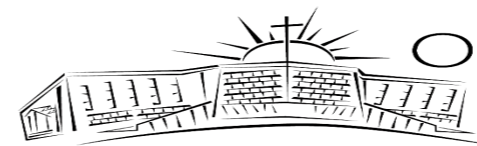
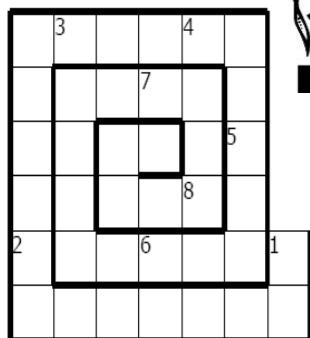


The Parables of the Kingdom



Look at the numbered clues.
Choose the correct word and write it in the puzzle.
Each numbered square starts a new word.

Parables
of the
Kingdom



1. Something of great value; gold, silver, or jewels, for example
2. A small, shiny, hard ball that forms inside some oysters
3. A feeling of great happiness
4. To put in a place where something cannot be seen or found (past tense)
5. Gave something in exchange for money
6. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen
7. An adult male human
8. The worth of something in money

VALUE	PEARL	HID	KINGDOM
TREASURE	MAN	SOLD	JOY



The Kingdom of God is like a treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
Matthew 13:44

Matthew 13:44-52

M K E J O Y A G A I N E V A D
H B Z G M H D P G N U V S R H
O I O N A V K L V L J D S T T
V Q B U M K R I A Q U U F Y R
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GREAT	AGAIN	SOLD	TREASURE	BOUGHT
KINGDOM	FIELD	JOY	FOUND	HIDDEN
VALUE	ALL	HEAVEN	MAN	PEARLS



1. An adult male human
A. boy B. girl C. man D. woman
2. Gave something in exchange for money
A. hid B. sold C. buried D. found
3. To put in a place where something cannot be seen or found (past tense)
A. found B. treasure C. hid D. joy
4. A feeling of great happiness
A. sad B. angry C. joy D. tired
5. Something of great value; gold, silver, or jewels, for example
A. kingdom B. joy C. found D. treasure
6. A small, shiny, hard ball that forms inside some oysters
A. pearl B. diamond C. gold D. silver
7. The worth of something in money
A. joy B. kingdom C. value D. sold
8. A territory or country ruled by a king or queen
A. kingdom B. field C. treasure D. pearl

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

RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 16 September 2020
7.30pm

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am

Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

17th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A • 26 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/LOL7Hills/>
People do not need a Facebook account as it will be appear publicly.

IMPORTANT
REMINDER

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ANY FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS PLEASE STAY HOME AS THE MASS IS STILL AVAILABLE ON LIVE-STREAM THROUGH OUR OLOL FACEBOOK PAGE.

Due to the COVID-19 cases continuing to rise, the NSW Government are now on HIGH ALERT. Parishes are reminded to continue to practice hygiene and physical distancing measures.

By Law, we must continue to:

- Use Hand Sanitisers available upon entry and exit
- Sign the Attendance Book (if attending as a family group from same household, one adult contact name AND number or email is sufficient.
- 1.5 m physical distance should be kept between people in the Church, Please sit behind the calculated space marked with the white tape
- Members of the same household may sit together in the designated area near the organ.
Thank you for your co-operation, patience and understanding

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.

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
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AGENT # - 660

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Let us Pray for the Sick



Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, Neil Anaratunga, 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, Gerard Marcello, 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 Tiplado, Lena Cabaero.

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, Maurice Camenzuli, Jim De Salis, John Doraisamy, Steve Gauci, Gail Marshall, Victoria Olivar, Oliver Soares, Lewis Tentil, Felix Weinnan, Salvina Xuereb.

Anniversaries: Fe Abadiano, Celilia Abela, Frank Baida, Nazarene (Ronnie) Borg, Ceferino Cabasa, Carmen & Sam Calleja, Carmela Carbone, Conchita Deloso, Frank & Bev Gagan, Martina & Carmelo Galeo, Antony Garcia, Roberto Gonzales Snr, Christine Henderson, Brian Jordan, Rosa, Maria, Rachel, Antonio, Alberto, Teresa & Peppino Mancina, Pietro Marra, Graciano Menezes, Lourda Motha, Paula & Albert Mula, Mary Muscat & Muscat Family, George & Mary Paiva, Sr Custodio Palomos, Nieves Palomos, Fermin Rambacal, Laureano Reyes, Jose Reyes, Bill Sommer, Lucy Vasquez, Jim Vella., Edouard Mahomodally.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Emanuel Heli, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Stephen & Louis Mula, Vinnie, Connie & Mary Muscat, Roseline Ratnam, Francis Tanti, Dioniso Udan.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$1574.00
Loose \$903.00
TOTAL \$247700
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



Regular collections at Mass

There are generally two collections at Mass. The FIRST COLLECTION is to support the clergy via the Parramatta Diocese. The SECOND COLLECTION is for the maintenance and growth of our Parish at OLOL. If you are a new parishioner or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Program, please contact the Parish Office.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Kings 3: 5, 7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) *Lord, I love your commands.*

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. (R.)

By your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. (R.)

That is why I love your commands
more than the finest gold
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. (R.)

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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.**

The Gospel and the Signs of the Times

By Sergio Centofanti

This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the canonization of St Faustina Kowalska, the apostle of Divine Mercy; and the fortieth anniversary of the encyclical *Dives in misericordia*. Pope John Paul II prophetically walked the path of mercy, "following," as he writes in that document, "the doctrine of the Second Vatican Council," and impelled, "in these critical and difficult times," by the need to discover "once again in Christ to the countenance of the 'Father of mercies and God of all comfort'."

For this reason, he continues, "it is now fitting to reflect on this mystery. It is called for by the varied experiences of the Church and of contemporary man. It is also demanded by the pleas of many human hearts, their sufferings and hopes, their anxieties and expectations."

John Paul II: Men and women of today seem opposed to a God of mercy

in that encyclical, St John Paul II launched "a heartfelt appeal" that the Church might make the mercy of God ever better known. It is a mercy, he writes, "which humanity and the modern world need so much. And they need mercy even though they often do not realize it." In fact, "the present-day mentality, more perhaps than that of people in the past, seems opposed to a God of mercy, and in fact tends to exclude from life and to remove from the human heart the very idea of mercy."

Pope Francis: It is the time of mercy

Pope Francis, following in the footsteps of the Second Vatican II and of his predecessors, forcefully affirmed "This is a time of mercy" (Apostolic Letter *Misericordia et misera*, 2016).

It is a proclamation proclaimed with passion, which fills the hearts of many people with joy, but does not fail to arouse in some, even within the Church, doubts and perplexity, if not open hostility. We find ourselves in the same situation described by the Gospel two thousand years ago: "mercy" becomes a "nice" but empty word for those who feel they have no need of it; a word that is inimical to so much of our "justice" that knows only how to accuse and condemn in a summary fashion. The justice of God, on the other hand, saves.

Benedict XVI: Mercy is the nucleus of the Gospel

For Benedict XVI, "mercy is the central nucleus of the Gospel message; it is the very name of God, the Face with which he revealed himself in the Old Covenant and fully in Jesus Christ, the incarnation of creative and redemptive Love" (Regina Caeli, 30 March 2008).

The evangelists tell us that the first to oppose Jesus were the scribes and Pharisees, who could not bear to see Jesus behaving mercifully toward even the most notorious and despised sinners, while treating so harshly those who considered themselves to be just, to be true observers and defenders of the Law handed down by the fathers – who themselves had, nonetheless, already spoken of the "merciful and gracious" God (Ex 34:6).

But they could only see God as a judge and chastiser of sinners, the others; and they accused Jesus of transgressing the Law, of blaspheming, and even of being a demoniac. Their rage is understandable: they believed they were righteous, and felt they were being harshly criticised. They thought they were defending God, and God corrected them with hard words.

Mercy:
the bridge that connects
God and man,
opening our hearts
to the hope
of being loved forever
despite
our sinfulness.



-Pope Francis

Pope at Angelus: God's patience opens our hearts to hope

By Vatican News

With the parable of the wheat and the weeds, said Pope Francis said at the Sunday Angelus, Jesus "helps us understand God's patience, opening our hearts to hope."

In Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells the parable of the man who plants good wheat in his field. In the night, an enemy sows weeds among the wheat; and when wheat and weeds begin growing together, the farmer's servants desire to pull out the weeds. The master, though, tells them to wait until the harvest, for fear that they will pull up the wheat with the weeds. "Between us," he said, "we can say that even today the soil has been infested by so many herbicides, weed killers, and poisons that do harm to ourselves and the earth."

Called to patience

In this parable, Pope Francis explains, the master of the field is God, "who only and always sows good seed," and whose "goal is a good harvest." The adversary is the devil, "God's quintessential opponent" who, out of "envy and hostility" seeks to destroy the work of God. "The devil's intention is to hinder the work of salvation, to stonewall the kingdom of God through wicked workers, the sowers in scandal," the Pope said. The wheat and the weeds are not a symbol of abstract good and evil, but a representation of human beings, "who can follow God or the devil."

And he noted, many times we too hear about a family or a community who was in peace suddenly is divided by conflict, envy. "Nasty things begin to happen," he said remarking on how we accuse someone of sowing gossip.

"It is always the devil or our temptations if we fall into the temptation to gossip and destroy others," he said.

Pope Francis contrasts the desire of the servants "to eliminate evil – that is, evil people – immediately," with the plan of God, which is wiser and more far-seeing. The disciples of Jesus, he said, are called to be patient, to focus on saving the wicked, rather than suppressing them.

Two visions

"Today's Gospel presents two ways of acting and living history," the Pope said: "the vision of the master on the one hand, that of the servants on the other." While the servants are focused on ridding the field of weeds, the master is concerned with the good wheat, and knows how to protect it "even amongst the weeds."

Pope Francis warned against "those who are always hunting for the limitations and defects of others." Instead, it is "those who know how to recognize the good that silently grows in the field of the Church and history, cultivating it to maturity," who are able to collaborate in the vision of God.

In the end, he said, "it will be God, and He alone, who will reward the good, and punish the wicked."



'To listen in order to be reconciled' – Displaced persons and Pope's Migrants Day Message'

By Vatican News

Pope Francis has placed the experience of Jesus and his parents as displaced refugees at the center of his message for the World Migrants and Refugee Day, scheduled for 27 September 2020.

"In a world where everyone wants to be right, there's no more room for listening. All we do is talk," Pope Francis said. "But it is only through humble, attentive listening that we can truly be reconciled."

The Holy Father's message for the World Day is titled "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee".

Forced to flee

Ahead of the occasion, the Vatican's Migrant and Refugees Section released the third in a series of videos on Wednesday, entitled "To listen in order to be reconciled".

The video captures the story of Sarah Hassan, a Yazidi woman from Dogorî village, Sinjar, in Iraq, who recounts her experience of becoming internally displaced.

"There are many reasons why we became internally displaced," Sarah says. "One reason is that our area, Sinjar, is a strategic district along the border."

"The second reason is about religion," she continues. "We are a religious minority and we lived in a disputed zone, so no one cared about our area."

Welcomed by others

Sarah recalls that when she fled to Kurdistan, she was welcomed by both Christians and Muslims.

"When we fled and came to Kurdistan, Muslims opened their mosques for us and Christians did the same. They opened their churches' doors for us. So, we became less afraid."

However, Sarah points out that her fear is not all gone. "As Yazidis we are still fearful," she says. "We feel afraid right now."

"Some people have nothing to do with us because of personal motives or for religious reasons," she notes. "I ask them to join us and let's all listen to each other. They shouldn't make religion an obstacle, humanity is bigger than all of us."

Mutual acceptance

"We will not find solutions through violence; violence will only create more violence," Sarah affirms.

"Teamwork and accepting each other will create a brighter future for these children, whether they are Muslims, Yazidis, Kakai or Christians," she says, as she turns her thoughts and hopes towards the future.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Recently I watched a documentary on the SBS titled Crazy Rich and Mega Poor in Hong Kong focusing on the ever-widening gap between the rich and the poor in the place. I was very impressed with the effort of one business man, who had a rather strong sense of social justice. His father, the owner of a jewelry shop in Shanghai, ran away from the place in 1949 when Chinese communists took over China, and re-settled in Hong Kong.

Thanks to two bags of diamonds his dad managed to bring with him, his father started to rebuild the family business. His father then passed away, and he has inherited the jewelry shop, which, of course, has generated a good fortune to his family now.

As a social justice-oriented person, he rightly thought that it was of his responsibility to share his family wealth with the less fortunate, consequently he opened an education hub to help underprivileged children for better and higher education as a tool to break the poverty cycle, and he was very proud of the project to put something worthwhile back to the community.

I hope the example of the businessman in the story above inspiring enough to help connect our readers to the Gospel text this Sunday, which Jesus means to give us some ideas about God's world, the kingdom of heaven. He uses two images: the hidden treasure and the dragnet to communicate his message to his followers.

Through those two symbols, he probably aims to let us know (1) that the heavenly kingdom is utterly precious, and worth for us to put all our investments in this life in order to gain a piece of it, and (2) that though it is extremely precious, its membership is totally inclusive and everyone is welcomed to join with no exception, except this requirement that all have to get through a selection process at the end time to be qualified, depending on how good or not good they live their lives here and now.

Let us ask the Lord for his strength and support to help us faithfully follow the way, which Jesus expects us to do as his disciples, so that we may be able to receive our permanent membership in the kingdom of heaven, when our time comes.

Have a blessed week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...



Parish Pastoral Council Meeting this Wednesday
29th July, 7:30pm



Central Deanery - MAGNIFY Exhibition

Come and support the artistic talents, found within the

Central Deanery and join in this community gathering, as we continue to draw ourselves closer to Christ, through art and music.

This 'pop-up' gallery will include an array of artworks on display and live music performances.

Open over the weekend of the Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary

15th & 16th August 2020 | 12-4pm

Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills Parish Hall.

Entry is \$5.00 and some artworks will be for sale!

For more information, please email

cypcentraldeanery@gmail.com

or visit our Facebook Page | CYP Central Deanery

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 12th August 6.30-7.30pm OR Saturday 15th August 4.30-5.30pm. Confirmation will be conducted by Fr. Henry this year on Friday 30th October. Please email Artelle, artelle@olol7hills.com.au or call the Parish office 96222920



HOME WORSHIP PHOTOS As mentioned 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.

PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM ENVELOPES

New Planned Giving Program envelopes are available, may I remind you to pick yours up before or after Masses this weekend. With those who have not joined this program yet, it would be a great help to the parish, if you could do so, since your donation through the Envelope program will assist this parish community to keep up with our ongoing maintenance projects.

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: 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, patience, and understanding.

Fr Henry

**FROM POPE FRANCIS****CHAPTER NINE — The call of Jesus our friend**

287. To discern our personal vocation, we have to realize that it is a calling from a friend, who is Jesus. When we give something to our friends, we give them the best we have. It will not necessarily be what is most expensive or hard to obtain, but what we know will make them happy. Friends are so sensitive to this that they can already imagine the smile on their friend's face when he or she opens that gift. This sort of discernment that takes place among friends is what I suggest you take as a model for trying to discover God's will for your lives.

288. I want you to know that, when the Lord thinks of each of you and what he wants to give you, he sees you as his close friend. And if he plans to grant you a grace, a charism that will help you live to the full and become someone who benefits others, someone who leaves a mark in life, it will surely be a gift that will bring you more joy and excitement than anything else in this world. Not because that gift will be rare or extraordinary, but because it will perfectly fit you. It will be a perfect fit for your entire life.

289. A vocation, while a gift, will undoubtedly also be demanding. God's gifts are interactive; to enjoy them we have to be ready to take risks. Yet the demands they make are not an obligation imposed from without, but an incentive to let that gift grow and develop, and then become a gift for others. When the Lord awakens a vocation, he thinks not only of what you already are, but of what you will one day be, in his company and in that of others.

290. Sheer vitality and strength of personality combine in the hearts of young people to make them constantly aim higher. This exuberance will be tempered by time and painful experiences, but it is important for "this youthful and still untested yearning for the infinite"[160] to encounter the unconditional friendship that Jesus offers us. More than rules and obligations, the choice that Jesus sets before us is to follow him as friends follow one another, seeking each other's company and spending time together out of pure friendship. Everything else will come in time, and even failures in life can be an invaluable way of experiencing that friendship, which will never be lost.

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

CHRISTUS VIVIT**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.

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.

St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre Staged Reopening

St Mary's Retreat Centre in Douglas Park, NSW, is commencing a staged re-opening of its facilities from 3 August, as a lead up to their advertised retreat program commencing on 2 October. As places will be limited for the time being, all appointments and visits will need to be booked through the Administrator: contact@towersretreat.org.au or phone (02) 4630 0233.

Catholic Engaged Encounter Marriage Preparation Weekend: 1-2 August

We are open for a face to face marriage preparation weekend on August 1-2 at St Joseph's Retreat Centre, Baulkham Hills. Engaged Encounter provides you with deeper insights into each other and married life. Spend time together to strengthen and enrich your relationship. Further information and registration: www.engagedencounter.org.au

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Online Women's Retreat: 1 August

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are inviting young women aged 18-35 to attend an online discernment retreat for women on 1 August from 4pm. The retreat will include a reflection and talk, a Q&A session and evening prayer. Registration is essential, as a link to the Zoom meeting will be provided. To RSVP, please contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or vocationsscfn@gmail.com.

Catholic Youth Parramatta engaging young people in new ways.

Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP's Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

ACBC Catholic Men's Gathering: 15 August

The ACBC National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be made available from 15 August and will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions. The gathering is free and registration is available from 29 June. Visit www.catholicmensgathering.com.au for more information and registration.

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.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>. For more information contact cecilia.zammit@parracatholic.org

Saturday Sessions

Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions, hosted by the Pastoral Planning Office. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith and then join an online group discussion via Zoom. Visit the Diocese of Parramatta's Facebook page each week for details. Contact Lisa Bright on lisa.bright@parracatholic.org to join the mailing list to receive session information

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

25/26 JULY 2020	
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Eugene Miu 9.30am Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil: Louise La Guidara, Stefanies Menezes 8am: Lorraine Fernades, Suzy nemorin 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Crystal Menezes
Readers	Vigil: Marinela Simic, Alison Punch 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Rob Simpson, Adrian Walker
Altar Servers	Vigil: Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil, Majerin Pieris, 8am: Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish 9.30am Carl Gallema, Marc Gallema, Alexandra Simpson, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy.
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Church cleaning	1 August Judith Deloso, Adrian Walker
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici, Ram Ugre 8am: Joyce Hillbrick, Rita Paolini 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain, Lena Falzon

1/2 August 2020	
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Ian Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Laura Bellissimo, Helen Gonzales 8am: Michael Mifsud, Lorraine Fernandes 9.30am: Carole Brooks, Adrian Wakler
Readers	Vigil: Jemma Sarmiento, Noreen Rosario 8am: Priya Joachim, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan, Kamela Huihui
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, Shaun Baptist, Chrisha Gonzales, Jayden Rambukwella, 8am: Saoirse Costella, Sebastian Costello 9.30am Chrisha Gonzales, Rachel Lobo, Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park
Flowers	Priya, Mary B & Annette
Church cleaning	5 August Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spiteri, Anna Bellissimo, Suzy Nemorin
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer, Annette Peatman 8am: Suzy Nemorin, Edith Gartner 9.30am: Maria Michael, Helen Gonzales

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 LATELY??
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 to date with what's on in our parish!
Visit www.olol7hills.org.au



New Sets of Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for collection in our church.

JULY 2020		
29	Parish Pastoral Meeting	7.30pm
30	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
30	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
AUGUST 2020		
3	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7pm
12	CONFIRMATION Information meeting	6.30pm
15	REPEAT—Confirmation Info Meeting	4.30pm

DIOCESAN NEWS

Social Justice Group invites you to check out Bungarribee Park Heart Crossing Loop and trails on Sat 1st Aug 10 am with BBlacktown Network of Faith Communities (BNoFC). Heart Crossing means heart of the park. Walk at your pace, as slow as me or as fast as a kangaroo! Bring pen, comfortable shoes and your own water bottle. Picnic lunch is optional. Free BBQs available. Stallions Burgers onsite for those not that organised. Meet at Stallions Burgers see Social Justice page for more details. For an indication of number contact socialjustice@olol7hills.com.au or Terry on 0409373715. **BIG THANK YOU** for all those who donated to JRS drive.