

**OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday 10am-4.30pm; Wednesday & Friday 9am-12pm.  
Other times - we respond when able to.

**Sunday Mass Times:** *English* - Saturday Vigil 5.30pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30am & 5.30pm.  
*Mass in other languages:* *Chin* - 1st, 3rd, 4th Sunday 2.30pm; *Burmese* - 2nd Sunday Jul, Sept, Nov  
*Vietnamese* - Saturday Vigil 7pm, Sunday 12.30pm, Fridays 7pm *Tongan* - TBC  
**Weekday Mass Times:** Monday, Wednesday & Thursday 9am; Tuesday 7.30pm, Friday 11am.  
**Confessions:** Saturdays 9.30am (English or Vietnamese)

**MASS INTENTIONS 23-30 July 2022**

**Saturday 5.30pm** John Spiteri RIP (1st Anniversary)  
**Sunday 9am** John Spiteri RIP  
**Sunday 10.30am** *Pro Populo*  
**Sunday 5.30pm** Parish Intention  
**Monday 9am** Peace in families; Peace in the world  
**Tuesday 7.30pm** Teresa RIP (Recently Deceased)  
**Wednesday 9am** Chris Basadur RIP  
**Thursday 9am** Parish Intention  
**Friday 11am** Josephine McCarthy RIP  
(Recently Deceased)  
**Saturday 9am** Parish Intention

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## Asked and Answered

Scott Hahn Reflects on the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings: *Genesis 18:20-32; Psalm 138:1-3, 6-8; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13*

Though we be “but dust and ashes,” we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares to do in this week’s First Reading.

But even Abraham — the friend of God (see Isaiah 41:8), our father in the faith (see Romans 4:12) — did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants (see Galatians 3:7, 29).

The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week’s Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the “good gift” of the Father — the Holy Spirit of His Son.

It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus (see Galatians 4:6-7; Romans 8:15-16). Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father — knowing that when we call He will answer.

Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God’s mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah.

For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction (see Jeremiah 5:1; Isaiah 53), “obliterating the bond against us,” as Paul says in this week’s Second Reading.

On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all. He cancelled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been visited in our affliction and saved from our enemies, as ones who have been spared.

We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of “Eucharist.”

We have realized the promise of this week’s Psalm: we worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name.

In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us - raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.



**THIS WEEKEND - VINNIE’S WINTER APPEAL**

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND**

*An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication.*

This experience gives you the tools to keep your passion alive in a gentle, nurturing environment, away from pressures and distractions of daily living. The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

We have two options:

- On-line / virtual weekend: **19 -21 August 2022**
- Parish based weekend: **22- 23 October** in Niddrie (Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or  
Email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)  
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**SUNDAY 24th July**

**World Day for**

**Grandparents and the**

**Elderly** to coincide with the

feast of **Sts. Joachim and**

**Anne** (Jesus’ grandparents).

Visit an elderly person on that day to gain a *Plenary Indulgence* (Usual conditions)

**COVID-19 UPDATE**

Face coverings remain optional within places of worship.

However parishioners are encouraged to be sensitive to the well-being of others when in close proximity.

**Child Safety Reminders & Important notice for Parents**

- Please accompany your child if they need to leave the building.
- Please ensure you know where your child is if not beside you.
- Talk to your children about ways to stay safe.

*Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and vulnerable people.*