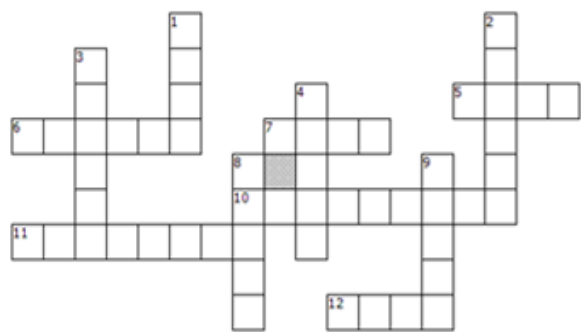


Our Lady of Lourdes
Children's Corner
Pentecost Sunday 31 May 2020

PENTECOST



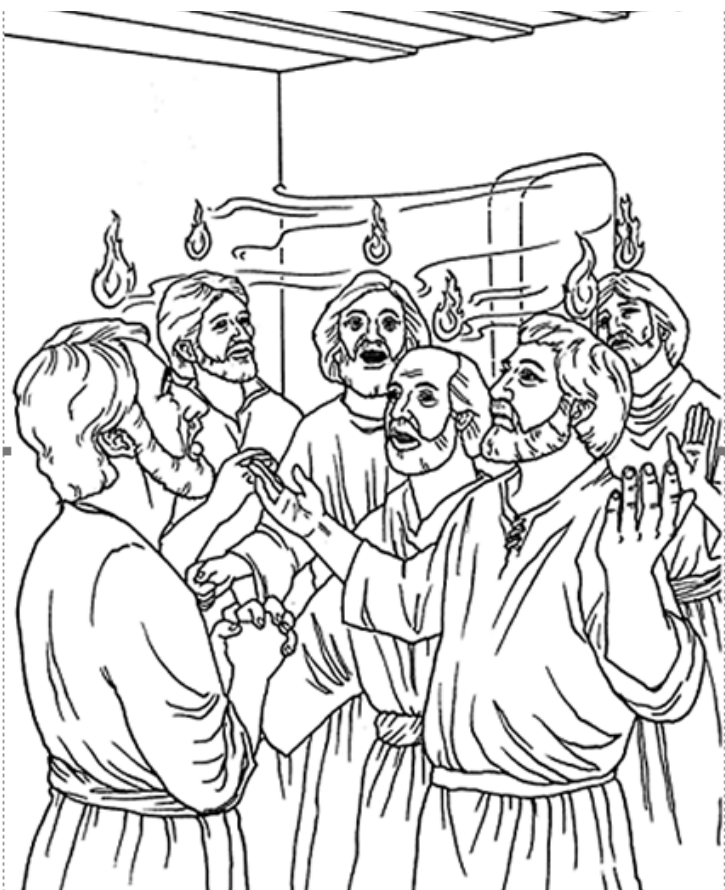
ACROSS

- 5. Make something to be full
- 6. To be totally surprised
- 7. Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
- 10. The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles
- 11. Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
- 12. A destructive burning

DOWN

- 1. Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
- 2. A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
- 3. The place where God lives
- 4. Something that can be heard
- 8. To say words, to use the voice
- 9. A building which people live in

HEAVEN	SPIRIT	FIRE	HOLY
WIND	PENTECOST	LANGUAGE	SPEAK
SOUND	FILL	HOUSE	AMAZED



The Day of Pentecost

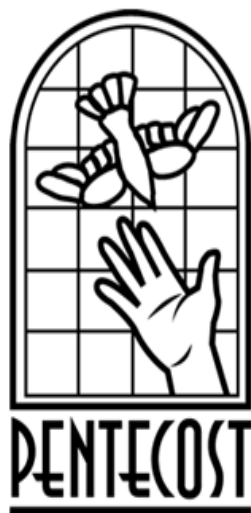
Acts 2:1-21

Word Search Puzzle

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FIRE	PENTECOST	WONDERS	AMAZED
HEAR	OTHER	SPEAK	WIND
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Unscramble each word and then place the numbered letters in the numbered boxes at the bottom to reveal the answer.



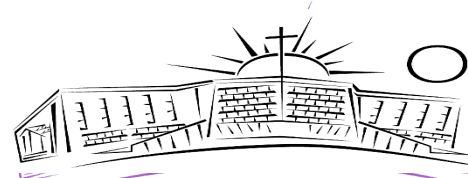
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PUZZLE CLUES

- 1. A sound like the blowing of a violent _____ came from heaven.
 - 2. They saw what seemed to be tongues of _____.
 - 3. All of them were filled with the Holy _____.
 - 4. They began to _____ in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.
 - 5. Peter stood up and spoke to the _____ of people.
- Answer: All of these events took place on the day of _____.

8 Check your answers in Acts 2:1-14 (NIV)



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Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy,
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,
comfort of the afflicted,
you know my needs,
my troubles, my sufferings;
cast on me a look of pity.

By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical.
I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession.
Obtain most loving mother, my requests, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.



Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Andrew Fedrigo, Lou Fedrigo, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Mark McGilligan, Kathleen McMillan, Maria V, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Patricia Ore, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Wiranjan Peiris, Debra Price, Susanth Sennayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Rose Stambouliah, Josette Sultana, Denis Symon, Sue Tipaldo.

If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner that is unwell please contact Father Henry or the Parish Office on 9622 2920. We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

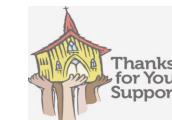
Recently Deceased: Rolily Burac, Sr RoseAnne (Doreen Croke), James Daly, Maureen Daly, John Doraisamy, Theresa Fernandes, Felix Weinman, Merium Welangoda, Sunimal Wijeratne.

Anniversaries: Helen & Peter Bonnici, Alfred Borg, Carmela Carbone, Cini Family, Conception, Dominic & Monica D'Souza, Luis & Vivian Fernandes, VA Francis, Zoltan Gartner, Oliver Jordan, Mangion family, Anton Motha & Motha Family, Paula Mula, Giustin Paludi, Lakshman Perera, Pauline & Santan Soares, Anthony Vassallo, Joseph Vella, Priscilia Villanueva, Donald Lordan, Pat & Jack Renshaw.

Remembrance: Maria & Gregorio Almodovar, Alverico Family, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Martina & Carmel Galea, Elsie, Jean & Karl Garrick, Carmen Grima, Sharon & John Lawrence, Felina & Apolinario Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha & Motha Family, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary & Muscat Family, Paiva Family, Roseline Ratnam, Benna Xuereb, Sam Borg

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$290.00
Loose \$120.00
TOTAL \$410.00



Planned Giving Program

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. Current projects being including the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting.
As there are no mass to give envelope collections, all members of our parish are invited to join a Direct Debit program.

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FIRST READING *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11*

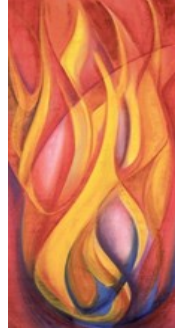
When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 103

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches *(R.)*



You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. *(R.)*

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. *(R.)*

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. 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.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

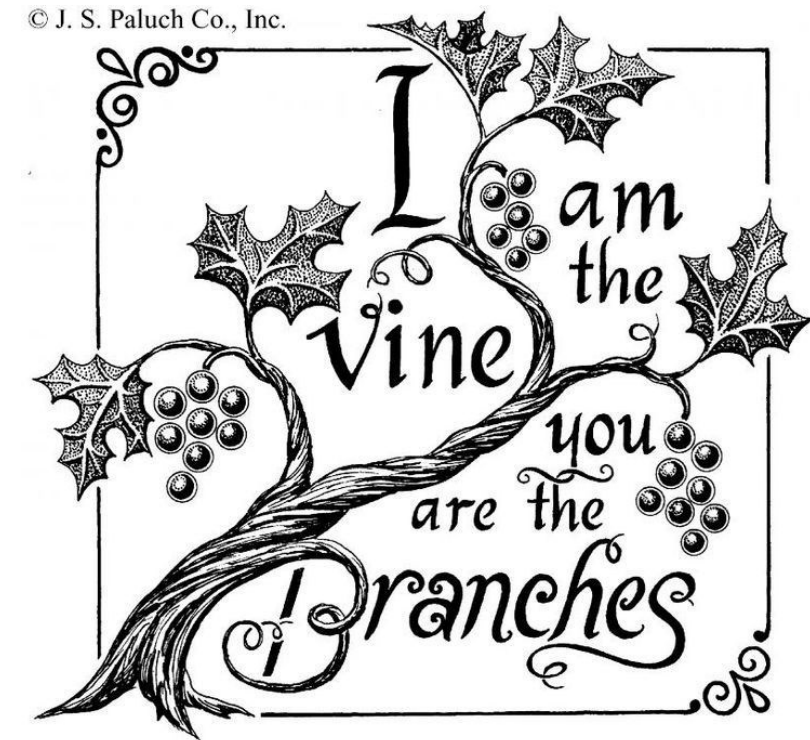
As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'
After saying this he breathed on them and said:

'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven: for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.**

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Pope at Mass: Mutual remaining in Jesus

At Mass at the Casa Santa Marta on Wednesday, Pope Francis prays for students and teachers. During his homily he also emphasizes that Christian life means "remaining" in Jesus.

By Vatican News

Pope Francis presided over Mass at the Casa Santa Marta on the Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter. It is also the day the Church celebrates the memorial of Our Lady of Fatima. At the beginning of the celebration he turned his thoughts to students and teachers:

"We pray today for students, the boys and girls who study, and for their teachers who need to find new ways to continue educating. May the Lord help them on this path and grant them courage and success."

In his homily, the Pope commented on Wednesday's Gospel (Jn 15:1-8) in which Jesus says to his disciples: "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit."

"Remaining" in Jesus

Christian life, explained Pope Francis, means "remaining" in Jesus. This "remaining" he went on to say, is not passive; it is an active and mutual "remaining".

Pope Francis emphasized that Jesus "remaining" in us is one of the beautiful mysteries of life.

The Pope noted that what Jesus is saying is that, "branches without life can do nothing because they need the sap to grow and bear fruit. But the vine also needs branches: it is a reciprocal need to bear fruit."

Christian life, underlined Pope Francis, means fulfilling the commandments, living the beatitudes and doing works of mercy. It is more than that, however, he said: it is this mutual "remaining".

We can do nothing without Jesus

"We can do nothing without Jesus", stressed the Pope, "and it seems that without us - allow me to say this - the Lord Jesus can do nothing."

In this fruitful bond, he continued, Jesus needs our testimony. "Jesus needs us to bear witness to His name, because the Gospel grows by our testimony."

The Lord is present in us

The Lord "remains in us to give us this strength of witness with which the Church grows", the Pope said.

"It is a relationship of intimacy, it is mystical, and without words: it is not only for the mystics, it is for all of us."

In that intimate dialogue, highlighted Pope Francis, "The Lord is present, the Lord is present in us, the Father is present in us, the Spirit is present in us; they remain in us. But I must remain in them".

May the Lord, the Pope concluded, help us to understand and feel this mysticism of "remaining": of the branches that need to remain on the vine, and the vine that needs the branches to bear the fruit of testimony.

Pope at Audience: Christian prayer is intimate, trusting, confident

Pope Francis reflects on the essential characteristics of prayer in his catechesis at the weekly General Audience, and says prayer is universal, intimate, and entirely trusting in God.

By Devin Watkins

At the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis considered several of the core aspects of prayer. He said prayer is common to all people, no matter what their religion, and “probably even to those who profess no religion.” The Pope recently demonstrated the universality of prayer. He has invited people of all religions to take part in a day of prayer on Thursday, 14 May, to implore God for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. The initiative is promoted by the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity.

Flows from heart

In his catechesis, Pope Francis said prayer involves the most intimate mystery of our being. Christian writers have always said prayer is “born within the secrecy of our beings, in that interior place called the ‘heart’.”

Our emotions, intelligence, and body all participate in prayer, though prayer cannot be identified with any one aspect of our being. “Every part of the human person prays,” he said.

God is not shrouded in mystery

Prayer, said Pope Francis, is a yearning that takes us beyond ourselves as we seek some “other”. It is an “I” in search of a “You”.

A Christian’s prayer, he added, begins with the revelation that the “You” we seek is not shrouded in mystery.

“Christianity is the religion that continually celebrates the ‘manifestation’ of God, His epiphany.”

Intimate relationship

God has revealed Himself to us in His Son, Jesus Christ. So the prayer of a Christian brings us into relationship with God, without any fear or trepidation.

“Christianity has banished any type of ‘feudal’ relationship from the connection with God,” he said.

Tendencies toward subjection or vassalage, said Pope Francis, are replaced with friendship, covenant, and communion.

“God is the friend, the ally, the bridegroom,” he said. “One can establish a relationship built on confidence with Him in prayer.”

Trusting wholly in God

Pope Francis went on to say that Jesus taught us to approach God with trust, calling him “Our Father”.

“We can ask God for anything, explain everything, tell Him everything.”

Whatever our situation or perception of our lowliness, we know that God is always faithful, and embraces us with mercy.

“God is the faithful ally: if men and women cease to love, He continues to love, even if love leads Him to Calvary.”

Mystery of the Covenant

Pope Francis concluded his catechesis with an invitation to enter into “the mystery of the Covenant.”

“Let us place ourselves in prayer between the merciful arms of God to feel embraced by that mystery of happiness which is the Trinitarian life, to feel like those who are invited but have not merited such an honour.”

As we remain with God in prayer, he said, let us repeat with awe: “Is it possible that You know love alone?”



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

More than ever before, the feast of the Pentecost this year helps us to be in touch with what the Apostles went through in the first Pentecost, because we appear to share a similar feeling of fear with them these days due to circumstances we have been facing for some time. The Apostles kept the doors of their house closed, and possibly locked and bolted, too, for fear of the Jews, as St John describes in the Gospel reading today, and on the other hand, we have remained in the lockdown for months, for fear of Coronavirus, invisible and yet very deadly.

From an epistemological view, the word ‘Pentecost’ comes from a Greek word, meaning ‘the fiftieth day’, and Jewish people celebrated this feast, also known to them as the Feast of Weeks (cf. Tob 2.1), the one of thanksgiving on the fiftieth day after the Passover.

From a Jewish feast, Pentecost has become such a very important feast for Christianity, for it marks the occasion when the Holy Spirit descended upon the Apostles on the fiftieth day after Jesus’ Resurrection and completely transformed them from fearful into courageous men, ready to go out of their hiding place and preach the Good News of the Risen Christ, as the first reading told us. Surely for this reason, Pentecost has been rightly celebrated in the Catholic Church as its birthday, the day the Church was given birth by the descent of the Holy Spirit upon the disciples of old.

As Christian Catholics, we believe that the Holy Spirit, also known as the Sanctifier has been actively at work in the post-Ascension Church to inspire, empower and sanctify us, its members through his seven gifts of wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. These seven gifts, in turn, help bring forth the virtuous fruits St Paul identified as: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.’ (Gal 5.22-23).

Since the Vatican II Council, Church people are encouraged to better appreciate the key role of the Holy Spirit in the life of the Church. This has been a great move, given that we don’t lose focus on the issue, which St Augustine once raised with his community seventeen centuries ago. It was the temptation to oversimplify the role of the Holy Spirit. Here, it is helpful to re-visit his words of wisdom found in ‘On John I’, ‘who in the present day expects that those on whom hands are laid for the bestowal of the Spirit, will suddenly begin speaking in tongues?’

With St Augustine’s wise words in mind, let us earnestly ask the Holy Spirit to renew his gifts within each one of us in our faith community, and help us to bear fruits for Him in our everyday lives, especially during this difficult time. When we need to show each other around us charity, joy, peace, patience, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity more the anything else.

Have a Holy Spirit-filled week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

OLOL Weekday and Weekend Mass changes-

In response to the latest ease of restrictions from the Government, as of 1st June 2020 more people can attend religious services, weddings and funerals.

Up to 20 people can attend weddings, 50 at funerals and 50 at places of worship, subject to the 4 square meter rule.

8am Weekday Mass, Tuesday to Friday, now allowing 50 people to attend will be in the Church.

We are expected, by Law, to keep a record of Mass Attendance, please sign Attendance book upon arrival.

Weekend Mass, 6pm Vigil (Saturday), 8am & 9.30am (Sunday) - 50 people in the Church, 50 people in the Parish Hall and 30 in the Parish Meeting Room. Communion will be available to participants who wish to receive it.

Weekend Masses will still be **Live-streamed** for all.

We are expected, by Law, to keep a record of Mass Attendance, **please sign Attendance Book** upon arrival.

The current protocols around physical distancing and personal hygiene will still apply.



PREPARATION FOR THE NEXT ROSTER STARTING FROM JUNE, 2020

Our Office staff are on the process of preparing the new roster from June to December 2020, and just to make their job easier, our ministers, such as acolytes, readers, extraordinary ministers of Communion, altar servers, and welcome are invited to fill up a Roster form to update their contact details and service availability, and return it to the Parish Office., alternatively you can send or print a form, from our OLOL Web Page or Facebook page.

Please return all forms before Friday 5th June 2020

HOME WORSHIP PHOTOS

As mentioned at our Weekend Masses in the last two weeks, we are going to have an exhibition in the future to showcase the photos and items to highlight our community worship during the lockdown. Please take photos of your prayer space at home and share them with the parish later on .



RECONCILIATION AND PRIVATE PRAYER

The Church foyer is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm for private prayer.

RECONCILIATION will be held in the church, via the foyer, on Saturdays 4:30pm-5:30pm. There will be a sign on book, please sign it upon arrival.

With COVID-19 regulations in mind, *Please* maintain a social distance of 1.5m apart to keep us all safe.





FROM POPE FRANCIS

Chapter 7 Youth Ministry—a pastoral care that is synodal— Areas needing to be developed Accompaniment by adults (continued)

There is also a special need to accompany young men and women showing leadership potential, so that they can receive training and the necessary qualifications. The young people who met before the Synod called for “programmes for the formation and continued development of young leaders. Some young women feel that there is a lack of leading female role models within the Church and they too wish to give their intellectual and professional gifts to the Church. We also believe that seminarians and religious should have an even greater ability to accompany young leaders”.

The same young people described to us the qualities they hope to find in a mentor, and they expressed this with much clarity. “The qualities of such a mentor include: being a faithful Christian who engages with the Church and the world; someone who constantly seeks holiness; someone who is a confidant without judging. Similarly, someone who actively listens to the needs of young people and responds in kind; someone deeply loving and self-aware; someone who recognizes his or her limits and knows the joys and sorrows of the spiritual journey. An especially important quality in mentors is the acknowledgement of their own humanity – the fact that they are human beings who make mistakes: not perfect people but forgiven sinners. Sometimes mentors are put on a pedestal, and when they fall, it may have a devastating impact on young people’s ability to continue to engage with the Church. Mentors should not lead young people as passive followers, but walk alongside them, allowing them to be active participants in the journey. They should respect the freedom that comes with a young person’s process of discernment and equip them with tools to do so well. A mentor should believe wholeheartedly in a young person’s ability to participate in the life of the Church. A mentor should therefore nurture the seeds of faith in young people, without expecting to immediately see the fruits of the work of the Holy Spirit. This role is not and cannot be limited to priests and consecrated life, but the laity should also be empowered to take on such a role. All such mentors should benefit from being well-formed, and engage in ongoing formation”.

The Church’s educational institutions are undoubtedly a communal setting for accompaniment; they can offer guidance to many young people, especially when they “seek to welcome all young people, regardless of their religious choices, cultural origins and personal, family or social situations. In this way, the Church makes a fundamental contribution to the integral education of the young in various parts of the world”. They would curtail this role unduly were they to lay down rigid criteria for students to enter and remain in them, since they would deprive many young people of an accompaniment that could help enrich their lives.”

[Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, *CHRISTUS VIVIT* — to the young people and the entire people of God]

CHRISTUS VIVIT



LAUDATO SI' PRAYER

Loving God,
Creator of Heaven, Earth, and all therein contained.
Open our minds and touch our hearts,
so that we can be part of Creation, your gift.
Be present to those in need in these difficult times,
especially the poorest and most vulnerable.
Help us to show creative solidarity
as we confront the consequences of the global pandemic.
Make us courageous in embracing
the changes required to seek the common good.
Now more than ever, may we all feel interconnected and inter-
dependent.
Enable us to succeed in listening and responding
to the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor.
May their current sufferings become the birth-pangs
of a more fraternal and sustainable world.
We pray through Christ our Lord,
under the loving gaze of Mary Help of Christians.
Amen

Pope Francis’ Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping
your faith firm.
You, Salvation of all People,
know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows
to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection.
Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother
of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are
in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious
and blessed Virgin.



ENCYCLICAL LETTER *LAUDATO SI'* OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME *LAUDATO SI'* (continued from last week’s bulletin)

United by the same concern

7. These statements of the Popes echo the reflections of numerous scientists, philosophers, theologians and civic groups, all of which have enriched the Church’s thinking on these questions. Outside the Catholic Church, other Churches and Christian communities – and other religions as well – have expressed deep concern and offered valuable reflections on issues which all of us find disturbing. To give just one striking example, I would mention the statements made by the beloved Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, with whom we share the hope of full ecclesial communion.

8. Patriarch Bartholomew has spoken in particular of the need for each of us to repent of the ways we have harmed the planet, for “inasmuch as we all generate small ecological damage”, we are called to acknowledge “our contribution, smaller or greater, to the disfigurement and destruction of creation”. He has repeatedly stated this firmly and persuasively, challenging us to acknowledge our sins against creation: “For human beings... to destroy the biological diversity of God’s creation; for human beings to degrade the integrity of the earth by causing changes in its climate, by stripping the earth of its natural forests or destroying its wetlands; for human beings to contaminate the earth’s waters, its land, its air, and its life – these are sins”. For “to commit a crime against the natural world is a sin against ourselves and a sin against God”.

9. At the same time, Bartholomew has drawn attention to the ethical and spiritual roots of environmental problems, which require that we look for solutions not only in technology but in a change of humanity; otherwise we would be dealing merely with symptoms. He asks us to replace consumption with sacrifice, greed with generosity, wastefulness with a spirit of sharing, an asceticism which “entails learning to give, and not simply to give up. It is a way of loving, of moving gradually away from what I want to what God’s world needs. It is liberation from fear, greed and compulsion”. As Christians, we are also called “to accept the world as a sacrament of communion, as a way of sharing with God and our neighbours on a global scale. It is our humble conviction that the divine and the human meet in the slightest detail in the seamless garment of God’s creation, in the last speck of dust of our planet”.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Explore Alpha Online

You are invited to come together in an online community to explore life, faith and meaning. Alpha offers a video each week followed by small group discussion to explore the Christian faith in a friendly and comfortable environment.
It begins on Monday, 1st June 2020 at 7.30pm.
To register for Alpha or to find out more information, visit <https://www.parracatholic.org/alphaonline/> or call Lisa on 0448 652 720.
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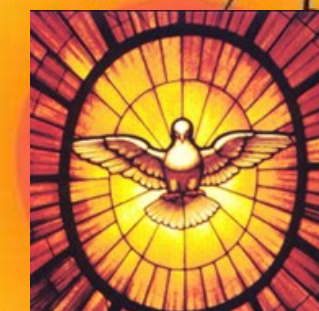
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Please return your Project Compassion offerings to the parish office by
Monday 1st June



Come, Holy Spirit,



fill the hearts of your
faithful and kindle in
them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit,
and they shall be created.
And You shall renew
the face of the earth.