

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: Ann Widdecombe, Charles Haslehurst, Terry Hanavan, Sr Flo O’Sullivan RSM, Lily Tan, Anne Gordon, Hilton Smith, Christina Ruston, Deacon Paul Stacy, Fr Marius Dawson O.Carm.

Anniversaries: Ivan Gugich, Michael Broderick, Kath O’Brien, Pat Dallimore

Sick: Beula Reddy, Ken Metcalf, Tom Brennan, Yvette Henderson, Sr Deidre Brown CJ, Julia Audino, Alberto Audino, Lachie Glasfurd, Liam Brady, John Audino, Pat Docherty, Abigail Fells, Cate, Anne Hutchins, Veronica Kong, Jason, Helen Hawkes, Paddy Walker, Sr Veronica OSB, Danielle Hewitt, Marcelle Ranasinghe, Noreen Willett

POPE TO GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY: GOD’S LOVING EYES ARE UPON YOU AT ALL TIMES By Deborah Castellano Lubov

“Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord promises he will never forget any of us. He assures us he has engraved our faces on the palms of His hands (*cf. Is 49:16*) and that His love is greater than a mother’s love for her child (*cf. Is 49:15*).”

This comforting reminder was offered at the beginning of Pope Leo XIV’s Message for the Sixth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on Sunday, on the theme “I will never forget you (*Is 49:15*),” which the Vatican released last month.

In the text, Pope Leo says the prophet gives us a glimpse of an intimate and intense dialogue in which God addresses, in familiar terms, each person individually and the people as a whole, saying that even today, we can read these words as referring to each of us. These words that fill us with comfort and hope, he said, are the answer to an agonising feeling that troubles the heart: “The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me” (*Is 49:14*). The Pope acknowledged that quite a few elderly people share the painful feeling of being forgotten, especially as they experience loneliness or sometimes being reduced to a bed number or illness. Pope Leo said the celebration of the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly is an opportunity to rediscover that the Church is called to be a mother to all, and that at any age, “it is always possible to recognize ourselves as sons and daughters of God.”

The Holy Father also invited everyone, especially the young, “to revive the beautiful custom” of visiting their grandparents, elderly relatives, and even those who have no one to visit them. “Bring them, through this message and your presence, the closeness and affection of the Pope,” he said, as he called on loved ones to offer their grandparents and their elderly loved ones a tender and affectionate encounter. He reiterated that the Church understands the suffering of her elderly members. It is a joy, at any age, but especially when we are no longer young, to discover, as Blessed John Paul I said, that we are the recipients of God’s “unending love,” that He “always has His eyes open on us, even when it seems to be dark,” and “is our father; even more, He is our mother.”

Even if it does not come naturally to think this way, Pope Leo pointed out that the truth remains that in old age, we do not cease to be sons and daughters. The invitation to return to the arms of God, he said, remains worthwhile at any age. For many, the discovery of God’s tenderness takes place over the course of their lives, sometimes even in its final stages. Pope Leo observed that more so than in the past, it is increasingly common to reach old age without having had a genuine experience of faith. In spite of this, he said, God still draws close to us. “It is never too late to begin turning to Him. It can be a great gift for everyone,” he said.

“I would like to say to you: do not be afraid of fragility!” he said, noting that in old age, one may be “fragile” but at the same time “called.” He stressed that a man and a woman can, in fact, be born anew in old age. The Holy Father noted that in this time, so harshly marked by the violence of war and social unrest, many wonder what the world in which their grandchildren will grow up will be like, and thus called on elderly people to join him in praying earnestly that peace may soon come to the world.

Finally, the Holy Father thanked all elderly people for supporting him every day with their prayers, especially when they recite the Holy Rosary. “I return this gratitude from the bottom of my heart,” he said, while noting he leaves them with this prayer: “May the Lord always renew us in faith, hope and love — He who never forgets us!”

Published in Vatican News on 15 June. Read more at [vaticannews.va/en.html](https://www.vaticannews.va/en.html)

WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY Sunday 26 July

We wish all Grandparents and the Elderly very best wishes and thank you for everything you have done, and continue to do for us.

Pope Leo XIV’s message is available on the Parish website: stjosephssubiaco.org.au/pastoral-letters.

IT’S FUN GAME TIME! 9.45am, Sunday 30 August 2026

Calling all St Joseph’s little kids! Join us for an exciting morning of fun, games, and soccer skills after the 9am Mass. It’s a wonderful opportunity for children to learn, play, make new friends, and enjoy an active morning together. We look forward to seeing you there! Bring a plate to share.

ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITIES: CENTRE FOR FAITH ENRICHMENT Newman Siena Centre, 33 Williamstown Road, Doubleview

- Rediscovering the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, 11am Thursdays, 6-27 August, Rev. Dr Christian Irdi - (ONLINE) This is My Body Given for You: Theology of Eucharist: 7.30pm, Thursdays, 23 July – 13 August, Fr Errol Lobo

For registration and further information about all courses, visit [cfe.org.au](https://stjosephssubiaco.org.au), email: cfe@perthcatholic.org.au or phone 9278 0261.

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WEEKLY HYMNS

9am & 5pm, Sunday 26 July

Lyrics are available on the Parish website by using the QR code (right), or by visiting stjosephssubiaco.org.au/lyrics. Hymn books are also available at Church entrances. Please return them at the conclusion of Mass.

Mass	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional	
Sun 9am & Sun 5pm	Sing to the Mountains (305)	Seek Ye First (294)	Lord Be My Vision (220) Majesty (226)	O God, Our Help in Ages Past (252)	

ST JOSEPH’S UPCOMING EVENTS			
Young Family Group 30 August	Faith Formation for Little Tots 2 August	Youth Group 21 August	Seniors’ Morning Tea 3 September

UPCOMING EVENT: THE PARABLES OF RUMI 7pm, Friday 31 July, St Joseph’s Subiaco

Featuring Fr Robert Nixon OSB and special guests the performances will be musical reflections on the mystical tales and poetry of Rumi, a 13th C. Persian poet, reflecting ancient wisdom and inspiring insights into God, eternity and the human soul. The music will draw upon many diverse traditions, and feature a range of instruments including piano, voice string and wind from both the West and east, drawing listeners into a deep experience of meditation. Donations will be gratefully accepted on departure.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SUBIACO WINTER APPEAL

Our warm thanks to **all parishioners** for your generous support of our Winter Appeal. We are also deeply grateful to **St John of God, IRDI Legal** (Leederville), and the **Centre for Nursing Education and Learning Development** at Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital for their vital contributions. Thanks to your combined support, we are now well-equipped with supplies to assist those in need throughout the coming months. Thank you for making a real difference in our community.

ST CARLO ACUTIS YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT GATHERING 2.30pm to 6pm, Sunday 2 August, St Mary’s Cathedral

Before social media influencers, there was **St Carlo Acutis** - a teenager who used his passion for technology to share the beauty of the Eucharist with the world. Known as ‘**God’s Influencer**,’ Carlo reminds us holiness isn’t just for the past - it’s for today. Whether you’re searching for purpose, growing in your faith, or simply curious about the first millennial saint, this is an afternoon you won’t want to miss. Catholic Youth Ministry invites you to bring your friends and experience the life and legacy of a young person who proved that ordinary lives can become extraordinary with God. Register at events.humanitix.com/st-carlo-acutis

CATHOLIC SINGLES GAMES NIGHT (20-35yrs) 6.30pm, Saturday 8 August, St Columba’s Parish Centre, South Perth,

Join us for a fun-filled games night with other Catholic young adults from around Perth! Whether you're a board games pro or just there to enjoy the company, this is a great opportunity to meet like-minded people and enjoy some friendly competition in a relaxed, low-pressure setting. See you there! For tickets and more information, please visit perthcatholicsingles.eventbrite.com or contact: E: perthcatholicsingles@gmail.com IG / FB: [@perthcatholicsingles](https://www.instagram.com/perthcatholicsingles) M: 0421 952 963 (Matt)

MASS TIMES <i>(Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information)</i>		PARISH CONTACT DETAILS	
Tuesday	5.30pm	Office	Tuesday - Friday: 9.30am to 4.30pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9am	Phone	9381 0400
Saturday Reconciliation	4.30pm	Postal	PO Box 568, Wembley 6913
Saturday Vigil	5pm	Email	enquiries@stjosephssubiaco.org.au
Sunday	9am & 5pm	Website	www.stjosephssubiaco.org.au
PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	First Collection EFT Details		
	Account Name: St Joseph’s Presbytery Subiaco		
	BSB: 086 006		
	Account #: 887 970 525		
PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	Reference: Name		
	Second Collection EFT Details		
	Account Name: St Joseph’s Church Subiaco		
	BSB: 086 006		
PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS	Account #: 564 990 302		
	Reference: Name		

PARISH DIARY				MONSIGNOR KEVIN	
Sunday 26 July	9.45am	Seventeenth Sunday of Ordinary Time		Monsignor Kevin Fr Oscar Aguilera Fr Oscar Aguilera Fr Vinh Dong	
	11.30am	Baptism: <i>Jaid Zambotti, Vienna Pearce, Wesley Pearce</i>			
	12.15pm	Baptism: <i>Sofia Emilia Sinclair</i>			
	1pm	Baptism: <i>Leroy Mitchell Amej</i> Baptism: <i>Zen Khâi Duong</i>			
Monday 27 July		Monday, Week 17 of Ordinary Time			Mass with Christian Brothers
Tuesday 28 July	9am	Tuesday, Week 17 of Ordinary Time			Requiem Mass Hilton Smith
	6pm	Upper Room: <i>CEWA</i> Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i>			
Wednesday 29 July	9.30am	Sts Martha, Mary & Lazarus, <i>Memorial</i>			
	5.30pm	Upper Room: <i>Ladies Prayer Group</i> Upper Room: <i>Centering Prayer</i>			
Thursday 30 July	9am	Thursday, Week 17 of Ordinary Time			
		<i>Optional: St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor</i> Upper Room: <i>Compassionate Communities Training Day</i>			
Friday 31 July	10am	St Ignatius of Loyola, <i>Priest, Memorial</i>			
	5pm	Upper Room: <i>CEWA</i>			
	5pm	Church: <i>New Norcia Concert</i> Upper Room: <i>Rite of Christian Initiation for Young People</i>			
Saturday 1 August		St Alphonsus Liguori, <i>Bishop, Doctor, Memorial</i>			