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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

**19th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
 Year A • 9 August 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  
 Acc Id # - 00901486  
 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, 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, 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**

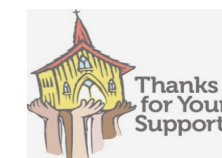
**Recently Deceased:** Christiansen Dias, Pauline Johnson, Steve Gauci, Gail Marshall, Victoria Olivar, Lewis Tentil, Salvina Xuereb, George Yatal,

**Anniversaries:** Fe Abadiano, Frank Baida, Nazarene (Ronnie) Borg, Ceferino Cabasa, Carmela Carbone, Conchita Deloso, Martina & Carmelo Galeo, Roberto Gonzales Snr, Christine Henderson, Pietro Marra, Lourda Motha, Mary Muscat & Muscat Family, Fermin Rambacal, Laureano Reyes, Jose Reyes, Bill Sommer, Jim Vella., Edouard Mahomudally, Kevin Frank Craven, Elvira Bellissimo, Nguyen Hien, Laurence Morrissey, Jayde Kendall.

**Remembrance:** France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Stephen & Louis Mula, Vinnie, Nieves Palomos, Connie & Mary Muscat, Roseline Ratnam, Romeo Palomos.

**MONEY MATTERS**

**Envelopes \$1845.00**  
**Loose \$782.00**  
**TOTAL \$2627.00**  
**WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00**



**Regular collections at Mass**

There are generally two collections at Mass.

The **FIRST COLLECTION** donation to the **Diocesan Priests Pastoral Revenue.** via **Parramatta Diocese** (bank details below)

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 Acct No 00004265  
 Acct Name **Parramatta Diocesan Clergy**  
 Reference **6035 Donation**

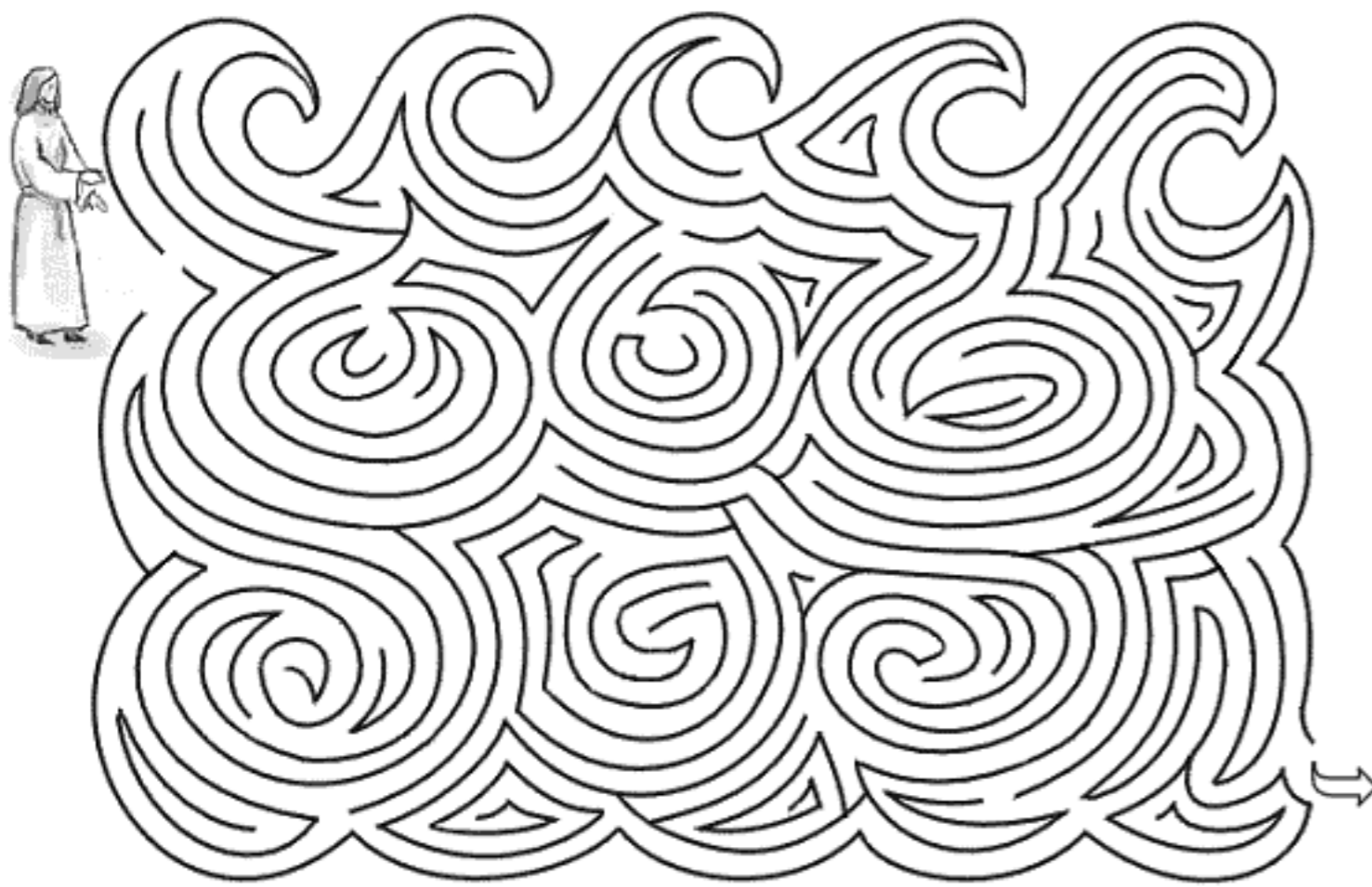
The **SECOND COLLECTION**, which includes the planned giving envelopes, is for the maintenance and growth of our Parish at OLOL., Seven Hills

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**FIRST READING**

**A reading from the first book of the Kings**

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*



I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land. *(R.)*

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps. *(R.)*

**SECOND READING**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I hope in the Lord,  
I trust in his word.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 14:22-23*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

**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.

**Eucharist and daily bread**

Pope Francis went on to say that the multiplication of the loaves has clear Eucharistic overtones. An important element is the connection between the Eucharistic bread – nourishment for eternal life – and our daily bread – which we require to survive.

“Before offering Himself to the Father as the Bread of salvation, Jesus ensures there is food for those who follow Him and who, in order to be with Him, neglected to make provisions.”

The Pope said this shows that there is no opposition between the spiritual and the material.

**Compassion, trust, solidarity**

He noted that Jesus' compassion and tenderness for the crowd is “the concrete manifestation of the love that cares about people's needs.”

The Holy Father urged everyone to draw near to the table of the Eucharist by imitating Jesus' attitude of compassion.

“Compassion is not a purely material sentiment,” he said. “True compassion is *suffering with*, taking upon ourselves the pain of others.”

And he encouraged everyone to ask ourselves if we have compassion when we read the news about wars, hunger, or the pandemic. “Do I experience compassion for those people?”

Compassion, he added, is “trust in the provident love of the Father and means courageous sharing.”

**Journey of fraternity**

In conclusion, Pope Francis prayed that Mary might help us along our Christian journey.

“It is the journey of fraternity,” he said, “which is essential to face the poverty and suffering of this world – especially in this difficult moment – and which projects us beyond the world itself, because it is a journey that begins with God and returns to God.”



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## Pope's August prayer intention: people in the maritime world

By Robin Gomes

Pope Francis on Tuesday released a video message containing his prayer intention for the month of August. He invites prayers for those "who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families".

The Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, formerly known as the Apostleship of Prayer, organises and disseminates "The Pope Video". The network is a pontifical initiative, whose mission is to pray and encounter the challenges facing humanity and the mission of the Church that concern the Holy Father, expressed in his monthly intentions.

### Without seafarers, we would starve

"The life of sailors or fishermen and their families is very difficult," Pope Francis notes in the video message in his native Spanish language. "Sometimes they are victims of forced labor or are left behind in distant ports."

"The competition of industrial fishing and the problem of pollution make their work even more complicated." However, the Pope admits, "without the people of the sea, many parts of the world would starve".

"Let us pray for all those who work and live from the sea, among them sailors, fishermen and their families," the Pope urges.

### Apostleship of the Sea

This is the third time in less than two months that the Holy Father has addressed the issue of maritime workers. On June 12, he sent a video message to the Catholic Church's Apostleship of the Sea (AOS), in which he thanked the maritime workers and fisherfolk for their important contribution to feeding the people of the world. Remembering the hardship they face, especially during the Covid-19 pandemic, the Pope encouraged seafarers in their work, assuring they are not alone or forgotten.

Several Christian Church agencies and secular groups mark Sea Sunday each year. They remember and pray for seafarers and their families, drawing attention to their indispensable work and contribution.

### Stella Maris Centres

One of the sponsors of Sea Sunday, marked on the second Sunday of July, is the Apostleship of the Sea, that provides hospitality and pastoral care to seafarers, fishers and their families regardless of their nationality, creed, race or culture.

The Apostleship of the Sea has established many seafarer's centres and hostels around the world, especially in port areas, called Stella Maris Centres, in honour of its patron, Stella Maris, the Latin for the Star of the Sea, one of the many titles honouring Our Lady. Many seafarers have come to know the Apostleship of the Sea as Stella Maris.

The Apostleship of the Sea uses temporary buildings, caravans, even disused containers in the docks to provide 20-hour information and access to telephones or the internet. These facilities enable seafarers to communicate with their families, despite their extremely limited time in port.

In many ports around the world, Stella Maris Centres work in collaboration with seafarers' centres in partnership with other Christian Churches.

Ministering to seafarers since 1920, the Apostleship of the Sea says it is the largest ship-visiting network in the world. It provides counsel and support to people of the sea in 334 ports with 227 port chaplains in 59 countries.

Upon hearing about Pope Francis dedicating his August prayer intention to seafarers, the Apostleship of the Sea expressed its gratitude to the Holy Father. "Thank you Papa for remembering seafarers, fishers and all those who make a living from the sea", it wrote in a post on Facebook.

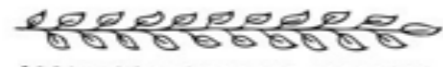
The maritime world

Along with "The Pope Video" of the August prayer intention, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network also issued an infographic on seafarers, noting that the ocean is one of the most dangerous workplaces on the planet.

Between 2011 and 2020, 745 seafarers have died and 8,611 were injured. In some areas, ships have been the targets of sea pirates.

Among the hazards that maritime workers face are abandonment in distant ports, forced labour, death, injury and the pollution of the sea.

Some 3 billion people in the world depend on marine and coastal biodiversity for their livelihood. Around 200 million people are directly or indirectly employed by the fishing industry. The market value of marine and coastal biodiversity accounts for some 5 per cent of the world's GDP.



## Pope at Angelus: Eucharist provides strength to care for others

By Devin Watkins

Pope Francis reflected on Jesus' miracle of the multiplication of the loaves (Mt 14:13-21) during his catechesis at the Sunday Angelus.

He said the people had gone to listen to Jesus in a deserted place, because "His words and His gestures restore and bring hope."

As the sun goes down and those present begin to seek food, Jesus tells His disciples to give them something to eat.

"Jesus wants to use this situation to educate His friends, both then and now, about God's logic: the logic of taking responsibility for others," said Pope Francis.

### Power as sign of charity

The Pope added that Jesus didn't leave His disciples alone when they say there are only five loaves and two fishes. He takes the bread, breaks it, and gives it to the disciples for them to distribute.

"With this gesture, Jesus expresses His power; not in a spectacular way but as a sign of charity, of God the Father's generosity toward His weary and needy children."

Pope Francis said Jesus is immersed in people's lives, and that He understands our weaknesses and limits. "He nourishes them with His word and provides plentiful sustenance."



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

The morning the small boat carrying 16 boat people in my group left the fishing village near the sleepy town of Sihanoukville in Cambodia 34 years ago, we were unfortunately spotted by the coastguards from a far, and they began to chase us.

In normal circumstances we had no chance to match them, since their ship was better and stronger. However, the choppy waters that morning obviously frustrated them, for the distance between their ship and our boat showed no sign of decrease despite their effort to catch us, thanks to the maritime skills of our captain, the installation of an extra motor, and above all God's blessings.

They had to give up their pursuit after an hour or so, and we were left to continue our freedom-finding trip, taking us to Thailand two days later.

It is worth to know that our lives are often considered as boats navigating in the sea of life, and we always have quiet times and rough times sandwiched in between. The same thing can be said of the Church, for she also has her moments of glory, and those of tribulations throughout history. That's why we hear people often refer to the Church as the bark of Peter.

In the Gospel story this Sunday, the writer of Matthew's Gospel gives us an account of how Jesus illustrated his divine power by walking on the water, and allowing Peter to do the same, and especially by making a violent sea calm and peaceful again.

This narrative obviously means to proclaim that Jesus truly is the Son of God as the disciples professed at the end, for he possessed the power reserved for the divine only, and no other human beings can match him with that.

From a symbolic perspective, it appears to provoke our thought of the boats of our lives floating in the sea of the world, in which we often have to face with trials, hardships, and all sorts of crisis, just like the disciples battling with a heavy sea in the Gospel.

So, we might sometimes felt hopeless, frightened and discouraged as a result. Here the writer seems to remind us that, if Jesus was capable of calming the rough sea, he is capable of lending us his grace to support us and help us get through our moments of difficulties in safety.

Let us spare a few moments this week to look at the boat of our lives and try to locate where it is in the sea of the world. For those of us who are fortunate enough to find our boats sailing smoothly, let us offer a prayer of thanks giving, and for those who are less fortunate to face a stormy weather, let us always remember Jesus' words of motivation 'don't be afraid', and ask him to bestow upon us his grace and wisdom to help us overcome the hurdles.

Have a trust-filled week.

Fr Henry

## PARISH NEWS...

### 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!

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### WEEKEND MASSES INFORMATION

For all our Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills 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 100 to meet with physical distancing requirement.

Therefore, when our church is full of its current capacity of 100 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

### SAFETY FIRST



PLEASE WEAR MASKS THANK YOU!



**Parish Pastoral Council Meeting** this Wednesday 12th August, 7:30pm



**2020 Confirmation Program** Parents wishing to enrol their Year 6 (or above) child in the **2020 Confirmation Program** there will be an Infor-

mation 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](mailto:artellel@olol7hills.com.au) or call the Parish office 96222920

**Lourdes Over 50's** meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 13th August from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. Covid-19 restrictions apply. Please bring your own packed lunch to comply with current restrictions.



The Assumption of  
The Blessed Virgin Mary  
Saturday 15th August  
8am Mass





**FROM POPE FRANCIS**

1. The beloved Amazon region stands before the world in all its splendour, its drama and its mystery. God granted us the grace of focusing on that region during the Synod held in Rome from 6-27 October last, which concluded by issuing its Final Document, *The Amazon: New Paths for the Church and for an Integral Ecology*.

*The significance of this Exhortation*

2. During the Synod, I listened to the presentations and read with interest the reports of the discussion groups. In this Exhortation, I wish to offer my own response to this process of dialogue and discernment. I will not go into all of the issues treated at length in the final document. Nor do I claim to replace that text or to duplicate it. I wish merely to propose a brief framework for reflection that can apply concretely to the life of the Amazon region a *synthesis* of some of the larger concerns that I have expressed in earlier documents, and that can help guide us to a harmonious, creative and fruitful reception of the entire synodal process.

3. At the same time, I would like to officially present the Final Document, which sets forth the conclusions of the Synod, which profited from the participation of many people who know better than myself or the Roman Curia the problems and issues of the Amazon region, since they live there, they experience its suffering and they love it passionately. I have preferred not to cite the Final Document in this Exhortation, because I would encourage everyone to read it in full.

4. May God grant that the entire Church be enriched and challenged by the work of the synodal assembly. May the pastors, consecrated men and women and lay faithful of the Amazon region strive to apply it, and may it inspire in some way every person of good will.

*Dreams for the Amazon region*

5. The Amazon region is a multinational and interconnected whole, a great biome shared by nine countries: Brazil, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Surinam, Venezuela and the territory of French Guiana. Yet I am addressing the present Exhortation to the whole world. I am doing so to help awaken their affection and concern for that land which is also “ours”, and to invite them to value it and acknowledge it as a sacred mystery. But also because the Church’s concern for the problems of this area obliges us to discuss, however briefly, a number of other important issues that can assist other areas of our world in confronting their own challenges.

6. Everything that the Church has to offer must become incarnate in a distinctive way in each part of the world, so that the Bride of Christ can take on a variety of faces that better manifest the inexhaustible riches of God’s grace. Preaching must become incarnate, spirituality must become incarnate, ecclesial structures must become incarnate. For this reason, I humbly propose in this brief Exhortation to speak of four great dreams that the Amazon region inspires in me.

7. *I dream of an Amazon region that fights for the rights of the poor, the original peoples and the least of our brothers and sisters, where their voices can be heard and their dignity advanced.*

*I dream of an Amazon region that can preserve its distinctive cultural riches, where the beauty of our humanity shines forth in so many varied ways. I dream of an Amazon region that can jealously preserve its overwhelming natural beauty and the superabundant life teeming in its rivers and forests. I dream of Christian communities capable of generous commitment, incarnate in the Amazon region, and giving the Church new faces with Amazonian features.*

**CHAPTER ONE— A SOCIAL DREAM**

8. Our dream is that of an Amazon region that can integrate and promote all its inhabitants, enabling them to enjoy “good living”. But this calls for a prophetic plea and an arduous effort on behalf of the poor. For though it is true that the Amazon region is facing an ecological disaster, it also has to be made clear that “a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach; it must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor”. We do not need an environmentalism “that is concerned for the biome but ignores the Amazonian peoples”.

*Injustice and crime*

9. The colonizing interests that have continued to expand – legally and illegally – the timber and mining industries, and have expelled or marginalized the indigenous peoples, the river people and those of African descent, are provoking a cry that rises up to heaven: “Many are the trees where torture dwelt, and vast are the forests purchased with a thousand deaths” “The timber merchants have members of parliament, while our Amazonia has no one to defend her... They exiled the parrots and the monkeys... the chestnut harvests will never be the same”. 10. This encouraged the more recent migrations of the indigenous peoples to the outskirts of the cities. There they find no real freedom from their troubles, but rather the worst forms of enslavement, subjection and poverty. Those cities, marked by great inequality, where the majority of the population of the Amazon region now live, are witnessing an increase of xenophobia, sexual exploitation and human trafficking. The cry of the Amazon region does not rise up from the depths of the forests alone, but from the streets of its cities as well.

**Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation QUERIDA AMAZONIA—to the people of God and to all**

**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.



**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.*

**Social Justice Group:** Thank you to all who donated to JRS. There is a box at the back of the Church for any donations JRS is currently running at 400% normal load during this crisis, the staff look happy but exhausted. If you can donate money the links are on the social justice page of our website. God Bless and stay safe from Social Justice group. Next meeting 16th August.  
 From this year forward, the celebration of Social Justice Sunday and Migrant and Refugee Sunday in Australia have swapped. Social Justice Sunday, 30th August - Theme **"To Live Life to the Full: Mental Health in Australia Today."**  
**Events 1) Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening** presenters Bishop Richard Umbers and Beth Doherty. **12th August** wednesday - 6:30-7:30pm Zoom.  
**2) 19th August** wednesday: Social Justice Leaders Meeting 6:45pm-8pm Zoom. **3) 31st August** monday 7pm-8:30pm Zoom. To Live Life to the Full: Social Justice Statement Workshop. To RSVP for these events contact [pa-trice.moriarty@parracatholic.org](mailto:pa-trice.moriarty@parracatholic.org)

8/9 August 2020	
Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil: Rosey Soares, Charmaine Jansz 8am: Anne McNally, Lorraine Fernandes 9.30am: Artelle Lenthall, Maria Michael
Readers	Vigil: Alison Punch, Catherine Rodrigues 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Bob McNally 9.30am: Crystal Menezes, Jeanine Nonato
Altar Servers	Vigil: Caron Cyril, Jesseline Franco 8am: Zachery Osborne, Thomas Osbourne 9.30am Dominic Sant, Karuniya Marutha-nayagam, Chloe Attard, Sub REQ
Flowers	Lucinda & Orlindo
Church cleaning	13 August Chuck Baquial, Karen Baquial, Albert Lobo, Stella Lobo
Welcomers	Vigil: VOLUNTEER 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: VOLUNTEER

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**54-Day Rosary Novena for the Coronavirus**  
 The National Rosary Crusade 54-Day Novena invites you to join them in prayer for a nation-wide 54-day rosary novena to Mary Help of Christians, the national patroness. The novenas will be run between 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption through to 7 October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information, visit the group’s Facebook page.

**BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED PREISTS - FATHER’S DAY APPEAL 2020**  
 Owing to COVID19 pandemic and its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta will not be holding its Annual Bishop’s Collection for Retired Priests, i.e. the Father’s Day appeal, this September. Like many other organisations, the CSF will use its own resources to support the retired priests in this financial year. Donations will always be accepted, however, via our BPOINT portal at [www.parracatholic.org/csf](http://www.parracatholic.org/csf) or electronic funds transfer to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Account Name CSF No 1 with Reference your name. IF you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, please send email to [csf@parracatholic.org](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your name and address details.

AUGUST 2020		
10	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7pm
12	CONFIRMATION Information meeting	6.30pm
12	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
13	Christ com. Prayer Group	9am
13	Over 50’s meeting	10.30am
13	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
15	Holy Day– Feast of the Assumption <b>Mass</b>	8am
15	REPEAT—Confirmation Info Meeting	4.30pm
15/16	MAGNIFY	12-4pm
16	Eucharist Talk—Sacramental Program	11am

15/16 August 2020	
Acolytes	Vigil: Ernie Gartner 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Kilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Laura Bellissimo. 8am: Fennie Balatbat, Winnie Marcello 9.30am: Dawn Manamperi, Nancy Shami
Readers	Vigil: Stefanie Menezes, Marinela Simic 8am: Andrew Millar, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Helen Katopau, Kamela Huihui
Altar Servers	Vigil: Riley Naing, Jaylen Naing, Erika Naing 8am: Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg 9.30am , Sofia Cullili, Diya Dsouza, SUB REQ
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Church cleaning	22 August Helen Gonzales, John Mitchell, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Rozaio, Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer, Annette Peatman 8am: Suzy Nemorin, Edith Gartner 9.30am: Maria Michael, Helen Gonzales

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