

**First Reading Genesis 18:20-32**  
**A Reading from the Book of Genesis**

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 sinners 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 them 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 in it? 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 be only 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 be only ten.' 'I will not destroy it, he replied 'for the sake of the ten.'

**The Word of the Lord**  
**Thanks be to God**

**Responsorial Psalm. Psalm 137:1-3,6-8**  
**On the day you called, you answered me, O Lord.**

I thank you Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Though I walk in the midst of affliction  
you gave me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me,  
Your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

**Second Reading Colossians 2:12-14**  
**A Reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Colossians**

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 he 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.

The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**  
**The Word was flesh and lived among us; to all who did accept him he gave power to become the children of God.**  
**Alleluia!**

**Gospel Luke 11:1-13**  
The Lord be with you  
**And with your spirit.**

A Reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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 had 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 the 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 to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it to him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give to 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!.

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

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**Popular vs. Populist**

159. "Popular" leaders, those capable of interpreting the feelings and cultural dynamics of a people, and significant trends in society, do exist. The service they provide by their efforts to unite and lead can become the basis of an enduring vision of transformation and growth that would also include making room for others in the pursuit of the common good. But this can degenerate into an unhealthy "populism" when individuals are able to exploit politically a people's culture, under whatever ideological banner, for their own personal advantage or continuing grip on power. Or when, at other times, they seek popularity by appealing to the basest and most selfish inclinations of certain sectors of the population. This becomes all the more serious when, whether in cruder or more subtle forms, it leads to the usurpation of institutions and laws.

160. Closed populist groups distort the word "people", since they are not talking about a true people. The concept of "people" is in fact open-ended. A living and dynamic people, a people with a future, is one constantly open to a new synthesis through its ability to welcome differences. In this way, it does not deny its proper identity, but is open to being mobilized, challenged, broadened and enriched by others, and thus to further growth and development.

**Pope Francis**

		<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time C</b>	
<u>Saturday</u>	6.00 pm	Brendan Campbell Anniversary	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	9.30 am	Peter Brannan RIP	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	11.30 am	Mary & William Turner	Bl Sac
<u>Saturday</u>	Reader	Veronica Campbell	St MM
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Chris Horbury & Tony Deighton	St Ter
<u>Sunday</u>	Reader	Max	Bl Sac
<u>Tuesday</u>	9.30 am	Peter Brannan RIP	St Ter
<u>Wednesday</u>	9.30 am	Peter Heath's Intentions	St MM
<u>Friday</u>	9.30 am	Kath McNicholas Bdy	Bl Sac

**18<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

SATURDAY	6.00 PM	MR & MRS KEN PHILLIPS	ST MM
SUNDAY	9.30 AM	PETER BRANNAN RIP	ST TER
SUNDAY	11.30 AM	STEVE CLAY ILL	BL SAC
SATURDAY	READER	BILL HALL	ST MM
SUNDAY	READER	CHRIS DEIGHTON & CHRIS KELLY	ST TER
SUNDAY	READER	MARGARET H	BL SAC

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**SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY 24<sup>TH</sup> July 2022**

Pope Francis in his message for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, says that "Old age is no time to give up and lower the sails, but a season of enduring fruitfulness: a new mission awaits us and bids us to look to the future. The special sensibility that those of us who are elderly have for the concerns, thoughts and the affections that make us human should once again become the vocations of many. It would be a sign of our love for the younger generations... one fruit that we are called to bring forth is protecting the world... we are called to be artisans of the revolution of tenderness in our world! Indeed the best one suited to our age: prayer. "Let us too become, as it were, poets of prayer: let us develop a taste for finding our own words, let us once again take up those taught by the word of God" Our trustful prayer can do a great deal: it can accompany the pain of those who suffer, and it can help change hearts...

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**PRAYER FOR THE SECOND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY**

I give thanks to you, Lord,  
 for the blessing of a long life for,  
 those who take refuge in You,  
 grant always to bear fruit.

Forgive O Lord,  
 resignation and disillusionment,  
 but forsake me not  
 when my strength declines.

Teach me to look with hope  
 to the future you give me, to the  
 mission you entrust to me and to  
 sing your praises without end.

Make me a tender craftsman  
 of Your revolution,  
 to guard with love my  
 Grandchildren  
 and all the ones who seek shelter in you.

Protect, O Lord, Pope Francis  
 and grant Thy Church  
 to deliver the world from  
 loneliness.

Direct our steps in the way of  
 Peace.  
 AMEN







