



Word Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: Today, 25th July, is the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, in which we are all invited to celebrate and give thanks for the role and contribution of grandparents and older people to their families and our parishes. At our Sunday Masses, we will pray for all grandparents and elderly in our parish community. There is also a short booklet, with a message from Pope Francis, to be distributed to all grandparents and elderly. If you do not receive a hard copy,

an electronic version is available on the parish website. You can also read a short reflection on grandparents written by Claire, one of our young parishioners, below.

A Tribute to our grandparents and elderly

To the grandparents and elderly members of our community:
On behalf of all the grandchildren and young people in our parish let me first say how much we appreciate you, your wisdom, and your contributions. Although we may not always remember to tell you, you are so loved and so valued. It is an honour to be in your company and to be loved by you. Pope Francis has given us this opportunity to remember and celebrate the importance of having you in our lives. Thank you for sharing your faith with us and supporting us in our own faith journeys. You are in our hearts and our prayers, always.

To the grandchildren and young people:
Please never forget the blessing that our grandparents and older people bring to the parish and to us in our lives. They love us fiercely and they always have our best interests at heart. How blessed we are to be given time with them. Please appreciate every moment you are privileged to spend with them. Let us listen intently to their stories as they share them with us as their memories shape who we are. Love and appreciate their experience and knowledge and make sure they know just how much we love and cherish them.

*Claire McFarlane
(on behalf of all grandchildren)*



SAINT JOSEPH'S
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25th July 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

five barley loaves

and two fish;

but what is that between so many?

The feeding of the five thousand

John 6: 1-15

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ORDER OF THE MASS

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 67: 6-7, 36

God is in his holy place,
God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Introductory Rites

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

℟ *Amen.*

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

℟ *And with your spirit.*

Penitential Act

*I confess to almighty God / and to you my brothers and sisters,
that I have greatly sinned / in my thoughts and in my words,
in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do,
through my fault, through my fault,
through my most grievous fault;
therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin,
all the angels and saints / and you my brothers and sisters,
to pray for me to the Lord our God.*

Amen.

P: Lord have mercy.

℟ *Lord have mercy*

P: Christ have mercy.

℟ *Christ have mercy*

P: Lord have mercy

℟ *Lord have mercy.*

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,

we bless you,

we adore you,

we glorify you,

we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King,

O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,

Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

you take away the sins of the world,

have mercy on us;

you take away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father,

have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One,

Reflection

The episodes of multiplication: Today's first reading and the gospel passage portray the miracle of the multiplication of fruits, loaves and fish. In the first reading, Prophet Elisha tells his servant to distribute the fruits to a group of hundred men. The servant was hesitant as the fruits were insufficient for such a group. But at the insistence of the prophet, "he served them; they ate and had some left over". The gospel depicts that Jesus fed five thousand men with five barley loaves and two fish, and they collected twelve baskets of scraps. The episode of the multiplication of loaves and fish clearly indicates the *motives* that prompted Jesus to do it and the *process* which he employed.

The motives for action: The first motive for the multiplication of the bread is *knowledge*. Jesus knows his listeners and their actual situation; he knows their needs—immediate and remote. The second motive that prompted Jesus to multiply bread is *compassion*. And the third motive is Jesus' genuine interest in the wellbeing of the people.

Compassion and action: Jesus did not remain at the level of knowledge, compassion and interest, but gave concrete expression to these sentiments. When surrounded by thousands of people, he could have sent them away hungry and thirsty; he could be indifferent. On the contrary, he involved himself in their lives.

The mode of operation: Jesus being the Son of God could have worked a miracle and appeased the hunger of the crowd easily and immediately. Instead, he asked the disciples to do it. Jesus asked for their collaboration. In other words, Jesus invites them to participate and collaborate in his mission.

World day for the grandparents and the elderly: By celebrating the first world day for grandparents and the elderly, the church wants to remind us that the elderly are not forgotten. It reminds the elders and the young ones their responsibilities. The elders have the responsibility to be still active in the mission. The young ones have the responsibility to care for the elders. In fact, just as Jesus invited the disciples to feed the hungry, he invites us to be involved in meeting the need of others. We can do it by giving the little that we can ("five loaves and two fish), and the Lord will multiply them.

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P: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.
R: *Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.*

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

Ps 102: 2

NOTICES

New Covid restrictions have now taken effect. Social distancing has reduced from 2 metres to 1 metre. This means that we can now sit 3 individuals in a single row (or 1 couple and one individual). We can also use every second row in the church which has increased our capacity. Nonetheless, it is still recommended that you book your space for Mass in advance to simplify the track and trace process at the door. However, if you haven't booked a space, you can sign in at the door. We can also reintroduce music to our services. Those who attend the 11am Mass will receive an additional insert in the bulletin with the words to our hymns. Please continue to observe all other previous Covid guidance including the wearing of masks.

Booking for Mass: To book for Mass, contact Ewan Walker by calling or sending a text message to 07913 824 258 or by email eaw287@gmail.com.

Parish Finances: It is possible to donate via bank transfer if you wish. The parish account details are: **Sort code: 80-02-27 Account number: 00126361 Account name: Archdiocese of St Andrew's & Edinburgh: St Joseph's** Please remember to include your name as a reference. **Last Sunday's Collection:** £278.60. Thank you for your generosity.

Safeguarding Webinar: The Bishops of Scotland invite clergy, religious, church employees and volunteers across Scotland to a national safeguarding webinar at 11am on Saturday 2 October. It will be a chance to find out more about the safeguarding document In Gods Image v2 and reflect upon on its implications for your safeguarding role in the Church. The link to register is: bit.ly/3gQRdPu.

you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

First reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

The Word of the Lord

R *Thanks be to God*

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

R. You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **R.**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

Second Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

The Word of the Lord

R *Thanks be to God*

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life;
you have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia!

cf. Jn6:63,68

Gospel

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

The Gospel of the Lord

R Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Profession of Faith

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit / born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty, from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting.

Amen.

Prayers of the Faithful

P: Lord, hear us.

R Lord Graciously Hear us.

The Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

The Mystery of Faith

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection, until you come again.

Doxology and Great Amen

P: Through him, and with him, and in him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, for ever and ever.

C: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; / thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.*

P: Deliver us Lord, we pray...

*For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever.*

P: Lord Jesus Christ.... For ever and ever.

R Amen.

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R And with your spirit.

Breaking of the Bread

*Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.*