



24 July 2022

# 17th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME

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### Parish Office Hours

Monday and Tuesday 9.00am - 12.30pm,  
Closed on Wednesday.

Thursday and Friday 9.00am - 3.30 pm.

### Parish Priest

Fr. Melvin Llabanes

### Parish Secretary

Mrs. Lynn Kuczera

### Sacred Heart Primary School

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### Sacrament of Baptism

Baptism will be celebrated by  
appointment following a Baptism  
Preparation Program.

### Sacrament of Marriage

By appointment with at least  
6 months notice.

**St. Vincent de Paul:** If assistance is required,  
contact St. Vincent de Paul: 1800 305 330  
(Free Call)

**Seniors Group:** Wilma De Jong 0488 776 294

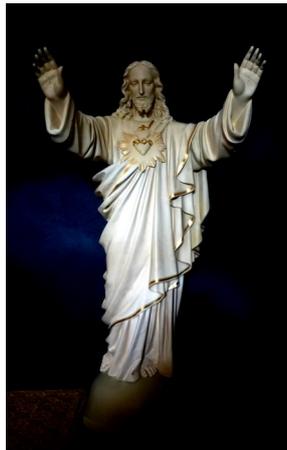
**Catholic Women's League:** Maxine Grbac  
0449 131 973

**Parish Choir:** Marie Janssen: 9779 9048



**Mass Times:** Saturday 6.00pm Sunday 9.30am  
Tuesday to Friday 9.30am

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Friday after 9.30am Mass  
and Saturday 5.30pm until 6.00pm



### PLEASE PRAY FOR:

We pray for all who are sick,  
especially **Monica Murphy, Betty  
Croker, Mark Browne, Michael  
Westworth, Olga McDonald, Tonny  
Philips, Edith Moyes, Keith Moyes,  
Catherine Murtagh, Kevin Collins,  
Colleen Skedden, Ron Buchanan,  
Shannon Hannaford, Frances Sulli-  
van, Lucy Horgan, and Beryl Clark.**

We pray for those parishioners that  
are unable to be among us this weekend, for those who  
have died recently, especially and for those whose anniver-  
sary occurs at this time, especially **Joe Carboni.**

Next Week: 18th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME  
Eccl 1:2, 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

### **Saturday 30 July**

Eucharistic Ministers: Linda Correia and Monica Gaynor

Reader: Orietta Wheatley

### **Sunday 31 July**

Eucharistic Ministers: Janet Beck and Gary Visser

Readers: Zenon Starnawski and Aniola Vaihu

## COLLECTIONS

### 1st Collection

This is for the support of the Priests of our Parish and the Archdiocese.

### 2nd Collection

Is for the general costs of the parish, i.e. Eucharistic Bread, Candles, administration expenses, loan repayments, utility expenses etc.

## PARISHIONER NAME TAGS

Name tags are available to collect from the narthex, please return them after mass.

If you cannot find your name tag please re-enter your name on the list in capital letters clearly, your first name AND your surname.

If your name is spelt incorrectly please re-enter your name on the list so a new tag can be made for you.

## ST CHRISTINA - FEAST DAY 24 JULY

Few details are known of St. Christina but she lived during the third century and was the daughter of a rich and powerful magistrate believed to have been named Urbain. He was deep in the practices of heathenism and had a number of golden idols, which he distributed among the poor.

Though his lovely daughter had drawn the eye of several suitors by the time she reached the age of 11-years-old, Urbain wanted her to be a pagan priestess. He locked his daughter in a room filled with gold and silver idols, then ordered her to burn incense before them.

Saint Christina often peered at the world outside her window and decided there must have been a great creator of the world. Turning to the idols, she came to believe they could only be false as they were forged by man.

She began to pray to the creator of the world and asked him to reveal himself to her. That was when she felt an intense love blaze from deep within her heart. She began to fast and continued to pray.

An angel came to St. Christina and taught her the Gospel of Christ. It then called her a bride of Christ but warned she would suffer for her faith.

Knowing the Truth, St. Christina smashed the false idols and threw them through the window. When her father came to visit and discovered the missing idols, he questioned St. Christina but she refused to speak to him. After sending the servants in to speak to her, Urbain learned of her new faith. Enraged, he began to slap his daughter's face until she began to speak - but her words were to proclaim her new faith and to share the Truth. She also admitted to destroying the idols.

Urbain executed the servants who tended St. Christina and beat her before throwing her in prison. St. Christina's mother came to the prison and pleaded for her daughter to renounce her faith but St. Christina refused. The next day, Urbain took St. Christina to trial and ordered her to worship the pagan gods and beg for forgiveness. Rather than following her father's orders, St. Christina held fast to her Christian faith and was ordered to be tortured. She was tied to an iron wheel above an extreme fire. As she was raked through the flames, her body was burned but she did not die. She was thrown into a prison cell and that night an angel appeared. Her wounds were healed and she was fed food the angel brought with it.

The next day, when her father found her unharmed, he ordered a stone to be tied around her neck and she was thrown into a lake. As she sank, an angel sustained then untied her. When she reappeared above the water, Urbain attributed her survival to sorcery. He decided to execute her the following morning but that night he died suddenly. The region's governor was sent to execute St. Christina's punishment in her father's stead but she survived every torture. When fellow believers discovered the miracles, they began to gather at her cell. During her time in captivity, she converted nearly 300 people until a new governor arrived and resumed her torture. When she survived five days in a red-hot furnace, she was finally executed with a sword.



**Face Coverings: It is not mandatory to wear a face covering within places of worship but we strongly encourage you to be sensitive to the wellbeing of others when in close proximity.**

Privacy in 2001 the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments introduced legislation that deals with the manner in which public and private sector organisations may record, use, store and disclose information, including health information collected from individuals. This parish is committed to upholding and implementing the Privacy Principles set out in the legislation.

**The Sacred Heart Parish of Croydon, along with the ARCHDIOCESE of Melbourne, is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.**