## The Golden Chain of Friendship

Friendship is a golden chain,
The links are friends so dear,
And like a rare and precious jewel,
It's treasured more each year.

It's clasped together firmly
With a love that's deep and true,
And it's rich with happy memories
And fond recollections, too.

Time can't destroy its beauty,
For as long as memory lives,
Years can't erase the pleasure
That the joy of friendship gives ....

For friendship is a priceless gift
That can't be bought or sold,
And to have an understanding friend
Is worth far more than gold ....

And the golden chain of friendship
Is a strong and blessed tie
Binding kindred hearts together
As the years go passing by.

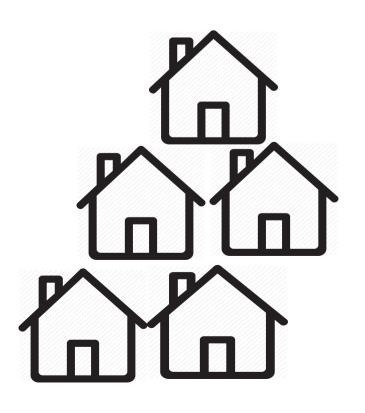
"Wherever a Beautiful Soul has been, there is a trail of Beautiful Memories."

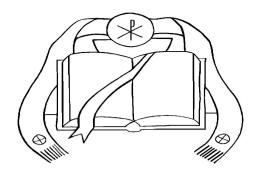


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# Celebrating 70+ Years

## Mass 23rd November 2023





## A reading from the first letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit: there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits' another the gift of tongues, and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord.

## **Responsorial Psalm:**

## R. The Lord is Compassion and Love

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless His Holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all His Blessings. *(R)* 

It is He who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of you ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R)

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. (R)

As far as the east is from the west so far does He remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
The Lord has pity on those who fear Him. (R)

## The Gospel

## **Prayers of the Faithful:**

#### Celebrant:

The Lord is good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Let us present our needs before the Lord with confidence.

For all who are gathered here this evening on this special occasion, that God may bless us with His love and watch over us.

#### Lord Hear Us.

For our community and our families, who welcome Christ into their lives, that they may learn to receive Him in the poor and suffering people of this world.

Lord Hear Us.

We pray for our deceased relatives and friends. We thank God for the happy memories they have left with us. Bless them and keep them in your care, and may God one day unite us in the joys of our eternal home.

#### Lord Hear Us.

We thank God for His special gift of Love He has given us. Help us to share and receive your love with all we meet along the way.

Lord Hear Us.

## Celebrant:

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

