



Catholic Parish of
Immaculate Heart of Mary & St. Kieran
Moe – Newborough
27/07/2025
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year C, Weekday cycle 1



O God, the Creator and Giver of all good things, bless our Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary and St Kieran.
Strengthen our faith, grant us a spirit of mission so that, through our service of neighbor, we will praise and glorify you.
Immaculate Heart of Mary: *Pray for us.* St Kieran: *Pray for us.*

Mission Statement

Inspired by the Gospel as members of this Oblate missionary community, we celebrate and live out our Catholic faith.

Under the pastoral care of the

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We are a Child Safe Parish

Any children, young persons and adults at risk have a right to feel safe and be safe. If you are concerned about any form of abuse, or believe that someone is at significant risk, please immediately raise your concerns with a Safeguarding Officer.

Contact our safeguarding officers Carol Wilson or Teresa Dinnie via the Parish Office.

World Day for Grandparents and Elderly - 27th July 2025

In 2021, Pope Francis established the celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and Elderly on the fourth Sunday of July, near the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus (July 26). The theme for the 2025 celebration selected by the pope is "Blessed are those who have not lost hope" (cf. Sir 14:2). "These words, taken from the Book of Sirach, express the blessedness of the elderly and highlight the hope placed in the Lord as the path to a Christian and reconciled old age.

'In this Jubilee Year, the World Day – established by Pope Francis in 2021 – aims to be an opportunity to reflect on how the presence of grandparents and the elderly is a sign of hope in every family and ecclesial community"

Message of the His Holiness Pope Leo XIV

Blessed are those who have not lost hope.

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Jubilee we are now celebrating helps us to realize that hope is a constant source of joy, whatever our age. When that hope has also been tempered by fire over the course of a long life, it proves a source of deep happiness.

Sacred Scripture offers us many examples of men and women whom the Lord called late in life to play a part in his saving plan. We can think of Abraham and Sarah, who, advanced in years, found it hard to believe when God promised them a child. Their childlessness seemed to prevent them from any hope for the future.

Zechariah's reaction to the news of John the Baptist's birth was no different: "How can this be? I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years" (Lk 1:18). Old age, barrenness and physical decline apparently blocked any hope for life and fertility in these men and women. The question that Nicodemus asked Jesus when the Master spoke to him of being "born again" also seems purely rhetorical: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" (Jn 3:4). Yet whenever we think that things cannot change, the Lord surprises us with an act of saving power. The elderly as signs of hope

In the Bible, God repeatedly demonstrates his providential care by turning to people in their later years. This was the case not only with Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but also with Moses, who was called to set his people free when he was already eighty years old (cf. Ex 7:7). God thus teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope. Augustine asks, "What do we mean by old age?" He tells us that God himself answers the question: "Let your strength fail, so that my strength may abide within you, and you can say with the Apostle, 'When I am weak, then I am strong'" (Super Ps. 70,11). The increasing number of elderly people is a sign of the times that we are called to discern, in order to interpret properly this moment of history.

The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment, and should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. In the book of Genesis, we find the moving episode of the blessing given by the aged Jacob to his grandchildren, the sons of Joseph; his words are an appeal to look to the future with hope, as the time when God's promises will be fulfilled (cf. Gen 48:8-20). If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials!

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Sunday Masses.

St Mary's: Saturday - 5pm

St Kieran's: Sunday - 10am

Weekday Masses. (In meeting rooms)

St Kieran's: Monday, Tuesday, Friday – 9:15am

St Kieran's: Wednesday (5pm - Holy Hour: Evening Prayer, Silent Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Devotions to our Lady), 6pm - Mass

St Mary's: Thursday 9:15am

St Kieran's: 1st Saturday of the month – 9am (In the Church)

Calvary Narracan Gardens Aged Care: Hillside, 10.30am on 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, each month. **Oaks** on 4th Tuesday at 11am.

Latrobe Valley Retirement Village: 10am every Thursday.

Reconciliation: 9.30am Saturdays at St Kieran's, and by appointment.

We remember the sick, their families, and all in need of prayer, especially Lachlan, John Wirz, Zora, Dianne Harold, Patricia Pattinson, Tanja Bohl, Ray Jackiw, Shirley, Mark, Bill Stephens, Anita Herley, Louise, Teresa Mullins, Stuart Dinnie, Michael Hans, Irena Bohl, Tony, Mary Gass, Hedy Hans, Brendan, Lindsay George and Des Cairnduff.

Please keep in your prayers those who have died recently.

Our deepest condolences to Fr Vin on the death of his sister, Patricia Fraser. Her funeral will take place at the Catholic Church, 136 Flora St, Sutherland NSW, at 10.30am in Friday 1st August.



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Communion	Laptop
Saturday July 26th 5pm 1. For All Parishioners 2. Patricia Fraser RIP	Volunteer	P. Burke	A. Barrett	M. Dyt	Volunteer
Sunday July 27th 10am Lauren Rudy RIP Anniv	T & M. Underwood	G. Stephens	T. Underwood	M. Underwood	Musicians
Monday 28	Mass - St Kieran's 9:15am	William Stephenson RIP			
Tuesday 29	Mass - St Kieran's 9:15am	Joseph Vella RIP		Mem: Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus	
Wednesday 30	St Kieran's Holy Hour - 5pm. Mass - 6pm	Theo Haberl RIP			
Thursday 31	Mass - St Mary's 9:15am			Mem: St Ignatius of Loyola	
Friday 1	Mass - St Kieran's 9:15am	For all priests		Mem: St Alphonsus Liguori	
Saturday 2	Mass - St Kieran's 9 am	MAMI		Blessed Virgin Mary	
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Welcomer	Commentator	Reader	Communion	Laptop
Saturday August 2 5pm 1. For All Parishioners 2. John Kenter RIP	M. Cairnduff	K. Zajarski	A. Fogarty	W. Jamieson	Volunteer
Sunday August 3 10am Rebecca Ryan RIP	T & M. Underwood	C. Dougan	E. Mitchell	C. De Dios	Musicians

St Kieran's Flowers. July: Sandra D. August: V. Frendo

Cleaning: St Kieran's 28/7 Louis, Gerardine & Sophy
4/8 Vicky, Nieves, Betty & Marlyn. 11/8 Tony & Mary

Newsletter: Lorraine 11/7 - 15/8

The **Australian Catholic** magazine is available in the foyers of our churches.

First Holy Communion

First Holy Communion will be on 16th / 17th August.

The Information Evening will take place on the 29th July at 5:30pm at St Kieran's.

Commitment Masses will take place on the weekends of 2nd/3rd and 9th/10th in August.

If you know anyone who has children at **Government Schools** who wish to take part in this sacrament please contact the Parish Office.

Cenacle Holy Hour: Praying for Priests

All are welcome to pray with us in the Ryan room after Mass on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. Booklet Provided.

We welcome for the **Sacrament of Baptism**, at St Mary's

Malia Rose Schleibs

Please keep Malia and her parents in your prayers.



Parish Office

Closed 27th July to 5th August, as Carol will be on leave.
Office opened again on **6th & 7th August**.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- ♦ **2 & 3 August: Catholic Care Collection**
- ♦ 16 & 17 August: 1st Holy Communion
- ♦ 12 October: SVDP Anniversary Mass
- ♦ 19 October: Jubilee Mass at St Kieran's
- ♦ 26 October: Spinete Mass
- ♦ 30 November - 2 December: Australian Catholic Youth Festival

Please remember to **put your phone on silent** when you attend Mass.

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The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance.

Signs of hope for the elderly

From biblical times, the Jubilee has been understood as a time of liberation. Slaves were freed, debts were forgiven and land was returned to its original owners. The Jubilee was a time when the social order willed by God was restored, and inequalities and injustices accumulated over the years were remedied. Jesus evoked those moments of liberation when, in the synagogue of Nazareth, he proclaimed good news to the poor, sight to the blind and freedom for prisoners and the oppressed (cf. Lk 4:16-21).

Looking at the elderly in the spirit of this Jubilee, we are called to help them experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment. This year is a fitting time to do so. God's fidelity to his promises teaches us that there is a blessedness in old age, an authentic evangelical joy inspiring us to break through the barriers of indifference in which the elderly often find themselves enclosed. Our societies, everywhere in the world, are growing all too accustomed to letting this significant and enriching part of their life be marginalized and forgotten.

Given this situation, a change of pace is needed that would be readily seen in an assumption of responsibility on the part of the whole Church. Every parish, association and ecclesial group is called to become a protagonist in a "revolution" of gratitude and care, to be brought about by regular visits to the elderly, the creation of networks of support and prayer for them and with them, and the forging of relationships that can restore hope and dignity to those who feel forgotten. Christian hope always urges us to be more daring, to think big, to be dissatisfied with things the way they are. In this case, it urges us to work for a change that can restore the esteem and affection to which the elderly are entitled.

That is why Pope Francis wanted the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to be celebrated primarily through an effort to seek out elderly persons who are living alone. For this reason, those who are unable to come to Rome on pilgrimage during this Holy Year may "obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, the elderly who are alone... making, in a sense, a pilgrimage to Christ present in them (cf. Mt 25:34-36)" (APOSTOLIC PENITENTIARY, Norms for the Granting of the Jubilee Indulgence, III). Visiting an elderly person is a way of encountering Jesus, who frees us from indifference and loneliness.

As elderly persons, we can hope

The Book of Sirach calls blessed those who have not lost hope (cf. 14:2). Perhaps, especially if our lives are long, we may be tempted to look not to the future but to the past. Yet, as Pope Francis wrote during his last hospitalization, "our bodies are weak, but even so, nothing can prevent us from loving, praying, giving ourselves, being there for one another, in faith, as shining signs of hope" (Angelus, 16 March 2025). We possess a freedom that no difficulty can rob us of: it is the freedom to love and to pray. Everyone, always, can love and pray.

Our affection for our loved ones – for the wife or husband with whom we have spent so much of our lives, for our children, for our grandchildren who brighten our days – does not fade when our strength wanes. Indeed, their own affection often revives our energy and brings us hope and comfort.

These signs of living love, which have their roots in God himself, give us courage and remind us that "even if our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day" (2 Cor 4:16). Especially as we grow older, let us press forward with confidence in the Lord. May we be renewed each day by our encounter with him in prayer and in Holy Mass. Let us lovingly pass on the faith we have lived for so many years, in our families and in our daily encounter with others. May we always praise God for his goodness, cultivate unity with our loved ones, open our hearts to those who are far away and, in particular, to all those in need. In this way, we will be signs of hope, whatever our age.

From the Vatican, 26 June 2025

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Pope Francis



Catholic Care Victoria Appeal: 2nd & 3rd August

How will your donations be used?

Your donations will directly impact the lives of disadvantaged individuals and families throughout Victoria. Catholic Care will be able to continue to provide critical services that meet current and emerging needs in our communities - to support people facing unemployment, homelessness, mental challenges, family relationship problems, imprisonment, grief, trauma and more. Your donation to the Appeal will demonstrate the Church's Christian love and compassion for the many who are in need of care and support in difficult circumstances.



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A reading from the book of Genesis

Genesis 18:20-32

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.'

The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.'

Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'for the sake of the forty.'

Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak: perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 137:1-3. 6-8. R. v.3

Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Though I walk in the midst of affliction
you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Colossians 2:12-14

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins.

He has overridden the Law, and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation Romans 8:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children,
and in that Spirit we call God our Father.

Alleluia!

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Luke 11:1-13

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray:

"Father, may your name be held holy,
your kingdom come;
give us each day our daily bread,
and forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us.
And do not put us to the test."

He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants.

'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!'

The Gospel of the Lord

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