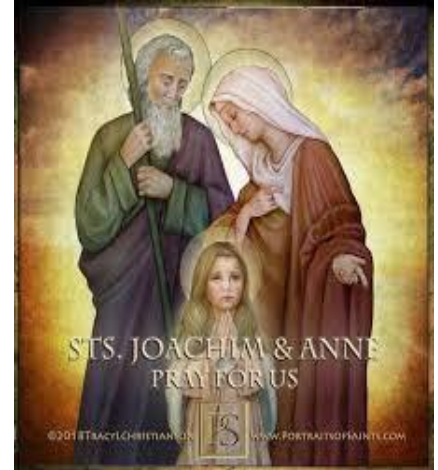
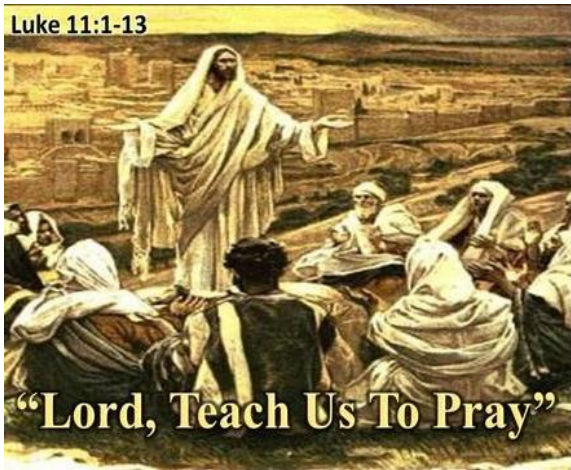




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Sunday, 24th July 2022 **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
Monday, 25th July 2022 **St James, apostle**
Tuesday, 26th July 2022 **Sts Joachim and Anne, parents of Blessed Virgin Mary**
Friday, 29th July 2022 **Sts Martha, Mary and Lazarus**



SUNDAY MASSES:	Vigil Saturday	5:00 pm
	Sunday	8:00am, 10am
WEEKDAY MASSES:	Tuesday to Saturday	9.15am
ROSARY:	Tuesday to Saturday	8.30am
RECONCILIATION:	After daily mass and by appointment	
BAPTISMS:	By appointment, Sundays after 10am mass	
WEDDINGS:	By appointment (minimum of six months' notice required)	
ANOINTING MASS:	2 nd Saturday of the month March, June and September	
PARISH SECRETARY:	Tuesday & Friday	9am to 3pm
	(Mass Intentions & news items for the bulletin must be left at Presbytery by 12pm Wednesday)	

This Church is equipped with an induction loop for the hearing impaired

REMEMBERING OUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Recently Deceased: Blossom Pamela Godfrey

Anniversaries:

We remember the faithful departed Please hand in your intentions for your loved ones to Fr David or into the office or via email.

“May their souls through the mercy of God, rest in peace.”

Prayers for: Hank Facer, Sun’s family Jan Chen, Honfan Chen, Qin Sun, Joe Wang, John Wang

“Mother of God, Health of the sick, Refuge of sinners, Comforter of the afflicted. Pray for them”

ROSTER: 5th Week

<u>Time</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Acolyte</u>	<u>Altar Servers</u>
Saturday 5pm	Mary Dias	Tony Allan	
Sunday 8am	Caroline Fernandes Mary Klaist	Ruben Baluyot	
Sunday 10am	Leo Vakauta Marissa Gutierrez	Cheston La’Porte Radley La’Porte	Chuma brothers

THANK YOU This week we have had 4 people requesting to part of our Planned Giving Program. We would like to thank those who have come forward to register in the program. We thank you for your generosity and sacrifice. Your support helps us further our mission now and into the future.

PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES There are still quite a few Giving Envelopes at the front of the church awaiting collection. It is important for the parish that we get the envelopes distributed. If you wish to be a part of the Planned Giving, please fill out the form at the front of the church or contact the office. We appreciate your generous gifts expressed in this way.

PARISH RENEWAL CONFERENCE 2022 International biblical scholar **Dr Scott Hahn to Speak Live, Online at the Parish Renewal Conference** Dr Hahn, Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP and a stellar array of speakers will address Sydney’s faithful at the upcoming Parish Renewal Conference. Join us as Dr Hahn, a convert from evangelical Christianity, explores the perennial call to be **Evangelising Catholics** in the midst of **A Culture in Need of the Gospel**. Register at www.gomakedisciples.org.au/prc22 St Mary’s Cathedral Precinct Friday 19 August, 6 – 9 pm and Saturday 20 August, 9 am – 5:15 pm \$25 per person for parishioners in the Archdiocese of Sydney

IGNITE CONFERENCE 2022 Thursday 29 September- Sunday 2 October Freeman College Bonnyrigg. This popular conference was postponed in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-lockdowns, but is back this year, featuring the Holy Sacraments of Mass, Reconciliation and Adoration, inspiring speakers, workshops and dynamic music. Speakers will include Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP, Fr Rob Galea and Therese Mills MGL. \$100 Discount available for the first 50 young adults who register or volunteer from the Archdiocese of Sydney. EMAIL: John.nguyen@sydneycatholic.org for the Discount Code. Read more about the conference online: <https://igniteconference.com.au/>

Can you undertake an Overseas Mission?

Our sister churches in Africa, Asia and the Pacific are requesting Australian Catholics to join them to build the skills of those in their community who have had less opportunity than ourselves. Please consider these [Mission opportunities abroad](#). The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference provide support. [Palms Australia](#), who have prepared Australian Catholics for global mission since 1961, will ensure accommodation and a living allowance is provided to you during your time away. [Enquire online](#) www.palms.org.au or **Ph: 0422 742 567** to find out about a placement to engage your skills.

You can also [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Monday August 1st at 7:00 pm** to talk directly with a Palms’ partner community in Timor Leste and two Australians recently posted to work with them. Invite your friends. **The stories will inspire.**

SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading Gen 18:20-32 Lord, do not be angry if I speak.

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.'

Responsorial Psalm 137:1-3, 6-8: R: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

Second Reading Col 2:12-14: He has made you alive with Christ for he has forgiven all our sins.

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel Luke 11:1-13 Ask, and it will be given to you

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 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!'

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

What better introduction could we have to prayer than the direction given to us by Jesus, who is the master of the art of prayer. One of the reasons why people were attracted to him and sought his company was the long periods he spent in private prayer and the importance he attached to it. The success of his daily activity flowed from prayer. Our inbuilt thirst for God expresses itself in the fact that almost everyone would like to pray better. However, the problem is that we often give up on prayer because we are not sure how to pray, what to say and whether our prayers are heard. At one time or another we have all made comments like: 'What's the point of praying? My prayers are never answered!' 'I don't pray anymore – God does not seem to be listening'. The truth is that we give up before we start. Like the disciples, we need encouragement and must turn to Christ and say, 'Lord, teach us to pray.' When they put this request to him he spoke spontaneously from his heart to his Father in heaven.

The traditional and familiar words of the Our Father make it a community prayer for all times and every occasion. The tone of the prayer is both intimate and also mysterious. It is simple, short and yet a profession of faith because it reveals God as our Father whose kingdom we seek, and who can be trusted to provide for our genuine needs. Prayer is talking to God – it's an intimate and loving conversation which we carry on as family members with our heavenly Father. It's walking in his company, paying loving attention to his presence and deepening our relationship with him. God wants us to be real, so we can drop our inhibitions, come as we are and speak to him with all honesty in a human way. We all have our own style of communication – lengthy speaking and many words are not necessary. The joys and disappointments that make our days, give us much to converse about. We can place our petitions before him and they will be answered as he sees fit. Whatever his response, we can be sure it is for our good.

It has been said that ***he who prays rises from his knees a better person***. It always happens as we come to know God more, we come to know ourselves better. Prayer makes us realise how much we need God and deepens our sense of dependence on his saving help. We become aware that we stand before God in weakness, powerlessness and yet in the hope that his grace can make something of us. In the rush and noise of life, which drowns out the voice of God, we must find a time and a place of silence to pray. It is only in silence we can speak to God and God can speak to us.

A MESSAGE REGARDING SAFEGUARDING ISSUES

A copy of the Safeguarding Policy has been uploaded to the website of St John of God and a copy will also be attached to our notice board. If anyone would like a copy of the Safeguarding Policy, one can be provided to you upon request. As part of the Safeguarding procedures, the Parish is now making available a suggestion box especially for children and young people in order that we take into consideration their thoughts, feelings, and suggestions in a more proactive way. The Suggestion Box is placed in the church foyer.

Also, as part of the Safeguarding procedures, it is available for parents, guardians and the general community a protocol 'Managing Safeguarding Complaints'. We value the process in moving forward positively in relation to all Safeguarding measures. If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Priest. **Child sexual abuse is a crime.** The appropriate people to deal with crimes are the police. If you, or anyone you know, have been abused, please contact the police. Alternatively, you can contact the Safeguarding and Ministerial Integrity Office at (02) 9390 5810 or safeguardingenquiries@sydneycatholic.org You may also want to speak to your Parish Priest who will be able to provide support and guidance. The Archdiocese has legal obligation to report crimes to the police.

We acknowledge the Watergora people of the Darug Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which St John of God church stands. We pay our respects to the past, present and emerging Watergora generations