilities, new ideas, new consolations, but always close to us. You know the Lord is eternal; he never, ever goes into retirement."

We look forward to celebrating World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly in our parish and encourage you to extend a special invitation to your grandparents, or your grandchildren, or an elderly friend to attend Mass together on that weekend to celebrate with each other and our wider parish family. Please see further information about these celebrations in the newsletter.

We hear of the closeness of God in this Sunday's readings, too. Just as Jesus commands the girl, through faith, to get up and keep living even when all seems lost, we are encouraged to trust in the closeness of God and keep moving forward as he calls us in all the seasons of our lives.

We welcome and thank Fr Brian Nichols, Fr Peter O'Loughlin, and Fr Terry Yard who are celebrating various Masses with us this weekend while Fr Richard is on leave. Please keep our students and school staff in your prayers for a fruitful last week of Term 2 this week. No doubt they look towards a bit of a break before a big Term 3.

Rachelle (*Family Ministry Coordinator*)

Vinnies Winter Appeal : Thank you for your progressive donations of **\$5,940** and **164 bags of clothing and blankets, a wonderful response**. These contributions are greatly appreciated and can make a real difference to the lives of the people we support.

Invitations in preparation for World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly (25 July):

1. From next weekend we will have some posters available for our younger parishioners to complete in celebration of their grandparents (keep an eye out).
2. Invite your grandparents, grandchildren, and/or elderly friends to attend Mass with you on 24/25 July. There will be special celebrations at all Masses across that weekend, but something a little extra special from the children at the 10.30am Mass.
3. We encourage you to plan an activity to spend time with your grandparent/ grandchild following the Mass. If your grandparents or an elderly person you know is unable to be at Mass with you, make a plan to go and visit them following Mass (whether in person or virtually).
4. We are also working on a small prayer video for the day. If you are a grandparent and/or consider yourself to fit the 'elderly' category and would be happy to be recorded saying a line from the prayer we would love to hear from you. Please e-mail: bellerive@aohtas.org.au, or see Rachelle, or contact the Parish Office.

Parking on Alma Street: Just a friendly reminder if you are parking on Alma Street when visiting Corpus Christi Church, please ensure you park with appropriate distance from driveways (& not over or partially over any driveways) and with kind consideration for our neighbours. Thank you!

The Standard : The latest edition is available in the foyer.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	6:00pm	Church of the Incarnation (Reconciliation 5:30)
Sunday	8:30am	John Paul II (Live streamed)
	10:30am	Corpus Christi
	6:00pm	Corpus Christi

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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Next week's Readings: Ezek 2:2-5; 2 Cor 12:7-10; Mk 6:1-6