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The Seventh Sunday after Trinity



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Collect

LORD of all power and might, who art the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of thy Name; increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of thy great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

First reading *Wisdom 12:13,16-19*

There is no god besides you, whose care is for all men, to whom you should prove that you have not judged unjustly; for your strength is the source of righteousness, and your sovereignty over all causes you to spare all. For you show your strength when men doubt the completeness of your power, and rebuke any insolence among those who know it. You who are sovereign in strength dost judge with mildness, and with great forbearance you govern us; for you have power to act whenever you choose.

Through such works you have taught your people that the righteous man must be kind, and you have filled your sons with good hope, because you give repentance for sins.

Second reading *Romans 8:26-27*

Brethren: The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with sighs too deep for words. And he who searches the hearts of men knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Gospel *Matthew 13:24-43*

At that time: Jesus put another parable before the crowds, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. ²⁷And the servants of the householder came and said to him, 'Sir, did you

not sow good seed in your field? How then has it weeds?' ²⁸He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' The servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he said, 'No; lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³¹Another parable he put before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like leaven which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal, till it was all leavened."

³⁴All this Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed he said nothing to them without a parable. ³⁵This was to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet:

"I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world."

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "He who sows the good seed is the Son of man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed means the sons of the kingdom; the weeds are the sons of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. ⁴¹The Son of man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and throw them into the furnace of fire; there men will weep and gnash their teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

Saint of the Week

Saints Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary, 26th July



In the Scriptures, Saints Matthew and Luke give a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names "Joachim" and "Anne" come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died.

The heroism and holiness of these people, however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfilment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people.

The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives, all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past.

Joachim and Anne - whether these are their real names or not - represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure.

Notices and news

Recently departed

Terry Hutchinson

Anniversaries of death

25th Dorothy Dorning
26th John Harold (Jack) Marcer
27th Gloria Long
28th Emma Ford

O GOD, the Father of mercies: grant unto the souls of thy servants a place of refreshment, the blessedness of rest, and the brightness of light; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

The Sisters of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Please hold Mother Winsome and the Sisters in your prayers as, with the Ordinary, they continue to seek to secure a new home. Please pray for the Sisters.

Remember us in heaven, Saint John Henry Newman.

Obtain for us the gifts you sought for your friends here below: the grace to follow the kindly light of faith; belief that is firm and true; a heart to speak to the heart of God; and a voice to give praise to the Holiest.

Obtain for us the courage to follow your teaching and example: in loyalty to Christ and the Church; in love for the Immaculate Mother of God and in compassion for the perplexed.

I pray especially for the Sisters of the Blessed Virgin, that they may find a new home in which to love, serve and worship you.

Obtain for us support all the day long of this troubled life till the shades lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed and the fever of life is over and our work is done; so that the Lord in His mercy may grant us a safe lodging, a holy rest, and peace at the last; and that we may pass, with you, from shadows and images into the fullness of truth and love.

August barbecue

Our next monthly meeting will be our barbecue in August. John and Sarah Ingram will very kindly be hosting our summer barbecue on **Saturday 19th August**. Please let them know if you're planning to attend (which I hope you will), with any dietary requirements.

March for Life 2023



2023 THEME

Many are concerned about restrictions on freedoms but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Sadly, those who have their most fundamental freedom taken from them, by abortion, cannot speak for themselves - this is why we march. For our nation to be truly free, no one can be denied the number one freedom, the freedom to live!

EVENT PAGE

This year's March for Life in Westminster is on **Saturday 2nd September**. Monsignor Newton is very keen that those who are physically able turn out in support of this growing and peaceful act of witness to the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death.

Many people are concerned about restrictions on freedom, but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. Abortion destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live, and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this peaceful, prayerful and family-friendly event in London to speak up for those who can not speak for themselves.

A deanery coach will depart from All Souls at 9.45am, after Mass at 9am. Cost per person £15 on the day. The march ends in Parliament Square at around 4.30pm, so arrival back in Coventry will be late evening. To book a place contact Fr Paul on 02476674161 or at fr.paul.burch@rcaob.org.uk Full details of the event can be found at marchforlife.co.uk Speak up for those who can't speak for themselves. Speak up for the rights of all those who are poor. (Proverbs 31:8)

Lots more information at www.marchforlife.co.uk

Parish pilgrimage to Walsingham 2023



The parish pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, **Monday 23rd – Thursday 26th October 2023, has been confirmed.** So far, there are 19 pilgrims, including a good number of the Ordinariate community.

It is still possible to book a place, so please contact the parish office – 02476674161 or allsouls.covty@rcaob.org.uk if you are interested. If you need more information please contact Fr Paul at allsoulscoy@gmail.com General information about the Shrine and accommodation can be found at www.walsingham.org.uk/guest-information-elmham-house/

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Praying the Daily Office this week

If you intend to pray daily **Morning Prayer** and **Evening Prayer**, the table below gives you the page numbers for each of the parts of the Office for each day this week. Placing the markers in the correct pages, as indicated in the table below, takes a few minutes each time, but once done, actually praying the Office is quite straight-forward.

The Order of Morning Prayer (MP) (Matins) begins on page 375

The Order of Evening Prayer (EP) (Evensong) begins on page 421

All numbers below refer to *page numbers* in *Divine Worship: Daily Office (DWDO)*, unless otherwise indicated.

Note: the Office hymn is always optional, but encouraged.

Day	Morning Prayer (Matins)				Evening Prayer (Evensong)				Notes
	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	Psalmody	Readings	Hymn	Collect	
Sunday 23rd SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	584	1440	201	100	586	1443	201	100	
Monday 24 th Feria	588	1445	202	100	590	1937	308	143	EPI of St. James, Apostle
Tuesday 25th ST. JAMES, Apostle	592	1938	309	143	595	1939	308	143	
Wednesday 26 th SS. Joachim & Anne, Parents of the BVM	597	1453	203	143	599	1455	204	143	
Thursday 27 th Feria	601	1456	204	100	604	1458	204	100	
Friday 28 th Feria	606	1460	205	100	609	1462	205	100	
Saturday 29 th Ss. Mary, Martha & Lazarus	612	1464	205	144	615	1465	206	100	EP I of Eighth Sunday after Trinity.
Sunday 30th EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY	616	1440	201	100	619	1443	201	100	

For those who are looking initially for something a little simpler, the **Office of Prime** (page 397) is a shorter form of prayer for the morning, and the **Office of Compline** (page 427) is a shorter form of prayer for the evening. These will take about 10 minutes each to pray.

Novena for Life



This novena, nine days of intercessory prayer, is offered to encourage a flourishing of a culture of life, with a particular focus on ending abortion and healing the trauma of abortion.

Day for Life is the day in the Church's calendar set aside for raising awareness of the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition – from conception to natural death.

Theme and Message: 'Listen to Her'. Focusing on post-abortion trauma, this year's *Day for Life* message was written by Jane, who attended Catholic schools as a child, and had an abortion as a teenager. You can read her full message: cbcew.org.uk/df123-message

Rachel's Vineyard

Rachel's Vineyard is a healing ministry for those who are suffering from the trauma of abortion, or those who have been connected to someone who is. To find out more, visit www.rachelsvineyard.org.uk



Start the novena with the following prayer each day, taken from St John Paul II's concluding comments in his encyclical letter 'The Gospel of Life', followed by the daily quote or reflection as set out below and finish with the Glory Be

Daily prayer

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world,
Mother of the living,
to you do we entrust the cause of life.
Look down, O Mother,
upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born,
of the poor whose lives are made difficult,
of men and women who are victims of brutal violence,
of the elderly and the sick
killed by indifference or our misguided mercy.

Grant that all who believe in your Son
may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love
to the people of our time.

Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new,
the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives
and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely,
in order to build,
together with all people of good will,
the civilization of truth and love,
to the praise and glory of God,
the Creator and Lord of life. Amen.

Day 1: All life has inestimable value

The first of nine days of prayer and readings to encourage a flourishing of a culture of life and end abortion.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'All life has inestimable value even the weakest and most vulnerable, the sick, the old, the unborn and the poor, are masterpieces of God's creation, made in his own image, destined to live forever, and deserving of the utmost reverence and respect.'

Pope Francis, Message to Catholics participating in Day for Life in Britain and Ireland, 28 July 2013.

Glory be to the Father
and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning
is now, and ever shall be
world without end. Amen

Day 2: Culture of life

Our second day of our Novena for Life focuses on the promotion of a culture of life being the highest priority in our societies.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'The promotion of a culture of life should be the highest priority in our societies...if the right to life is not defended decisively as a condition for all other rights of the person, all other references to human rights remain deceitful and illusory.'

Pope St John Paul II, Evangelium Vitae

Glory be

Day 3: Judged by our treatment of others

Day Three of our Novena for Life sees us reflect on how we will be judged on our treatment of societies weakest members.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'A society will be judged on the basis of how it treats its weakest members; and among the most vulnerable are surely the unborn and the dying.'

Pope Saint John Paul II, Address to the New Ambassador of New Zealand to the Holy See, 25 May 2000

Glory be

Day 4: Violence through abortion

Day Four of our Novena for Life sees us reflect on how the Womb becomes a place of unutterable violence through abortion.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'How can it be that the most wondrous and sacred human space – the womb – has become a place of unutterable violence through abortion?'

Pope Benedict XVI, World Youth Day Sydney, 17 July 2009

Glory be

Day 5: Protection of nature

Our fifth day of our Novena for Life explores the protection of nature and its incompatibility with the justification of abortion.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion...how can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties?'

Pope Francis, Laudato Si

Glory be

Day 6: Defend the innocent unborn

Day Six of our Novena for Life sees us reflect on how we defend the innocence of the unborn and the dignity of Human Life.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'Our defence of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stakes is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person regardless of his or her state of development.'

Glory be

Day 7: Stand up for life

Day Seven of our Novena for Life calls on us to Stand up for Life, to work and pray against abortion.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'You are called to stand up for life! To respect and defend the mystery of life always and everywhere, including the lives of unborn babies, giving real help and encouragement to mothers in difficult situations. You are called to work and pray against abortion.'

Pope St John Paul II, New York, 1995

Glory be

Day 8: God's infinite mercy

Day eight of our Novena for Life sees us reflect on how abortion is a grave sin, but there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'I wish to restate as firmly as I can that abortion is a grave sin, since it puts an end to an innocent life. In the same way, however, I can and must state that there is no sin that God's mercy cannot reach and wipe away when it finds a repentant heart seeking to be reconciled with the Father...I henceforth grant to all priests, in virtue of their ministry, the faculty to absolve those who have committed the sin of procured abortion.'

Pope Francis, 21 November 2016

Glory be

Day 9: Never tire in the defence of life

The final day of our Novena for Life calls on us to never tire of firmly speaking out in defence of life.

Daily prayer

Reflection/Quotation

'Never tire of firmly speaking out in defence of life from its conception and do not be deterred from the commitment to defend the dignity of every person with courageous determination. Christ is with you: do not be afraid!'

Pope St John Paul II

Glory be

Other prayers

Prayer to St Joseph, Patron of the Unborn

O St. Joseph, after your most holy spouse, our Blessed Mother, you were the first to take into your arms and heart the baby Jesus. From the first time you gazed upon him and held him, your heart and soul were forever bonded to him. You caressed the Holy Child with fatherly love and affection, and you committed yourself always to love, protect, and care for this Son.

Look now with similar love and affection upon this child of mine, who has gone from this world. I place my child, as well as my grief and guilt, into the eternal embrace of your arms. Hold and caress my child for me with the love of my arms and sweetly kiss my child with all the tender affection of my heart.

As God the Father entrusted the care of His most precious Son into your most loving and confident hands, so too do I entrust into your fatherly care this child of mine. Please present him to the merciful hands of Our Lord, so that one day, when I too leave this world, my child may greet me into eternal life. *Amen.*

Prayer to St Joseph, Defender of Life

Dearest Saint Joseph,
at the word of an angel,
you lovingly took Mary into your home.
As God's humble servant, you guided
the Holy Family on the road to Bethlehem,
welcomed Jesus as your own son
in the shelter of a manger,
and fled far from your homeland
for the safety of both Mother and Child.

We praise God that as their faithful protector,
you never hesitated to sacrifice
for those entrusted to you.

May your example inspire us also
to welcome, cherish, and safeguard
God's most precious gift of life.

Help us to faithfully commit ourselves
to the service and defence of human life,
especially where it is vulnerable or threatened.

Obtain for us the grace to do the will of God in all things. *Amen.*