



SCRIPTURE of the DAY

1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12
Psalm 118: 57, 72, 76-77,
127-130
Romans 8: 28-30
Matthew 13: 44-52
(or 13: 44-46)



NOTICE OF RELOCATION

Please be informed that,
effective 15 July 2026,
the Archdiocesan Pastoral
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the Sacred Heart of Jesus,
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works of the Archdiocesan
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What would we have asked God for if we were in King Solomon's place? Instead of riches, power or long life, Solomon asks for wisdom — the ability to discern between good and evil. God is greatly pleased with this humble request and grants him his wish, a gift of true and lasting value. True wisdom is not merely knowledge, but the ability to live according to God's ways. It teaches us to value what truly matters: love, justice, compassion and care for one another and for our common home.

St. Paul, in the Second Reading, assures us that all things work for the good of those who love God. We are chosen and predestined to grow into the likeness of Christ. This transformation takes place when we allow God's grace to shape our hearts and actions. Our grandparents and elderly often witness to this through quiet faithfulness, patience in suffering and trust in God through life's seasons.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches three parables from nature and daily life — treasure hidden in a field, a pearl of great price and a fishing net gathering many kinds of fish — to teach about the Kingdom of God. Like a farmer who treasures fertile soil, or a fisherman carefully sorting the catch, we are called to recognise what is truly valuable and to choose wisely. The Kingdom of God is worth more than any worldly possession, and we are invited to seek it wholeheartedly.

The parable of the net also reminds us that, like the wheat and weeds from last week's Gospel, good and evil coexist in the world. God patiently gives humanity time to repent and return to Him. As disciples, we are called to be caretakers of both creation and community, sowing seeds of goodness, protecting the environment and passing on values of faith and responsibility to future generations.

May we learn from the wisdom of our elders, cherish God's creation and seek above all the treasure of God's Kingdom. ✕

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NEW WAY OF BEING CHURCH | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time | 26 July 2026
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

WALKING TOGETHER TOWARDS A SYNODAL AND PROPHETIC CHURCH

A People for Missionary Discipleship

MONTHLY FOCUS:

ECOLOGY: Care of Our Common Home



Passing on Wisdom, Protecting Our Common Home

We wish all our grandparents and elders on this World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. We thank them for their love, sacrifices and guidance. Through their stories, prayers, traditions and life experiences, many of us have learned the value of faith, perseverance and respect for God's creation. **Like good stewards tending the earth, grandparents and the elderly have imparted upon us, to live a simple lifestyle and appreciate the blessings of nature.**