### Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner 15th Week in Ordinary Time 12 July 2020



### **ACROSS**

- 3. To experience physical or mental pain
- 5. An adult female human being
- 7. The Son of God
- 8. An very large amount of something
- 9. Unable to be found
- 10. Small pieces of bread or cake

# DOWN

- 1. Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
- 2. A female child in relation to her
- 4. To have trust or confidence in something or someone
- 6. An evil spirit

JESUS	DAUGHTER	SUFFER	CRUMBS	DEMON	
WOMAN	GREAT	FAITH	DOGS	LOST	

### Jesus Loves Everyone



# Never Give Up

### Matthew 15:21-28

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- An adult female human being A. girl B. demon C. woman D. daughter
- 2. A female child in relation to her parents A. dog B. daughter C. demon D. woman
- 3. To experience physical or mental pain A. lost B. worry C. faith D. suffer
- An evil spirit
  - A. woman B. lost C. demon D. daughter
- The Son of God A. Matthew B. Jesus C. Joseph D. James
- Unable to be found A. sick B. suffer C. demon D. lost
- Animals with four legs, commonly kept as pets, and sometimes used to guard things
  - A. dogs B. cats C. frogs D. camels
- 8. Small pieces of bread or cake A. food B. crumbs C. crackers D. leftovers
- 9. An very large amount of something A. small B. great C. medium D. tiny
- 10. To have trust or confidence in something or someone A. help B. great C. cry D. faith



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WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am

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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 15 July 2020 7.30pm

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**RECONCILIATION** Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm

Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

## 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time **Year A • 12 July 2020**

All are welcome to join us for Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills, Sydney, NSW, Australia Facebook LIVE-STREAM WEEK-END MASSES celebrated by Fr. Henry Huu Duc Tran on Saturdays 6PM (Vigil), Sundays: 8AM, 9:30AM and 5PM (Vietnamese) AEDT (UTC +11): https://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/

People do not need a Facebook account as it will be appear publicly.

### 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.

### **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.

You are invited to join a Direct Debit program.

### **ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS**

BSB: 067 950;

Account Number 000552:

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

(please include your NAME and ENVELOPE NUMBER in the reference description, or write DONATION if you haven't joined the Planned Giving Program)

### IN-PERSON BANK DEPOSIT (at a Bank Institute/Branch)

Seven Hills Catholic Church BSB: 062 315

Acc Id # - 00901486 **AGENT # - 660** 

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



### Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Lou Fedrigo, Ronald Gomez, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Julia Lordan, Maria V, Mark McGilligan, Kathleen McMillan, Mary Mifsud, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Wiranjan Peiris, Janina Pisch, Debra Price, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Rose Stambouliah, Josette Sultana, Denis Symon, Sue Tipaldo, Gerard Marcello

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: Dorothy Abeyrama, Mary Cabatu, Maurice Camenzuli, Theresa & Gerald Chetcuti, Jim De Salis, John Doraisamy, Wenry Farparan, Theresa Fernandez, Carmen Grima, Margolit Phillips, Oliver Soares, Vincente Virueda, Felix Weinnan, Mary Zammit.

Anniversaries: Fe Abadiano, Celilia Abela, Anita Alagiah, Ceferino Cabasa. Carmen & Sam Calleja, Jacqueline & Edmond Clarisse, Louis & Vivian Fernandes, Nevis Fernando, Frank & Bey Gagan, Martina & Carmelo Galeo, Antony Garcia, Roberto Gonzales Snr, Brian Jordan, Evangelista Kingsley, Donald Lordan, Fr Lorenzo Loria OP, Salvatore Loria, Edouard Mahomudally, Rosa, Maria Rachel, Antonio, Alberto, Teresa & Peppino Mancina, Beryl McKertich, Graciano Menezes, Rita & Anthony Mifsud, Lourda Motha, Paula & Albert Mula, Mary Muscat & Muscat Family, Tony Muscat, George & Mary Paiva, Sr Custodio Palmos, Nieves Palmos, Fermin Rambacal, Laureano Reyes, Chantal & Alexis Sauzi, Mary Silva, Peter Tran Van Nhon, Lucy Vasquez, Nazarene (Ronnie) Borg, Pietro Marra, Carmela Carbone.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Bernard Le Minh Danh, Emanuel Heli, Sharon & John Lawrence, Thein Bich Lien, Pauline Meilak, Stephen & Louis Mula, Andreana & Felix Muscat, Roseline Ratnam, Eugenie Tran Thein Tai, Francis Tanti, Therese Tran, Paul Le Minh Truc, Dioniso Udan.

**MONEY MATTERS** 

Envelopes \$2145.00 Loose \$1421.00 **TOTAL** \$3566.00 WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



#### FIRST READING

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

(R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain, (R.)

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. (R.)

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. (R.)

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. (R.)

### **SECOND READING**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the Sower: All who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

#### **GOSPEL**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive.

For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

### 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.



### Pope at Angelus: 'the poor are the builders of the new humanity'

Pope Francis addressed a scattering of well-distanced faithful in St. Peter's Square on Sunday with a reflection on the Gospel reading of the day (Mt 11: 25-30), which he explained, is divided into three parts.

In the first part, he said, "Jesus raises a prayer of blessing and thanksgiving to the Father, because He revealed to the poor and to the simple the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven."

Then, he continued, "He reveals the intimate and unique relationship between Him and the Father."

Finally, the Pope added, "He invites us to go to Him and to follow Him to find relief."

#### Giving thanks

When Jesus gives thanks to the Father, he explained, he praises Him for having kept the secrets of His Kingdom hidden from those he ironically calls "the wise and the learned".

Pope Francis explained that he calls them so "with a veil of irony, because they presume to be so and therefore have a closed heart."

But Jesus, he continued, says that the mysteries of His Father are revealed to the "little ones", that is, to those who confidently open themselves to His Word of salvation, who feel the need for Him and expect everything from Him.

### **Total reciprocity**

Then, the Pope said, Jesus explains that He has received everything from the Father. He calls Him "my Father", to affirm the unique nature of His relationship with Him.

"There is total reciprocity only between the Son and the Father", he said, "each one knows the other, each one lives in the other."

It is this unique communion that gives life to Jesus' invitation: "Come to me...", he explained, because the son wishes to give what He receives from the Father."

#### Preference for the 'little ones'

The Pope then went on to point out that "Just as the Father has a preference for the "little ones", Jesus also addresses those "who labour and are burdened".

He highlighted that Jesus' full dedication to the Father, and his meekness and humility are not a model for the resigned, nor he said, "is He simply a victim," but rather He lives this condition "from the heart" in full transparency to the love of the Father, that is, to the Holy Spirit.

"Jesus is the model of the 'poor in spirit' and of all the other 'blessed' of the Gospel, who do the will of God and bear witness to His Kingdom," he said.

Pope Francis wrapped-up his reflection pointing out that the "solace" that Christ offers to the weary and oppressed is not merely psychological relief or almsgiving, but the joy of the poor to be evangelised and to be builders of the new humanity.

#### A message for all

It is a message for all people of good will," he said, which Jesus still conveys today in a world that exalts those who become rich and powerful, no matter by what means, trampling at times upon the human being and his or her dignity."

It is also a message for the Church, he said, that is called to live works of mercy and to evangelise the poor.

Pope Francis concluded invoking the Virgin Mary to help us "discern her signs in our lives and be sharers in those mysteries which, hidden from the proud, are revealed to the humble."

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### Pope at Mass: Seek God's face in the poor, sick, abandoned and foreigners

#### By Vatican News

Pope Francis on Wednesday urged Christians to discover the face of Jesus in the migrants, refugees and the displaced who are forced to flee because of the many injustices that still afflict our world today.

Celebrating a Mass in the Vatican's Casa Santa Marta chapel, to commemorate the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his visit to the migrants in the Italian island of Lampedusa, the Pope recalled the words of Jesus - "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me". He said this warning, for better or for worse, is a burning issue today.

The July 8, 2013 visit of the Pope to the Mediterranean island was the first of his pontificate after his election on 13 March of the same year. During the visit, he threw a floral wreath in the sea in memory of some 20,000 migrants who died while trying to cross the Mediterranean. He briefly met and spoke to some young African migrants before celebrating an open-air Mass. The visit is highly symbolic of the pontificate of the Argentine Pope, who wants the Church to be an inclusive one that goes forth to the peripheries, to include all, leaving no one out.

### Seeking God's face in others

Noting that the day's psalm speaks about seeking the face of God, the Pope said that this fundamental attitude is the ultimate goal of all the faithful.

In this regard, the Prophet Hosea in the first reading, speaks about how the people of Israel had drifted away from the Lord because of abundance, prosperity and riches which filled their heart with falsehood and injustice, "a sin, from which even we, modern Christians, are not immune."

### Globalization of indifference

Recalling his homily of 7 years ago in Lampedusa, the Pope said that the "culture of comfort, makes us think only of ourselves, makes us insensitive to the cries of other people." It creates a fleeting and empty illusion, leading to indifference to others, even to the globalization of indifference. "We have become used to the suffering of others: it doesn't affect me; it doesn't concern me; it's none of my business!" the Pope said.

### Personal encounter entails mission

Seeking the face of the Lord, the Holy Father said, entails the desire for a personal encounter with the Lord, just as it happened with the twelve apostles, as narrated in the day's Gospel. This personal encounter with the Lord, which is a time of grace and salvation, he explained, "immediately entails a mission" – to proclaim that "the kingdom of heaven is at hand." "Encounter and mission," he stressed, "cannot be separated."

### "Whatever you did... you did for me"

This mission, the Pope said, is also for the disciples of the third millennium. "As we undertake to seek the face of the Lord, we may recognize Him in the face of the poor, the sick, the abandoned, and the foreigners whom God places on our way." Recalling the words of Jesus, "whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me", the Pope said, "the encounter with the other is also an encounter with Christ."

"It is He who knocks on our door, hungry, thirsty, naked, sick, imprisoned, seeking an encounter with us and requesting our assistance."

Pope Francis urged Christians to use the words of Jesus as a fundamental element to examine our conscience on a daily basis. In this regard, he thought of the detention camps in Libya, "the abuses and violence that migrants are victims of, journeys of hope, rescue operations, and push-backs."

### "Distilled" version

The Holy Father remembered meeting a migrant during his visit to Lampedusa, who narrated at length the "terrible things" they suffered to get there, but the interpreter was very brief. When the Pope got back home that afternoon, the lady receptionist, a daughter of Ethiopian parents who followed the conversation on television, said the Ethiopian interpreter didn't even convey a fourth of the torture and suffering the migrants went through. What was interpreted, the Pope remarked, was a "distilled" version of the real story.

This is what is happening with Libya today, the Holy Father said. "They give us a 'distilled' version. "We know the war is bad but you can't imagine the hell that one goes through there, in those detention camps." The Pope said, "these people were only coming with the hope and crossing the sea."

The Pope concluded, urging the Virgin Mary, under the title, "Solace or Comfort of Migrants", to help Christians to "discover the face of Her Son in all our brothers and sisters who are forced to flee from their homeland because of the many injustices that still afflict our world today".



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC



My grandfather was a farmer and my dad then continued the family tradition, and thankfully I am blessed to break the circle. I say thankfully and blessed because I am spared of such a hard profession, the only one that my old man and his dad knew of, which had brought them less than enough rice to feed their families, and forced them year in year out deeper and deeper into never ending debts. I remember at the start of each farming season, my dad used to place bags of grains in the trench filled with water in our backyard for a few days, then he took them out and left them to drain over night. The next step was to hire an experienced sower in the neigbourhood to help sow them in our rice

paddock. Dad had to rely on the expertise of such a professional sower, because the person had the skill to do the job fast, evenly, and accurately. The sowing process was often completed within less than a day.

My family farming story reminds me so much of the parable of the sower Jesus told his followers in the Gospel.

My family farming story reminds me so much of the parable of the sower Jesus told his followers in the Gospel today. The sower sowed the seeds both on good soil producing a good crop, and also on worthless places and locations, such as the edge of the path, patches of rock, thorny bushes, bird-food.

When pressed by the disciples about why he chose to use parables to convey his teaching, Jesus quoted a passage from the prophet Isaiah (cf.Isa 6.9) to the crowds' apathy and indifference to what he wanted to teach them, and once again asked them to realise how blessed and happy they were for the privilege to see him and his works of wonder and to hear his life-giving and precious words, the privilege that lot of prophets and great men dreamed of, and their dream never came true.

He then broke open the story in plain language to help the disciples understand the message behind each single symbol he mentioned in the story.

According to Jesus, the seeds symbolise what he verbally communicated to the disciples and all people following him in his public ministry, meaning his teaching, his word of salvation.

People have, however, responded to his verbal communication differently. Some were ignorant, others were reluctant, and others wishy-washy, consequently there was no room for Jesus' teaching to grow and bear any fruit in their lives. At the end, they remain barren spiritually.

On the other hand, those who opened their mind and heart to embrace his teaching, and allow it to take root, grow and become productive. Their lives shall be transformed and enriched shown through their good words and deeds to gain them credits for life eternal.

Let us ask the Lord today for his grace and support to make our lives welcoming places to receive Jesus' life-giving teaching and interact with it, so that we can grow stronger and better in our faith, and bear good spiritual harvests for the Lord by many good things we do and say in our everyday lives.

Have a blessed week. Fr Henry

### PARISH NEWS...

### **WEEKEND MASSES INFORMATION**

It's a wonderful news for us to welcome a further relaxation of church-gathering restrictions, given we continue to comply with safety conditions required by the government, such as following:

- Leaving your name and phone number on the register at Information desks, and if you come to church as a family group from the same household, one adult contact name and number or email is good enough;
- Keeping the physical distancing of 1.50m between each other with an exception for members of the same family With regard to this, may I remind our people to be seated behind the WHITER MARKS when you attend Mass.
- With families of 4 or more, please be seated in the area dedicated to you near the organ, and spare the pews in between.

For all our Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills from this weekend, no one needs to ring the Parish Office anymore, please just go to Mass as usual.

It, however, would be worth to note that our church capacity at the moment is 110 to meet with physical distancing requirement.

Therefore, when our church is full of its current capacity of 110 seats, I hope you don't mind to go to our Church Hall, where Mass is live-streamed to, and I shall personally bring Communion over to you at Communion time.

Praise the Lord for all this good news we have received, and continue to show each other our kindness, patience and understanding, as we keep helping each other to get through this unbelievable time of history.

Thank you so much for your co-operation and patience. Fr Henry

### PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM ENVELOPES

We are very grateful for your financial support to the Parish, as your regular and frequent contributions will assist this parish community to keep up with our ongoing maintenance projects.

New Set of Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for collection at the rear of our church. If you are a new parishioner or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Program, please complete your details on the form supplied at the church side door and return it to the Parish Office or email the completed form to secretary@olo17hills.com.au

Planned Giving **ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS**, please include your <u>NAME</u> and <u>ENVELOPE NUMBER</u> in the reference description.

For more information feel free to call the Parish office



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## Sacramental Program Returning

Parents of children **currently enrolled** in the 2020 Sacramental Program for Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please be advised that this will return with an abridged Reconciliation Meeting Schedule and the original First Holy Communion Program.

Parents wishing to **enrol** their Year 6 (or above) child in the **2020 Confirmation Program** there will be an Information Meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 6.30-7.30pm OR Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 4.30-5.30pm. Confirmation will be conducted by Fr. Henry this year on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Please email Artelle, artellel@olol7hills.com.au or call the Parish office 96222920

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### **FROM POPE FRANCIS**

#### CHAPTER NINE — Discernment

278. In the Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate, I spoke in rather general terms about discernment. I would now like to take up some of those reflections and apply them to the way we discern our own vocation in the world.

279. I mentioned there that all of us, but "especially the young, are immersed in a culture of zapping. We can navigate simultaneously on two or more screens and

interact at the same time with two or three virtual scenarios. Without the wisdom of discernment, we can easily become prey to every passing trend". Indeed, "this is all the more important when some novelty

presents itself in our lives. Then we have to decide whether it is new wine brought by God or an illusion created by the spirit of this world or the spirit of the devil".

280. Such discernment, "even though it includes reason and prudence, goes beyond them, for it seeks a glimpse of that unique and mysterious plan that God has for each of us... It has to do with the meaning of my life before the Father who knows and loves me, and with the real purpose of my life, which nobody knows better than he".

281. Here we see the importance of the formation of conscience, which allows discernment to grow in depth and in fidelity to God: "Forming our conscience is the work of a lifetime, in which we learn to cultivate the very sentiments of Jesus Christ, adopting the criteria behind his choices and the intentions behind his actions (cf. Phil 2:5)".

282. In this process of formation, we let ourselves be transformed by Christ, even as we develop "the habit of doing good, which also is a part of our examination of conscience. We do not simply identify sins, but also recognize God's work in our daily lives, in the events of our personal history and the world around us, and in the witness of all those men and women who have gone before us or accompany us with their wisdom. This helps us to grow in the virtue of prudence and to give an overall direction to our life through concrete choices, in the serene awareness of both our gifts and our limitations".

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

Acolytes, Ministers, Readers and Altar Servers, please remember to arrive 15 minutes before the beginning of Mass.

11/12 JULY 2020						
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: James Dinning 9.30am Ramzee Michael					
Ministers	Vigil: Charmaine Janz, Jemma Sarmiento 8am: Lorraine Fernades, Helen Gonzales 9.30am: Dawn Manamperi, <b>SUB REQ</b>					
Readers	Vigil: Noreen Rosario, Erika Hien 8am: Kathy Walker, Priya Joachim 9.30am: Megan Michael, Mercy Aquino					
Altar Servers	Vigil: Cassandra Laus, Lucas Laus, Caitlyn Rambukwella 8am: Amelia Herczeg Joshua Herczeg 9.30am Chloe Attard, Larissa Leary, Rachel Lobo, Rynan Michael, Umesh Samara-Sekera					
Flowers	Lucinda & Orlindo					
Church cleaning	18 July H.Gonzales, J.Mitchell, N.Paylaga, A.Pinto, J.Rozario, M.Santos					
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici, Annette Peatman 8am: Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEERS 9.30am: Maria Michael, Benno Motha					

### PARISH MINISTERS ROSTER - UPDATED 9/7/2020

Please pick up a new roster. Thanks to the latest improvement in term of church gatherings, all our ministers are invited to serve again except (1) our ministers of the chalice, and (2) Choir groups, who, hopefully, might be able to resume their services in a near future.



# HAVE YOU VISITED OUR PARISH WEBSITE

Our parish website is updated regularly with news and upcoming events - everything from youth news to social justice to Live-stream Mass times, bulletins, and much more - a great way to stay up with what's on in our parish!

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18/19 JULY 2020							
Acolytes	Vigil: Ernie Gartner 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Kilifi Huihui						
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Benno Motha 8am: Anne McNally, Lorraine Fernandes 9.30am: Paul Gow, <b>SUB REQ</b>						
Readers	Vigil: Laura Bellissimo, Catherine Rodrig 8am: Andrew Millar, Bob McNally 9.30am: Karen Eleazar, Kamela HuiHui	ew Millar, Bob McNally					
Altar Servers	Vigil: Yxaak Dino, Riley Sultana, Samuel Thoms  8am: Sean Park, Philip Park, Diana Park 9.30am Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment Riley Ballment, Jerard Sarmiento, Matthew Shawcross						
Flowers	Fennie & Angela						
Church cleaning	22 July Sue Abela, Jacinta Warner						
Welcomers	Vigil: John Jordan, Judith Deloso 8am: Suzy Nemorin, Rita Paolini 9.30am: Helen Gonzalas, Lena Falzon.						

**CHRISTUS VIVIT** 

	JULY 2020	
15	Baptismal Preparation Meeting	7:30pm
16	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
16	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
18	Reconciliation	4.30 -
	(Saturdays)	5.30pm
19	Social Justice Group	12.30-
		3.30pm
29	Parish Pastoral Meeting	7.30pm

### **HOPE IN DESPAIR**

Gracious God, we thank you that you are always with us, in thebad times as well as the good. the difficult as well as the easy. the sad as well as the happy. May this conviction give us confidence in the days ahead, so that whatever problems we face, whatever disappointments we experience, whatever sorrows may befall us, we will still find reason to look forwayd, reason to believe in the future, and reason to hope. Lord of hopefulness, hear our prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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.

### **DIOCESAN NEWS**

Palms Australia is currently seeking office volunteers Palms Australia is a registered Catholic charity

that has been working to reduce poverty through long-term, skilled volunteering for 59 years.

Here's a great opportunity to assist in the following part -time volunteer roles.

The Connector: Help promote Palms placements and programs through church and community networks. **Events Support:** Collate stories and images from Palms' history to prepare for our 2020-2021 Diamond Jubilee. **Donor Support:** Work with our Fundraising Co-ordinator to

organise support for overseas placements.

To find out more about these opportunities, call the Palms team on 02 9560 5333.

Social Justice Group: Meeting next week 12:30 pm Sunday 19th July Parish meeting room. Thank you to all those who donated to Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) drive. JRS is working at 240% during this Covid-19 period.

Social Justice Group: Thanks to all those who have donated. JRS needs have increased by 240% during Covid-19 they are currently helping to feed 750 people/week. If you can help by buying any of the following products and bringing them to Church and putting them in bins provided: New winter blankets, Basmati Rice, Cooking Oil, Long life milk, "Tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chickpeas and fruit", Biscuits & muesli bars, Oats & cereal, Tinned tomatoes. Tea & Coffee TOILETRIES: Nappies (large sizes), Toothpaste & toothbrushes, Shampoo, Sanitary pads & napkins, Razors & shaving foam, Deodorant (male & female) or Soap. Items will be taken to JRS by Social Justice Group

**HOME WORSHIP PHOTOS** As mentioned at our Weekend Masses in previous 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.

### Divine Retreat Centre Youth Retreat: 17 – 19 July

The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a live-in youth retreat from 6pm Friday 17 July to 4pm Sunday 19 July. Please call 0468 486 782 or email drcretreatrego@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit

### SRE learning from home

During the school shutdown, CCD designed some faith resources for families to access for their children as they learned from home. These lessons, which are fun and prepared specifically for each age group 5-13, are a good way to encourage children to converse about topics of faith at home. These lessons which affirm that they we are loved by God can be found at https://www.ccress.org.au/learningfrom-home-sre-lessons/. For more information contact cecilia.zammit@parracatholic.org

### **Share your Good News Stories!**

Thank you for all that you continue to do to share the love and peace of God. Our Pastoral Planning Office welcomes your good news stories of hope and encouragement during COVID-19 to share with parishes and communities across our Diocese. If you have a good news story to offer, please visit https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/goodnewsstory

**Institute for Mission – Formation opportunity for adults** The Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry Program (Word and Mission) is going ahead starting from 18 August. In keeping with COVID-19 restrictions, the IFM will operate under the relevant health authority guidelines. Part Two is being offered for free as a response to COVID-19 with limited spots available. For details and registration, visit https://www.ifm.org.au/reflective-ministry or contact Sr Grace on grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au.

### CatholicCare is still open and operational

To make a referral, call (02) 8843 2500 (Mon-Thu 8.30am-8pm, Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm), email enquiries@ccss.org.au or visit ccss.org.au.

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