

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th & 26th July 2026.

Welcome:

Good morning/good evening. My name is, and I warmly welcome you to Mass at St Mark's.

Today we celebrate the Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time. We also give thanks for the special role that grandparents and elderly people play in our families, our parish, and our community. Their wisdom, faith, and love enrich our lives and strengthen the bonds between generations.

We begin our Mass with an Acknowledgement of Country:

St Mark's respectfully acknowledges the past and present traditional owners of this land, the Jagerra people. We remember the many footprints that have gone before us on this land and waterways. We are thankful to be praying and gathering on Jagerra country.

Please stand for the entrance hymn.

Prayers of the Faithful:

Priest: Dear friends, in faith we bring our prayers before the Lord.

Reader: That our Holy Father, Pope Leo, will lead God's people with wisdom and truth. *(pause)*
Lord Hear Us:

Reader: That leaders of nations will have the courage to govern with justice for all people. *(pause)*
Lord Hear Us:

Reader: For grandparents and the elderly, may they know God's love and be cherished by their families and communities. *(pause)* *Lord Hear Us:*

Reader: That all who deny the faith will be turned to God by the image of Christ's glory. *(pause)*
Lord Hear Us:

Reader: That our parish community will put aside worldly possessions and search for the kingdom of heaven. *(pause)* *Lord Hear Us:*

Reader: That the sick and frail will find comfort in the word of God. *(pause)* *Lord Hear Us:*

Reader: That those who have died will dwell in the kingdom of heaven forever.
(pause) *Lord Hear Us:*

Priest: Loving God, you teach us of heaven's treasures. Hear our prayers and help us put aside our own gain as we wait for life eternal in your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.