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## *Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A* *7 - 8 October 2023*

### **A HUNDRED HEARTY CHEERS TO MRS KLIMAS**

Dear Mrs Klimas,

Sometime last year when I visited you, we had a chat around your age, and you said you were 99, and that next year (which is this year 2023), you will turn 100. You smiled and laughed in a seeming unbelief, but a laugh that is so full of excitement. I did say we shall be gathered to celebrate you at 100... and you said: "that is if I am still here." Well, the day is here, and here we are, gathered in our beautiful St Mary's Cathedral—the same Cathedral where you would come regularly to celebrate your faith within the context of the Eucharist—to give thanks and praise to God for your centennial birthday celebration. On behalf of Bishop Greg, the Cathedral Pastoral Council, and the entire worshipping community, I say congratulations. Let me use this forum to welcome your family and friends who are here with us, and also those participating online.

This weekend is marked by multiple celebrations, Mrs Klimas, and I'm sure you will be excited with the community that as we mark your 100th birthday anniversary, we are equally welcoming some families who are going to baptise their children. We also have a simple rite of commitment for some of our children who are preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Isn't that beautiful, Mrs Klimas, that the same faith which you have lived so very well for the last 100 years is still being celebrated. Please join us in praying for the families that are baptising their kids and for the children preparing for Reconciliation. What a gracious weekend?

Mrs Klimas, you know that you are well known to a lot of parishioners here in the Cathedral. Perhaps not so much to the younger and newer parishioners, but surely to most of the long-time parishioners. Today, we rejoice with you and your family. Today, the entire community celebrate you. Those who already know you are saying, "good on you, you have done very well." Those who have not known you will be "giraffing" and "ostriching" to catch a glimpse of you, the centennial lady. Today is indeed a "wow" day... 100 years of life!

I want you to know, Mrs Klimas, how richly blessed I am each time I visited you; and not just me but also others who have visited to bring you Communion. Your dedication and commitment to faith—your devotion to the Eucharist and to prayers, is inspiring. Your gentle smiles, spirit of gratitude, and gracious hospitality are always admirable. Above all, your acknowledgment of God's blessings, manifest in the "care from my family" (as you always say), is praiseworthy. Your response to "how are you" is always straightforward: I am well. I have a lovely family who take care of me. I cannot complain. I have everything, and I take it one day at a time.

Mrs Klimas, thank you very much for your exemplary nature. Thank you for being who you are. As I said to you last Sunday, we have a lot to learn from you. May the good Lord bless and keep you, may He make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, and give you peace.

At this point, I want to thank your family for sparing this day for us all to celebrate you. I want to thank the parish community for helping with the centennial celebration of your life. I want to thank your family and parishioners once again, especially the family group members, for providing the morning tea this day. I am sure you would not want anyone to leave without having a bite. This is community spirit. Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep (Rom 12:15). Today, we rejoice because we are marking 100 years of life.

Friends, may we continue to celebrate one another while we are still alive. What a great day today.

*Fr Francis*

## PARISH CALENDAR.

**Sun 8 Oct 9.30am:** 1st Sunday Cuppa & 100th birthday celebration for Helena Klimas  
**Wed 18 Oct 6pm:** Parent/child workshop  
First Reconciliation  
**Sun 22 Oct 12pm:** Parish Lunch, Legends  
**Sat 21 & Sun 22 Oct, All Masses:** Mission Sunday Collections  
**Sun 29 Oct:** PARISH ASSEMBLY

## SACRAMENTS

**FIRST RECONCILIATION** Children registered for First Reconciliation will be attending their Commitment Masses this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers. The first Parent/Child workshop will take place in the Cathedral assembly area on **Wednesday 18 October at 6pm.**

**HELENA KLIMAS - 100 YEARS LOVED:** This **Sunday 8 Oct**, Bishop Greg will celebrate Mass at **9.30am**. Following the Mass there will be morning tea, a birthday cake with a presentation to celebrate Helena's 100th Birthday with her church family. A light luncheon will be served in the Chapter House afterwards. Helena has had a full life, simple, selfless and brilliantly lived. Please join her family in celebrating this milestone with her.

**FIRST SUNDAY CUPPA:** Due to Helena Klimas 100th birthday celebrations our First Sunday Cuppa will be held this **Sunday 8 October**. Parish Family Groups (Libby Byrnes & Jenny Claxton) will be our hosts in St Mary's Cathedral assembly Area. Everyone is **invited to stay after Mass to enjoy a cuppa. Please bring a plate to share.**

**DIOCESAN MISSION COUNCIL** Criteria for Membership: Members of the Council will have demonstrated their commitment to their faith and leadership in ministry and mission. Members will have an active and living faith, participate in parish life, respect other points of view, exercise deep listening, have a sense of the mission of the Catholic Church, demonstrate inclusiveness, and be committed to working collaboratively and with synodal processes. The minimum age for membership is 18 years of age. Expressions of interest close **Friday 20 October**.

**31 CLUB REMINDER** 9 - 15 October. Please pray for vocations.

## Come and See

A call to the priesthood



### AN OPPORTUNITY

To meet with others who are also discerning a priestly vocation, and hearing from priests, stories of their life and call to ministry.

**Sunday, October 15th, 2023**  
2:00-4:00 pm

St Michael's Parish Support Centre,  
121-123 High Street, Berwick

A stirring in your heart for God?  
What this might mean for you?

Could Jesus be inviting you to  
share in his ministry as a Priest?

**COME AND SEE** Bishop Greg has called for the young men of our Parishes of the Diocese to come to St Michael's Parish Support Centre - 121-123 High Street, Berwick on Sunday, 15th October at 2:00pm particularly those who sense a call from God to life as a priest. Or, who simply want to come and enquire. It will be an opportunity to meet and greet those living the life, to pray with them and have all your questions answered. And, remember, "the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt13:45

**SAVE THE DATE!** Night of the Witnesses - **22 November 2023, 7pm** at St Patrick's Cathedral. Aid to the Church in Need invites you to an evening of prayer, testimony, song, adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with Christians all over the world who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ. Archbishop Peter Comensoli will preside and His Beatitude, Patriarch Joseph Absi of the Melkite Greek Catholic Church will be one of the international guest speakers who will share personal testimony of persecution for the faith. We hope you will join us. For more information please visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/notw](http://www.aidtochurch.org/notw)

**PARISH LUNCH** will be held at **12pm on Sunday 22 October** at Sporting Legends. Sign up sheet will be in the Cathedral next weekend.

## PARISH ASSEMBLY PRAYER.

Heavenly Father,  
you have called us to journey with each other as one people in this process of coming together as one family through sharing, listening and discerning the movements of the Holy Spirit.  
As we gather in unison for our Parish Assembly to discern the growth of our Parish, open our hearts and help us to listen to each other with humility and empathy.  
United as one family and one Body in Christ, we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us as to what we ought to do and where we ought to go.  
As we make our way in these days by faith, guide and shape us so that our minds and hearts reflect yours.  
Help us build a Parish that is vibrant, evangelising and missionary.  
May the blessed Virgin Mary continue to intercede for us. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen

**RITE OF WELCOME AND BAPTISM:** This weekend at St Mary's Cathedral, we welcome for Baptism **Blair, Addalynn & Elorah Perkins** children of Adam & Elizabeth; **Jett, Archie & Willow Lynch** children of Aaron & Keonie; & **Audrey & Sophie Bedggood** daughters of Jesse & Hannah. Congratulations to the families from us all.

**MISSION SUNDAY** will take place on the weekend of **Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October**. A leaving collection will take place at all churches on that weekend. Envelopes for this collection will be available at all Parish Churches.

**Please note: If you write a cheque for any of the Diocesan collections you must post this directly to the organisation which is collecting. Cheques cannot be cashed by the Parish unless made out to the Parish.**

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 7 Oct 5.30pm:** Tom Read  
**Sun 8 Oct 9.30am:** John McCrohan (A)

**BAPTISMS:** By arrangement through the Parish Office phone 5144 4100.

**ADORATION of the Blessed Sacrament,** Friday before Mass 10.00am — 11.00am  
At St Rose of Lima, Rosedale on 1st Wednesday of each month 9.30am — 10.30am

**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral: Friday** 10.30-11am before Mass.

**At Other times:** Available on request

**Stratford and Briagolong on Sunday or Rosedale on Saturday evening:** Available on request.

**MARRIAGES:** Not less than six months notice please.

## COLLECTIONS LAST WEEKEND:

Planned Giving:	\$1,044.00
Presbytery:	\$787.55
Credit Cards	\$1,475.00
Direct Debits & Credits:	\$772.00
Cathedral EFTpos:	\$190.00

With thanks from a grateful parish.

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**Mass Timetable this week  
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A  
7 - 8 October 2023**

Day/Date	Time	Place
<b>Saturday 7 October</b>	9.30am 5.30pm	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>Sunday 8 October</b>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Briagolong Cathedral
<b>WEEKDAYS</b>		
<b>Monday 9 October</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>MASS</b>
<b>Tuesday 10 October</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Wednesday 11 October</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Thursday 12 October</b>	9.30am	Cathedral
<b>Friday 13 October</b>		
<b>Exposition &amp; Reconciliation Mass</b>	10.00am 11.00am	Cathedral Cathedral
<b>WEEKEND</b>		
<b>Saturday 14 October</b>	9.30am 11.00am 5.30pm	Cathedral Loch Sport Cathedral
<b>Sunday 15 October</b>	5.30pm 9.30am 9.30am 5.30pm	Rosedale Cathedral Stratford Cathedral

Date & Time	Sat 7 Oct 5.30pm	Sun 8 Oct 9.30am	Sun 8 Oct 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Marie & Nick Centra	Claire Everard
<b>Commentator</b>	Marietta Dykun	Christine Lyon	Sophia Kartobi
<b>Reader</b>	Brenda Burditt	Amanda & Maya V	Lyn Althaus
<b>Eucharist</b>	Frank Fidge	Dalia Ellison	Len Althaus
<b>Counters</b>	Theo & Sandra Smolenaars		

Date & Time	Sat 14 Oct 5.30pm	Sun 15 Oct 9.30am	Sun 15 Oct 5.30pm
<b>Welcomer</b>	John Dykun	Marie & Nick Centra	Claire Everard
<b>Commentator</b>	Veronica Stewart	Amanda & Maya V	Brenda Bowden
<b>Reader</b>	Christine & Larissa	Ann Neville	Faye Flint
<b>Eucharist</b>	Carmel Wade	Anna Allen	Lyn Althaus
<b>Counters</b>	John Dykun & John Vermaelen		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

We offer prayers for those who have died, **Andrew Geary, Bill Edgar** and those whose anniversaries occur about this time **John McCrohan, Fr John Walsh, Fr Michael O'Leary**. We pray for those who are sick Jim Durrant, Emma O'Hare, Moira Petrie, Hurbert Somasiri, Andrew Lyon, Jim Clottin, Nimal and Vajira, Dushyanthi, Helen O'Kane, Michael McGrath, Troy Barney, Bill Harkin and Maureen O'Kane. **We pray in thanks for all who care for the sick.**



Activity tubs & books are available in the Youth Corner for all children attending mass.

**NEXT YOUTH MASS: 21 October 5:30pm**

**Children's Liturgy:** Commences 8 October running every Sunday during 9:30am Mass (If you would like to volunteer please contact Parish Office, A WWCC & Parish Code of Conduct required)

**Family Fun & Faith Day:** 2 December 2-5pm. If you are interested in volunteering or would like to hold a stall or family workshop please contact Shari on 0430 932 220.

If you have any further questions about youth ministry or would like to be involved please call the Parish Office of 5144 4100 or Shari, Youth Volunteer, on 0430 932 220

**Prayer for the Synod**

**As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.**

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.

All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever.

Amen.



This prayer can be used throughout the duration of the Synodal Process from October 2021-2023.

**NEW TO THE PARISH? CHANGED ADDRESS IN THE LAST YEAR? NEED PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES OR TO UPDATE THE PARISH RECORDS?**

Please let us know we'd like to meet you!

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### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON:

**Within your will, O Lord, all things are established,  
and there is none that can resist your will.  
For you have made all things, the heavens and the earth,  
and all that is held within the circle of heaven;  
you are the Lord of all.**

### FIRST READING:

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

**The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.**

You brought a vine out of Egypt  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

And we shall never forsake you again:  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

### SECOND READING:

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

The Word of the Lord. **All: Thanks be to God**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I call you friends, says the Lord,  
because I have made known to you  
everything I have learnt from my Father.

**Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL:

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33-43.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders  
that became the keystone.

This was the Lord's doing  
and it is wonderful to see?

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

The Gospel of the Lord. **All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON:

**The Lord is good to those who hope in him,  
to the soul that seeks him.**



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**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Cathedral**  
**Every Friday 10 - 11am**  
**RECONCILIATION: Cathedral**  
**Friday 10.30 - 11am**

### READINGS NEXT WEEK:

**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**  
1st Reading: **Isaiah 25:6-10**  
2nd Reading: **Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20**  
Gospel: **Matthew 22:1-14**

### WEEKEND MASS TIMETABLE

**Saturday:** Loch Sport - 11.00am (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)  
**Saturday:** Cathedral - 5.30pm  
**Saturday:** Rosedale - 5.30pm  
**Sunday:** Cathedral - 9:30am and 5.30pm  
**Sunday:** Stratford - 9.30am (1st, 3rd & 5th Sunday of the Month)  
**Sunday:** Briagolong - 9.30am (2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month)  
**Please check the bulletin each week for weekday Mass times.**