

Saint Joseph's, Saint Anne's & Holy Family And Saint Patrick's 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C Served By The Discalced Carmelites Parish Priest: Fr. Louis Aroon OCD email: louisaroon2015@gmail.com Assistant Priest: Fr. Ligori Alexander OCD email: ligorialex@gmail.com Tel: 0191 534 2346 Sr. Alphonsus (Parish Sister at St. Patrick's, Ryhope) Tel: 0191 521 0340 Rev. Bernard Finan SDS (Retired and resident priest at St. Patrick's)

Sunday Mass Readings for the 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2025, Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C	
1 <sup>st</sup> Reading	Isaiah 66:10-14c
Responsorial Psalm	Psalms 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20
2 <sup>nd</sup> Readings	Galatians 6:14-18
Alleluia	Colossians 3:15a, 16a
Gospel	Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or Luke 10:1-9

## 1st Reading - Isaiah 66:10-14C

Thus says the LORD:

10 Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad because of her, all you who love her; exult, exult with her, all you who were mourning over her! Oh, that you may suck fully of the milk of her omfort,

11 that you may nurse with delight at her abundant breasts!

12 For thus says the LORD: Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent. As nurslings, you shall be carried in her arms, and fondled in her lap;

13 as a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you; in Jerusalem, you shall find your comfort.

14C When you see this, your heart shall rejoice and your bodies flourish like the grass; the LORD's power shall be known to his servants.

# Responsorial Psalm – Psalms 66:1–3, 4–5, 6–7, 16, 20

R. (1) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

2 Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise.

3 Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

4 "Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!" 5 Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

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us rejoice in him.

7 He rules by his might forever.

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16 Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me. 20 Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

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## 2nd Reading – Galatians 6:14–18

Brothers and sisters:

14 May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. 15 For neither does circumcision mean anything nor does uncircumcision, but only a new creation.

16 Peace and mercy be to all who follow this rule and to the Israel of God. 17 From now on, let no one make troubles for me; for I bear the marks of Jesus on my body. 18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Alleluia – Colossians 3:15a, 16A

R. Alleluia, alleluia,

15A Let the peace of Christ control your hearts; 16A let the word of Christ dwell in you richly. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

# Gospel - Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

1 At that time the Lord appointed seventy-two others whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. 2 He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. 3 Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves.

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6 He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let

4 Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way.

5 Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'

6 If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. 7 Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves his payment. Do not move about from one house to another.

8 Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you,

9 cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God is at hand for you.'

10 Whatever town you enter and they do not receive you, go out into the streets and say,

11 'The dust of your town that clings to our feet, even that we shake off against you.' Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand.

12 I tell you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom on that day than for that town."

17 The seventy-two returned rejoicing, and said, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us because of your name."

18 Jesus said, "I have observed Satan fall like lightning from the sky.

19 Behold, I have given you the power to 'tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you.

20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice because the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice because your names are written in heaven."

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## St Maria Goretti Life History

St Maria Goretti was the third born out of seven children of peasant farmers Luigi Goretti and Assunta Carlini. Her siblings were Alessandro (Sandrino), Antonio (who died in infancy), Angelo, Maria, Ersilia, Mariano (Marino), and Teresa. When Maria Goretti was around five years, they gave up their land due to piling debts and poverty and moved away to work for other farmers. They moved to several places in search of a fortune. First, in 1896 they went to Colle Gianturco, near Paliano and Frosinone and then in 1899 they went to Le Ferriere and Nettuno in Lazio.

In Nettuno, they lived in a building called "La Cascina Antica," where they shared with the family of Giovanni Serenelli and his son, Alessandro. When she was nine years old, Maria Goretti's father died of malaria. Thereafter, her mother and other siblings would work in the fields, while she stayed at home cooking, sewing, keeping the house clean, and watching Teresa, her young sister.

### Murder by Alessandro Serenelli

One fateful day on The 5<sup>th</sup> July 1902, Maria Goretti was watching her sister Teresa and sewing a shirt while sitting on the outside steps of her home. The housemate's son, Alessandro, knowing very well she would be alone, came back home early from the farm, pulled her to her bedroom, and made sexual advances towards her. It was not the first attempt, he had made two others and got rejected. Maria would hear none of it, she vehemently protested and rejected Alessandro's advances and told him that what he wanted to do was a mortal sin and warned him that he would go to Hell. When he insisted on raping her, she kept screaming, "No! It is a sin! God does not want it!" Alessandro began to choke her, but she told him she would rather die than give in to his demands. Therefore, Alessandro got angry, brandished a 10-inch awl, and stabbed her eleven times. Maria Goretti tried to escape but upon reaching the door he stabbed her three more times and ran away. During this incident, Teresa was asleep. She was awakened by the noise of her wailing sister Maria. She started crying loudly until her mother Assunta and Giovanni came to check out what the issue was. They found Maria Goretti bleeding on the floor and rushed her to the hospital in Nettuno. She endured the pain during the surgery because it was without anesthesia. During

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the surgery, the physician told her, "Maria, think of me in Paradise." She replied. "I will gladly think of you." She also forgave Alessandro saying that she wished that he would also go to Heaven with her and thereafter died of the injuries.

One afternoon, Alessandro, the Serenellis' son, made sexual advances to her. When she refused to submit to him, he stabbed her fourteen times.

Alessandro Serenelli was arrested immediately after stabbing Maria and running away. In court, he was sentenced to life imprisonment, but the sentence was reduced to 30 years because;

- He was a minor at that time
- He was not as mature as he was expected to be for a 20-year-old
- He grew up in a poor family with an alcoholic father and several of his kins suffering from madness.

Alessandro remained unrepentant and said the reason he stabbed her was Maria Goretti's refusal to give in and her desperate crying.

One time, Monsignor Giovanni Blandini, the local bishop, visited him in prison. He told him about a dream in which Maria Goretti appeared to him in a white dress, she gathered lilies in a garden and with a smile gave him the flowers. After he took each lily, it turned into a white flame.

After Alessandro Serenelli was released he visited Assunta, Maria's mother, and begged for forgiveness. She outrightly forgave him and received the Holy Communion together side by side when they attended Mass together the following day.

Alessandro joined the Order of Friars Minor Capuchin and became a lay brother. He lived in the monastery and worked as a gardener and receptionist until he died at age 87 in 1970.

In 1950, he attended her canonization, and thereafter, it is reported that he would pray to her every day referring to her as "my little saint."

### **Beatification**

Maria Goretti was beatified on the 27<sup>th</sup> Of April 1947 by Pope Pius XII in Rome Italy. Her mother Assunta attended the ceremony. Pope Pius XII said to her, "Blessed mother, happy mother, mother of a Blessed!"

### Canonization

With her mother Assunta, her siblings, and Alessandro in attendance, Maria Goretti was canonized as a saint on June 24 1950 by Pope Pius XII in Rome three years after her beatification. She became one of the youngest saints to be canonized. Pope Pius XII referred to her as "Saint Agnes of the 20th century."

There was a very large number of Christians present, around 500,000 people, and therefore, the canonization ceremony was held outside Saint Peter's Basilica, in St. Peter's Square (Piazza San Pietro).

### Relics

The remains of St Maria Goretti are interred in the crypt of the Passionist Basilica of Nostra Signora delle Grazie e Santa Maria Goretti in Nettuno, Rome.

### Representation

Saint Maria Goretti is often represented in an art form with • Girl with wavy hair dressed in white clothes • Girl with wavy hair dressed in farm clothes

- Girl holding lilies

### St Maria Goretti is the Patron Saint of Maria is the patron saint of

- Modern Youth
- Teenage girls
- Rape victims
- Purity
- Poverty
- Girls
- Forgiveness
- Chastity
- Crime victims,
- Children of Mary

Wolves

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