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Matthew 15:21-28



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

20th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A • 16th 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/OLOL7Hills/



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 and we expect police may conduct random inspections of places of worship for COVID-19 safety compliance., as it has occurred in some parishes.

Parishes are reminded to continue to practice hygiene and physical distancing measures.

our church capacity at the moment is 100 to meet with physical distancing requirement.

- By Law, we must continue to:
- Use Hand Sanitisers available upon entry and exit •
- Everyone to Sign in, when entering the Church
- 1.5 m physical distance should be kept between people at all times, Please sit behind the calculated space marked with the white tape
- · Members of the same household may sit together in the designated areas
- · Keep your distance when lining up for Holy Communion.

Breach of any of these orders referenced under the Public Health Act is a criminal offence and can attract penalties.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO THE CHURCH SAFE.

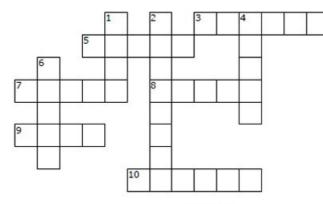
On consideration of the most recent NSW SAFETY FIRST Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at \mathbf{n} Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services. PLEASE We understand the inconvenience that masks WEAR MASKS THANK YOU! may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest

concern. We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

Never Give Up

Then Jesus answered, "Woman, you have great faith! Your request is granted." Matthew 15:28 (NIV) Based on Matthew 15:21-28 (NIV)





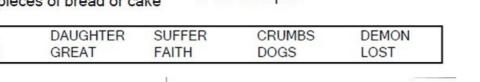
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- 3. To experience physical or mental pain
- 5. An adult female human being
- 7. The Son of God
- 8. An very large amount of something
- 9. Unable to be found
- 10. Small pieces of bread or cake

DOWN

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

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS "Still a wonderful place to pray & stay".

Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9am - 3.00pm Telephone: 9622 2920 Parish Website: www.olol7hills.com.au Parish School: Our Lady of Lourdes 8869 6800 Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes Parish Church: 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147

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

Let us Pray for the Sick



Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, avid Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Ronald Gomez, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, 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, 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, Eulalia Adriano. Teresa Jisia.

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. Marv 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., Felina & Apolinario Maglaya.

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

MONEY MATTER	5	
Envelopes	\$1627.50	Thanks
Loose	\$ <u>3302.00</u>	for Your
TOTAL	\$4929.50	Support!
WEEKLY TARGET:	\$ 3500.00	

Planned Giving Program

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

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.

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.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant - these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;

May God still give us his blessing

till the ends of the earth revere him. R.)

let all the peoples praise you.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants.' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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 Audience: Recognize human dignity in every person **By Vatican News**

Pope Francis, continuing his catechesis on the effects of the current pandemic in light of the Church's social doctrine, noted how Covid-19 has highlighted how vulnerable and interconnected everyone is. "If we do not take care of one another, starting with the least, with those who are most impacted, including creation", he said, "we cannot heal the world."

Christian love of neigbour amid pandemic

Speaking from the Apostolic Library, the Pope commended the efforts of so many people "who have been offering evidence of human and Christian love for neighbour, dedicating themselves to the sick even at the risk of their own health."

But, he pointed out, "the coronavirus is not the only disease to be fought, but rather, the pandemic has shed light on the broadest social ills." One of these, he continued, is "a distorted view of the person, a gaze that ignores his or her dignity and relational character." Throw-away culture

Pope Francis went on to say that at times others are seen as objects to be "used and discarded." In reality, he said, "this type of gaze blinds and fosters an individualistic and aggressive throw-away culture, which transforms the human being into a consumer good". But if we are guided by faith, noted the Pope, we recognize God creates men and women, not as objects, "but as people loved and capable of loving, in His image and likeness." The dignity of the human person

Pope Francis underlined that Jesus proposes a life of service and of giving one's life for others, "and He confirms it by immediately restoring sight to two blind men and making them His disciples." "We want to recognize the human dignity in every person, whatever his or her race may be," he said. The Pope continued on this theme by saying that the Second Vatican Council emphasizes that this dignity is inalienable because it "was created 'to the image of God.'" In modern culture, he pointed out, "the reference closest to the principle of the inalienable dignity of the person is the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, which Saint John Paul II defined as a 'milestone on the long and difficult path of the human race.'

The power of faith

While the world awaits a cure to the coronavirus, Pope Francis stressed that "faith exhorts us to commit ourselves seriously and actively to combat indifference in the face of violations of human dignity; faith always requires us to let ourselves be healed and to convert from our individualism, both personal and collective."

May the Lord "restore our sight", the Pope said, "so as to rediscover what it means to be members of the human family.



Pope at Angelus: Gospel calls us to trusting abandonment to God **By Vatican News**



In his Angelus reflection on the readings from Sunday's Mass, Pope Francis said the Gospel account of Jesus walking on the water "is a call to abandon ourselves trustingly to God in every moment of our life, especially in moments of trial and fear." The Gospel tells how Jesus, walking on the water in the midst of a storm, calls Peter to come to him on the water. Peter takes a few steps, but becomes frightened and begins to sink. He calls to Jesus, "Lord, save me!" and "Jesus grasps him by the hand and says to him, 'O man of little faith, why did vou doubť."

Jesus, the strong and faithful hand of the Father Pope Francis said, "When we have strong feelings of doubt and fear and we seem to be sinking, we must not be ashamed to cry out, like Peter: 'Lord, save me'."

Pope Francis said that this prayer is like knocking on God's heart and Jesus's heart. "We can repeat it many times," he said.

The Pope then invited us to contemplate Jesus's action: "Jesus is the Father's hand, who never abandons us, the strong and faithful hand of the Father, who always and only wants what is good for us."

God, the Pope said, recalling the Old Testament reading, is not in "the hurricane, the fire, the earthquake," but rather comes to us in "the light breeze, that never imposes itself, but asks to be heard."

The Pope reminded us that God knows how weak our faith is, and how difficult our journey is. "But He is the Risen One, the Lord who went through death in order to lead us back to safety. Even before we begin to seek Him. He is present beside us."

The boat, the image of the Church

In the Gospel story, the Pope said, "the boat at the mercy of the storm is the image of the Church, which in every age encounters headwinds, very harsh trials at times." He noted in particular "certain long and persistent persecutions" in the twentieth century, and added "and even today in certain places".

In such times, he continued, the Church "may be tempted to think God has abandoned her." However, he said, "it is precisely in those moments that the witness of faith, the witness of love, the witness of hope

FROM FR. HENRY DUC



At the age of 72, Abram was asked by God to leave his homeland, move to another land, change his name to become Abraham, and begin the father of God's chosen people, known as Israel (cf. Gen 20.17).

This well-documented history has been the pride of the Israelites, since there is no any nation on earth given such a privilege from God, and they have every right to be proud of it for sure. However, it became too much when some of them came to this extreme to claim that the Messiah would come to save Jewish people alone, and hence they inclined to look down upon non-Jewish people, meaning the

pagan or the outsiders, and the Canaanite lady in the Gospel narrative this Sunday obviously belonged to such a group of people.

Despite the exclusive view from his Jewish followers, and even his disciples that he should be sent 'only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel', and throw no children' food 'to the house-dogs', Jesus managed to free Himself from its confinement, and granted the pagan lady what she was looking for, it was the healing for her daughter from a mental illness, which she thought as tormented by a devil. This miracle probably aims to send out a profound message about the universal dimension of Jesus' saving mission, which means that though born at Bethlehem in the land of Israel, the Son of God was sent to save people of all nations and races, not just the Israelites.

Let us give praise and thanks to our good Lord for calling us to join his universal family, and pray that we may be more open, and more inclusive in our witnessing role to bring Jesus to others around us.

Have an inclusiveness-oriented week. Fr Henry

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.

PARISH NEWS...

Central Deanery - MAGNIFY Exhibition

MAGNIEY Come and support the artistic talents, found within the Central Deanery and join in this community gathering, as we continue to

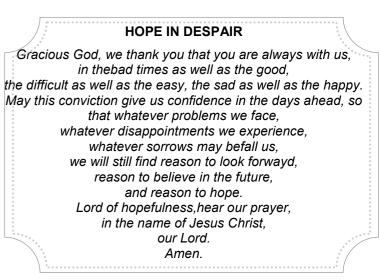
draw ourselves closer to Christ, through art and music. SUNDAY 16th August 2020, 12-4pm Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills Parish Hall. Entry is \$5.00 and some artworks will be for sale!

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Last Wednesday night our Parish Pastoral Council met again in the Parish Meeting Room starting with a prayer to lead us focused on the feast of the Assumption.

As usual we had reports from the Parish Finance committees, the Over 50s & the Sacramental Program, with the absence of the Youth group due to their Praise & Worship commitment. For the Sacramental program this year, our children shall have their First Reconciliation the week before their First Holy Communion due to take place on Sunday 13th and Sunday 20th of September, and children doing Confirmation program are to be confirmed on Friday 30th October.

The Council acknowledged the generosity of our Vinnies and their helpers, for helping to deliver envelopes to our parishioners, members of the Envelopes program.



HOME WORSHIP PHOTOS As mentioned at our Weekend Masses 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



Lourdes over 50's Meetings will resume 11th February 2021. Feel free to contact Erika or Alison in the Parish Office 9622 2920



A Thank you note on behalf of the Dias Family We thank you Fr. Henry for the beautiful mass service you provided Christiansen. Your homely and soothing words brought us comfort, we greatly appreciate your service. Thanks to all of Christiansen's friends and the Young Adults Youth Group for supporting the family and helping organise the funeral service. We sincerely appreciate your kind words, love kindness and support.





FROM POPE FRANCIS CHAPTER ONE— A SOCIAL DREAM



<u>11</u>. There is no need for me to repeat here the ample diagnoses presented before and during the Synod. Yet let us at least listen to one of the voices that was heard: "We are being affected by the timber merchants, ranchers and other third parties. Threatened by economic actors who import a model alien to our territories. The timber industries enter the

territory in order to exploit the forest, whereas we protect the forest for the sake of our children, for there we have meat, fish, medicinal plants, fruit trees... The construction of hydroelectric plants and the project of waterways has an impact on the river and on the land... We are a region of stolen territories".

12. My predecessor Benedict XVI condemned "the devastation of the environment and the Amazon basin, and the threats against the human dignity of the peoples living in that region". [6] I would add that many of these tragic situations were related to a false "mystigue of the Amazon". It is well known that, ever since the final decades of the last century, the Amazon region has been presented as an enormous empty space to be filled, a source of raw resources to be developed, a wild expanse to be domesticated. None of this recognizes the rights of the original peoples; it simply ignores them as if they did not exist, or acts as if the lands on which they live do not belong to them. Even in the education of children and young people, the indigenous were viewed as intruders or usurpers. Their lives, their concerns, their ways of struggling to survive were of no interest. They were considered more an obstacle needing to be eliminated than as human beings with the same dignity as others and possessed of their own acquired rights.

13. Certain slogans contributed to this mistaken notion, including the slogan "Don't give it away!", [7] as if this sort of takeover could only come from other countries, whereas in fact local powers, using the excuse of development, were also party to agreements aimed at razing the forest – together with the life forms that it shelters – with impunity and indiscriminately. The original peoples often witnessed helplessly the destruction of the natural surroundings that enabled them to be nourished and kept healthy, to survive and to preserve a way of life in a culture which gave them identity and meaning. The imbalance of power is enormous; the weak have no means of defending themselves, while the winners take it all, and "the needy nations grow more destitute, while the rich nations become even richer".

14. The businesses, national or international, which harm the Amazon and fail to respect the right of the original peoples to the land and its boundaries, and to self-determination and prior consent, should be called for what they are: *injustice and crime*. When certain businesses out for guick profit appropriate lands and end up privatizing even potable water, or when local authorities give free access to the timber companies, mining or oil projects, and other businesses that raze the forests and pollute the environment, economic relationships are unduly altered and become an instrument of death. They frequently resort to utterly unethical means such as penalizing protests and even taking the lives of indigenous peoples who oppose projects, intentionally setting forest fires, and suborning politicians and the indigenous people themselves. All this accompanied by grave violations of human rights and new forms of slavery affecting women in particular, the scourge of drug trafficking used as a way of subjecting the indigenous peoples, or human trafficking that exploits those expelled from their cultural context. We cannot allow globalization to become "a new version of colonialism". Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhoration QUERIDA AMAZONIA—to the people of God and to all persons of good will.

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.

	AUGUST 2020	
19	Eucharist— 2nd Meeting	6.30pm
20	Christ community Prayer Group	9am
20	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
22	Eucharist-2nd meeting RPT	4.30pm
23	Social Justice Group	12.30pm
23	Presentation of Lords Prayer. Sacramental Program	9.30am
23	Confirmation Enrolment Mass	9.30am



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 Livestream 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

DIOCESAN NEWS



Anyone who is experiencing financial hardship may benefit from the service. Emergency relief may be given in the form of food parcels, food vouchers, and assistance with utility bills, clothing, furniture and referral. The assistance given is based on the assessment conducted by our volunteer members at the time of the home visit. **DV- Alert** 1800 737732

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find Help/NSW/ General support

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.

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 (Date Change) 23rd August, 12.30pm 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 19th August Wednesday: Social Justice Leaders Meeting 6:45pm-8pm Zoom. 31st August monday 7pm-8:30pm Zoom. To Live Life to the Full: Social Justice Statement Workshop. To RSVP for these events contact patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org

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, Volunteer		
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 Culili, 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.

54-Day Rosary Novena for the Coronavirus

The National Rosary Crusade 54-Day Novena invites you to ioin them in praver 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 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 with your name and address details.

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

22/23 August 2020			
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Altar Servers	Vigil: Alex La Guidara, Jayden Rambukwella 8am: Chrisha Gonzales, Jayda Leigh Neish, Ethan Neish 9.30am Rachel Lobo, Gabrielle Wanandy, Florencia Wanandy		
Flowers	Priya, Mary & Annette		
Church cleaning	26 August	Sue Abela, Jacinta Warner	
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso, Mary Bonnici 8am: Ernie Gartner, Suzy Nemorin 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain		