

**EXCERPTS FROM THE MESSAGE OF THE HOLY FATHER  
FOR THE 5<sup>th</sup> WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS  
AND THE ELDERLY - 27 JULY 2025**

...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! 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...

Looking at the elderly in the spirit of this Jubilee, we are called to help [the elderly] 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...

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...

**Pope Leo XIV**

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**Clergy**

**Parish Priest:** Very Rev. Thomas P. Canon White

**Permanent Deacon:** Rev. Deacon Paul McNair

**Day Visits:** The church building is open early morning until evening.

**Mass Times: Saturday Vigil** at 4pm, preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3pm and Benediction at 3.40pm; **Sundays** at 9.30am & 11.40am.

**Weekday Mass** at 10 am Tuesday - Friday, which is (normally) streamed live on the parish YouTube page, via the parish's website and Facebook.

**Service of the Word with Holy Communion:** 10am on Mondays.

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Baptisms will take place on the first Sunday of the month at 12.35pm (speak to the parish priest or deacon after whatever Sunday Mass you attend).

**Sacrament of Confession:** 3 - 3.40pm on Saturdays

**Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion to the sick/those unable to attend Mass:** Contact the Chapel House. Care homes and hospitals have their own protocols to be followed. Ask staff to contact the RC Chaplain.

**Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal:** After Mass on Tuesdays (barring a funeral).

**Holy Rosary:** Monday—Saturday around 9.30am (earlier when a funeral is taking place)

**17TH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR C  
27TH JULY 2025**



### The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the  
Only Begotten Son of God, born of the  
Father before all ages.

God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial  
with the Father; through him all  
things were made.  
For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*\*all bow until after "and became man"*

and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and  
was buried, and rose again on the

third day in accordance with the  
Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.

He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and  
the Son, who with the Father and the  
Son is adored and glorified, who has  
spoken through  
the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for  
the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to  
come. Amen.



## LITURGY OF THE WORD

**First Reading: Genesis 18: 20-32**

*Oh let not the Lord be angry and I will speak.*

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 138 (137)**

*On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.*

**Second Reading: Colossians 2: 12-14**

*God made you alive together with him,  
having forgiven all trespasses.*

**Gospel: Luke 11: 1-13**

*Ask, and it will be given to you.*

## INTIMATIONS

*Your charitable prayers are requested for the following, who will be remembered at Holy Mass:*

### Those whose anniversaries are at this time:

Margaret Weldon, John Campbell, Annie (McBride) McKay,  
Joe Livingstone, Charles (Charlie) Shaw, Margaret Cunningham,  
Sarah Anne (Clark) Mellon, Jim Gormley, Suzanne Gormley,  
May (O'Raw) Differ, Harry McGarry, Elizabeth Stoke and Dennis &  
Sharon Healy.

**Those who are sick:** Jeannie McEwan, Ann Marie Reynolds,  
Rena Robertson, Chris Jones (Glasgow), Alison Walls, William  
Cochrane. Liz Myles and Alan Murphy.

**Special Intention:** Annmarie Kavanagh (70th birthday)

*(Anniversaries/Month's Mind and names of the Sick should be **handed in to the presbytery by 12 noon on Thursdays**. If you would like to have a name added to the sick list, check with the person (or the next of kin if they can't consent). Names will be published for 3 months; please submit again if prayers are still requested after this time. Please email any requests for general bulletin notices to [holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk](mailto:holycross.croy@rcag.org.uk) by 12 noon on Thursdays.*

## NOTICES

**Canon Tom:** Having returned from the Archdiocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage, Canon Tom is currently on holiday and will return on 8th August. He is very grateful to the Xaverian Missionary Fathers, who are looking after the parish in his absence.

**Tea and Toast Tuesdays:** Tea and Toast Tuesdays return on 29th July - see you then!

**Reconciliation and Healing Service:** Saint Columbkille's Parish Hall, Rutherglen Main Street G73 2SL. Sunday 24th August at 2.30pm. Speakers - Fr Martin Kane and Joe Livingston. Theme - Surrender To God. Opportunity for Confession. Music (Praise and Worship). Tea and Coffee - All Welcome.