

Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner
23rd Week in Ordinary Time

Gathered in His Name

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. Matthew 18:20 [NIV]
Puzzle is based on Matthew 18:15-20

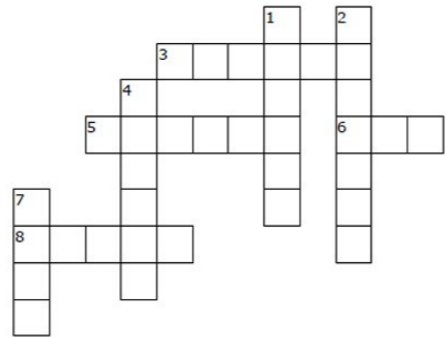


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Matthew 18 15-20



ACROSS

- A male parent; a term used to address God
- A female who has the same parents as another person
- The number that follows one (1)
- To have the same opinion as another person

DOWN

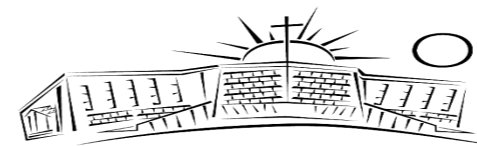
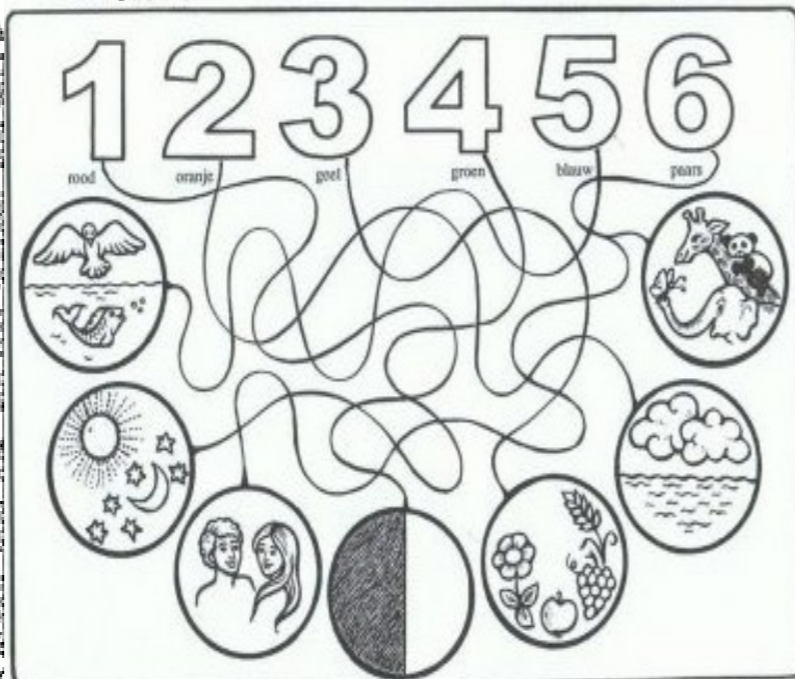
- An organization that follows the teaching of Jesus
- A male who has the same parents as another person
- To give attention to a person who is speaking
- What a person is known by and called

BROTHER	SISTER	FATHER	AGREE
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BROTHER WRONG EVIDENCE WITNESSES SUSTAIN COMMUNITY PAGAN BIND TWO EARTH AGREE NAME

Days of Creation



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes
Parish Church: 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147

WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday-Friday 8.00am
WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 16 September 2020



23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A • 6 September 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/>



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 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 Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services. We understand the inconvenience that masks 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.

Let us Pray for the Sick



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

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

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Rosa Le-Minh Schiessere, Ignacio Nonato Snr, Arulammah Antonypillai, Christiansen Dias, John Doraisamy, Paquita F. Manalansan, Gail Marshall, Victoria Olivar, Juanita M. Pangilinan, Oliver Soares, Salvina Xuereb, George Yatil.

Anniversaries: John Amirtham, Carmen Attard, John Azzopardi, Sam & Salvia Debattista, Clive Diggleman, Monica, Conception & Dominic D'Souza, Joan Falzon, Emmanuel Falzon, Leandro Garcia Snr, Jayde Kendall, Apolinario and Felina, Nguyen Vinh Hien, Paula Mula, Jim Vella.

Remembrance: Peter Bonnici, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sam Borg, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary Muscat & Muscat Family, Nieves and Romeo Palmos, Roseline Ratnam, France Angseesing, Jim Vella, Maria Do Ceu Mendes, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes	\$1083.00
Loose	\$2111.00
TOTAL	\$3194.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00	



Planned Giving Program

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. Current projects being including the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted.

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.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, ‘Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)

O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!



Come Together

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

‘I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.

‘I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.’

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.**



UNIVERSAL PRAYER INTENTION —
Respect for the Planet's Resources
We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered,
but shared in a just and respectful manner.

Future Hope I

Prayer Card for Climate Change



O Lord,
we understand the sacred
duty to protect our children
and future generations.
We pray for the courage
to lead the way and to
combat climate change
on their behalf.

A Pray for Our Earth

Encyclical: Laudato Si': On Care for Our Common Home
Pope Francis

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe
and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love,
that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth,
so precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts
of those who look only for gain
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,
to be filled with awe and contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united
with every creature
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each
day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.



POPE: PEACE WITH CREATOR, HARMONY WITH CREATION By Vatican News

As the September 1 World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation kicks off the month-long Season of Creation, Pope Francis offers a profound reflection on respect for the earth, its resources, the evils caused by man's greed and the need for "restorative justice" such as debt cancellation for poor countries.

This decisive moment

In his message, the Pope notes that "the pandemic has brought us to a crossroads". "We must use this decisive moment," he says, "to end our superfluous and destructive goals and activities, and to cultivate values, connections and activities that are life-giving." "We must examine our habits of energy usage, consumption, transportation, and diet. We must eliminate the superfluous and destructive aspects of our economies, and nurture life-giving ways to trade, produce, and transport goods."

Listen to the land and creation

The Pope reminds us that "we cannot live in harmony with creation if we are not at peace with the Creator who is the source and origin of all things". The Jubilee is a time for thinking once again of our fellow human beings, especially the poor and the most vulnerable, to share the common heritage of creation in a "spirit of conviviality, not in competitive scramble but in joyful fellowship, supporting and protecting one another".

The Jubilee is also a time to listen to the land, to hear the voice of creation and return to our rightful place in the natural created order, remembering that we are part of this interconnected web of life, not its masters.

"The disintegration of biodiversity, spiralling climate disasters, and unjust impact of the current pandemic on the poor and vulnerable," the Pope says, are a "wake-up call in the face of our rampant greed and consumption".

A jubilee, the Pope says, is a time to set free the oppressed such as the indigenous people who face injustice and others who are subjected to various forms of modern slavery, such as trafficking in persons and child labour.

Indigenous rights

The principle of "restorative justice", the Holy Father continues, calls for restoring the right of indigenous communities to regain control of the usage of the land on which they have lived for generations.

"Indigenous communities," he says, "must be protected from companies, particularly multinational companies, that 'operate in less developed countries in ways they could never do at home', through the destructive extraction of fossil fuels, minerals, timber and agro-industrial products."

He denounces as a "new version of colonialism" the corporate misconduct of shamefully exploiting poorer countries and communities that are desperately seeking economic development.

POPE AT AUDIENCE: SOLIDARITY NEEDED TO REBUILD POST-PANDEMIC COMMUNITY By Devin Watkins

Dependence vs interdependence

All humanity, said the Pope, has its common origin in God. We dwell together in our common home, "a garden-planet where God has placed us", and we have a common destination in Christ.

"But when we forget all this, our *interdependence* becomes *dependence* of some on others," he said, "increasing inequality and marginalization; it weakens the social fabric and the environment deteriorates."

Solidarity is a mindset

Pope Francis admitted that the word "solidarity" may seem a little worn and poorly understood.

Solidarity is more than "a few sporadic acts of generosity." Rather, he said, solidarity involves creating a mindset which thinks "in terms of community and the priority of life of all over the appropriation of goods by a few."

More than that, said the Pope, solidarity "is a matter of justice."

A healthy and fruitful interdependence "needs strong roots in the humanity and nature created by God; it needs respect for faces and for the land."

Threats to community

The Pope went on to reflect on the Biblical account of the tower of Babel (Gen 11:1-9)

When humanity tries to reach to heaven while ignoring our relationship with each other, creation, and the Creator, we wind up unifying languages and constructing skyscrapers - but we "destroy community" and "mortify cultural wealth".

Another unfortunate result, said the Pope, is that we instrumentalize others as a workforce, rather than building up a community.

"When shares fall in the financial markets, all the agencies report the news," he lamented. "Thousands of people fall due to hunger and no-one talks about it."

Diversity and harmony

Pentecost, said Pope Francis, is the answer and antithesis of Babel.

Descending upon the community, "the Spirit creates unity in diversity; He creates harmony."

"With Pentecost," he said, "God makes Himself present and inspires the *faith* of the community *united in diversity and in solidarity*."

Diversity ensures the community is imbued with "antibodies" which remind the community that each person is unique, and protects it from the danger of individualism and selfishness.

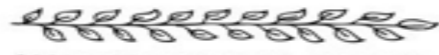
"Solidarity," said the Pope, "is the road to take towards a post-pandemic world, towards the healing of our interpersonal and social sicknesses. There is no other path."

Solidity and meaning in solidarity

Finally, Pope Francis encouraged everyone to let our solidarity be guided by faith, so that we might translate the love of God for our brother and sisters to build communities that promote healthy growth.

He also invited everyone to ask ourselves: "Do I think about others?"

"In the midst of crises and tempests, the Lord calls to us and invites us to reawaken and activate this solidarity capable of giving solidity, support and meaning to these hours in which everything seems to be wrecked."



POPE AT ANGELUS: CHRISTIANS CALLED TO SERVE GOD AND NEIGHBOUR AS JESUS

By Vatican News

In Sunday's Gospel, Jesus speaks to His disciples about the mystery of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection – a teaching, Pope Francis said, that the disciples are not yet able to understand, because their faith "is still immature, and too closely tied to the mentality of the world."

The Pope said that for Peter and the other disciples – and for us too – the Cross is seen as "a 'stumbling block', whereas Jesus considers the 'stumbling block' [to be] escaping the Cross, which would mean avoiding the Father's will." This, the Pope said, is why Jesus rebukes Peter so strongly, saying to him, "Get behind me, Satan!"

Becoming true disciples of Jesus

In the Gospel, Jesus then immediately explains, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

Pope Francis said that in this saying, Jesus "indicates the way of the true disciple, showing two attitudes": renouncing oneself, which means a real conversion; and taking up one's cross, which "is not just a matter of patiently enduring daily tribulations, but of bearing with faith and responsibility that part of toil and suffering that the struggle against evil entails."

Participating in the salvation of the world

Focusing on the latter, the Pope said, "Thus, the task of 'taking up the cross' becomes participating with Christ in the salvation of the world."

Images of the Cross should be a "sign of our desire to be united with Christ through lovingly serving our brothers and sisters, especially the littlest and the weakest," Pope Francis said; adding, "The Cross is the holy sign of God's love and of Jesus's sacrifice, and is not to be reduced to a superstitious object or an ornamental necklace."

Instead, he explained, when we look at a crucifix, we should reflect on the fact that Jesus "has accomplished His mission, giving life, spilling His blood for the forgiveness sins." In order to be His disciples, Pope Francis said, we in turn must "imitate Him, expending our life unreservedly for love of God and neighbour."



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Correcting people is not an easy thing to do, since no one likes to be told that he is wrong. I remember I read from somewhere what Dale Carnegie once said about our human behavior that people tend to admit their wrongs just once in a hundred times. My almost seven-year-old niece and three-year-old nephew never looked happy when they got straightened up by their parents and uncle.

In the gospel this week, Jesus takes us through a three step process of helping people to improve themselves, or more bluntly to correct their wrongs. It begins with a one-to-one meeting with the person, and if it fails, the next step is taken with the involvement of one or two more people, and if it fails again, the third step will be considered with the company of two or three people. However, when all those three steps fail to work with the person of interest, the advice is to 'treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.' This sounds simple, but some might wonder what it actually means?

It is worth to note that Jewish people in Jesus' time coined the term gentiles or pagans to call non-Jewish people, whom they preferred to look down for their faithless way of life. They wanted nothing to do with them, and some of the rabbis even went this far to require Jewish travelers going through a pagan territory to shake the dirt from their sandals before entering the Jewish soil, just in case they might contaminate Jewish land.

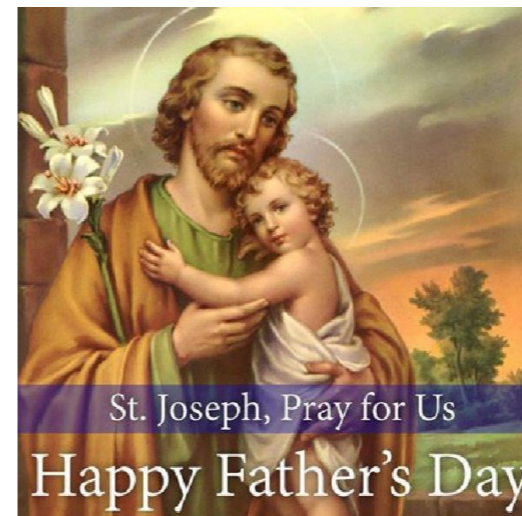
It was even worse in the case of tax collectors, who were considered as stealing money from God due to their job to collect tax for Roman emperors, and they often collected more than they should. Any Jew who happened to touch a tax collector had to go through a purification rite, before he was allowed to offer sacrifices in the Temple again, simply because he was ritually unclean.

This first part of the Gospel this week brings to our attention about the art of helping each other for our self-improvements. It takes lot of courage to initiate the process, and it, however, has no guarantee to always work. When every effort seems to fail, we are encouraged to take the noble action, which is to leave people alone, and leave it to God to do the rest, instead of taking justice into our hand.

Inspired by the issue of self-improvement Jesus mentioned in the Gospel today, let us pray for the wisdom to see and identify our limits and weaknesses, and the courage to accept and take action to improve ourselves when we have feedbacks.

Have a self-improvement-oriented week.

Fr Henry



Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
The child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
Support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to You for love and salvation,
Through Jesus Christ our rock and defender,
In union with the Holy Spirit,
one God forever and ever.
St Joseph, Pray for all our Fathers, Amen

PARISH NEWS...

FIRST RECONCILIATION LITURGY

(and Holy Communion Practice)

GROUP 1— 9th September 6.30pm.

GROUP 2—16th September 6.30pm

First Holy Communion September 13th and 20th

Sacrament of CONFIRMATION next meeting 14th October

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

All members of our Parish Pastoral Council are invited to attend the Council's monthly meeting on Wednesday 9 September at 8.00pm in our Parish Meeting Room.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY

The ACU annual Open ay for future students will be held virtually from 9am to 3pm 12 September.

For more information about these Open Days, please go to acu.edu.au

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.

CHURCH FLOWERS 2020:

Extra volunteers are urgently required to assist with the Church Flower help with church flowers. The 2nd week of the month. For more information, please contact the Parish Office 9622 2920





FROM POPE FRANCIS
CHAPTER ONE— A SOCIAL DREAM - A sense of community

Broken institutions

23. In the Encyclical *Laudato Si'*, I noted that "if everything is related, then the health of the society's institutions has consequences for the environment and the quality of human life... Within each social stratum, and between them, institutions develop to regulate human relationships. Anything which weakens those institutions has negative consequences, such as injustice, violence and loss of freedom. A number of countries have a relatively low level of institutional effectiveness, which results in greater problems for their people"

24. Where do the institutions of civil society in the Amazon region stand? The Synod's *Instrumentum Laboris*, which synthesizes contributions made by numerous individuals and groups from the Amazon region, speaks of "a culture that poisons the state and its institutions, permeating all social strata, including the indigenous communities. We are talking about a true moral scourge; as a result, there is a loss of confidence in institutions and their representatives, which totally discredits politics and social organizations. The Amazonian peoples are not immune to corruption, and they end up being its principal victims". 25. Nor can we exclude the possibility that members of the Church have been part of networks of corruption, at times to the point of agreeing to keep silent in exchange for economic assistance for ecclesial works. Precisely for this reason, proposals were made at the Synod to insist that "special attention be paid to the provenance of donations or other kinds of benefits, as well as to investments made by ecclesiastical institutions or individual Christians"

26. The Amazon region ought to be a place of social dialogue, especially between the various original peoples, for the sake of developing forms of fellowship and joint struggle. The rest of us are called to participate as "guests" and to seek out with great respect paths of encounter that can enrich the Amazon region. If we wish to dialogue, we should do this in the first place with the poor. They are not just another party to be won over, or merely another individual seated at a table of equals. They are our principal dialogue partners, those from whom we have the most to learn, to whom we need to listen out of a duty of justice, and from whom we must ask permission before presenting our proposals. Their words, their hopes and their fears should be the most authoritative voice at any table of dialogue on the Amazon region. And the great question is: "What is their idea of 'good living' for themselves and for those who will come after them?"

27. Dialogue must not only favour the preferential option on behalf of the poor, the marginalized and the excluded, but also respect them as having a leading role to play. Others must be acknowledged and esteemed precisely as others, each with his or her own feelings, choices and ways of living and working. Otherwise, the result would be, once again, "a plan drawn up by the few for the few", if not "a consensus on paper or a transient peace for a contented minority". Should this be the case, "a prophetic voice must be raised" and we as Christians are called to make it heard.

This gives rise to the following dream.

[Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation QUERIDA AMAZONIA—to the people of God and to all persons of good will.]



DIOCESAN NEWS



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED PRIEST'S - 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.

Social Justice Group Have you been composting for years? Could we make a video at your place with Br Frank or you demonstrating for others. Contact socialjustice@olol7hills.com.au or Terry 0409373715. Keep checking out our website for information on mental health and Season of Creation (SoC). SoC starts 1st Sept World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, Feast of St Frances of Assisi, Patron Saint of Ecology

St Bernadette's Lalor Park Wednesday Evening Devotions

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 7pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the parish office on 02 9672 4037 or admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au

SPECIAL APPEAL FOR LEBANON EXPLOSION

Caritas Australia has committed to provide emergency response in the form of crucial financial support as part of its already established Middle East Regional Appeal. Please go to caritas.org.au or ring 1800 024 413 www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/middle-east-emergency-appeal

5/6 September 2020	
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Kilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: Helen Gonzales, Stefanie Menezes 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Carole Brooks, Adrian Walker
Readers	Vigil: Catherine Rodrigues, Alison Punch 8am: Pepito Ferroils, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Kemala Huihui, Noel Emmanuel
Altar Servers	Vigil: Chrisha Gonzales, Erika Naing, Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing 8am: Karuniya Maruthanayagam, SUB REQ 9.30am Chloe Attard, Rachel Lobo, Jarard Sarmiento, Daniel Tenn
Flowers	Fenty & Mimi
Church cleaning	10 Sept Tongan Choir
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso, Ram Ugre 8am: Rita Paolini, Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Maria Michael, Lena Falzon



Family Assistance 1800 606 724

Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm

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



Liturgy Help - Personal and Family Prayer.

In this time of crisis, we are providing Catholics with access to a range of resources for personal and family prayer. To access these free resources, go to: liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray (login / register as a new user)



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.*

SEPTEMBER 2020		
6	Father's Day	
9	First Reconciliation – Group 1	6.30pm
9	Parish Council Meeting	8pm
10	Christ community Prayer Group	9am
10	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
13	First Holy Communion – Group 1	11.30am
16	First Reconciliation – Group 2	6.30pm
20	First Holy Communion – Group 2	11.30am
24	Finance Committee Meeting	8pm
27	First Holy Communion Certificates	

12/13 SEPTEMBER	
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Ian Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil: Charmaine Jansz, SUB REQ 8am: Priya Joachim, Erika Hien 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan, Eugene Miu
Readers	Vigil: Noreen Rosario, Jemma Sarmiento 8am: Andrew Millar, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Jeanine Nonato, Noel Emmanuel
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alex La Guidara, Caitlyn Rambukwella, SUB REQ 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am Gabrielle Wanandy, Florencia Wanandy, Sofia Cullili, Diya Dsousza
Flowers	Team/ VOLUNTEERS
Church cleaning	19 Sept Helen Gonzales, John Mitchell, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Johnson Rozario, Maricel Santos.
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso, Volunteer 8am: Suzy Nemorin, Annette Peatman 9.30am: Ernie Gartner, Volunteer

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