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- 2. A statement given in reply to a question
- 5. The number that is equal to six plus one
- 7. The Son of God
- 8. To pardon someone for doing something wrong

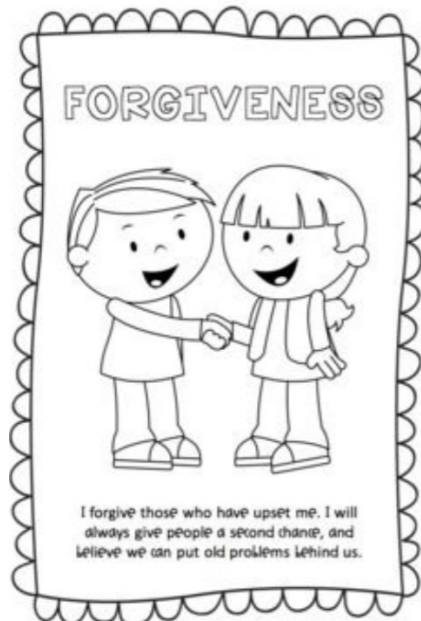
DOWN

- 1. A male with the same parents as someone else
- 3. To break God's law
- 4. A fisherman who became one of Jesus' disciples
- 6. To seek an answer to a question

SEVEN	ASK	PETER	JESUS
BROTHER	FORGIVE	ANSWER	SIN



"Help me to forgive others as you have forgiven me."



Keep on Forgiving  
Matthew 18:21-35

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PETER	ANSWERED	MANY	JESUS
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- 1. 11-20-21 \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. 9-22-23-12-20-13-7 \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. 24-11-14 \_\_\_\_\_
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- 5. 10-7-18-7-23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. 2-23-22-18-25-7-23 \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. 11-7-13-7-21 \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. 6-7-11-3-11 \_\_\_\_\_

FORGIVE	SIN	JESUS	SEVEN
BROTHER	ASK	ANSWER	PETER



Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times. Matthew 18:20-22



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**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

24th Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year A • 13 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, Salome Pillay, Debra Price, Amy Ratnam, 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:** Arulammah Antonypillai, Christiansen Dias, John Doraisamy, Paquita F. Manalansan, Maria Do Ceo Mendes, Ignacio Nonato Snr, Juanita M. Pangilinan, Rosa Le-Minh Schiesser, Oliver Soares, Lakshman Wijeskera.

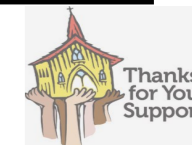
**Anniversaries:** John Amirtham, Carmen Attard, John Azzopardi, Joseph Camenzuli, Sam & Salvia Debbattista, Clive Diggelman, Monica, Conception & Dominic D'Souza, Joan Falzon, Emmanuel Falzon, Leandro Garcia Snr, Jayde Kendall, Sam & Rosa Loria, Apolinario & Felina Magalaya, Paula Mula, Bertu Mula, Ersilia Paolini, John Ratnam, Caroline Susainathan.

**Remembrance:** France Angseesing, Peter Bonnici, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Peter Bonnici, Sam Borg, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary Muscat & Muscat Family, Rose-line Ratnam, Jim Vella.

MONEY MATTERS

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$1996.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$1983.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3979.00</b>

**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 Ecclesiasticus Cf. Sir 36:18*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R.)** The Lord is kind and merciful;  
slow to anger and rich in compassion.

His wrath will come to an end;  
he will not be angry for ever.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults **(R.)**

For as the heavens are high above the earth  
so strong is his love for those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 14:7-9*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I give you a new commandment:  
love one another as I have loved you.  
Alleluia!



**GOSPEL**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 18:21-35*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.'

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

**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 planets resources will not be plundered,*  
*but shared in a just and respectful manner.*

**Drought**  
Prayer Card for Climate Change

*O Lord,  
help us to protect  
the poor, both at home  
and around the world,  
who are the most  
vulnerable to the impacts  
of climate change.*

The Global Catholic Climate Movement  
www.catholicclimatemovement.org

**A Pray for Our Earth**

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

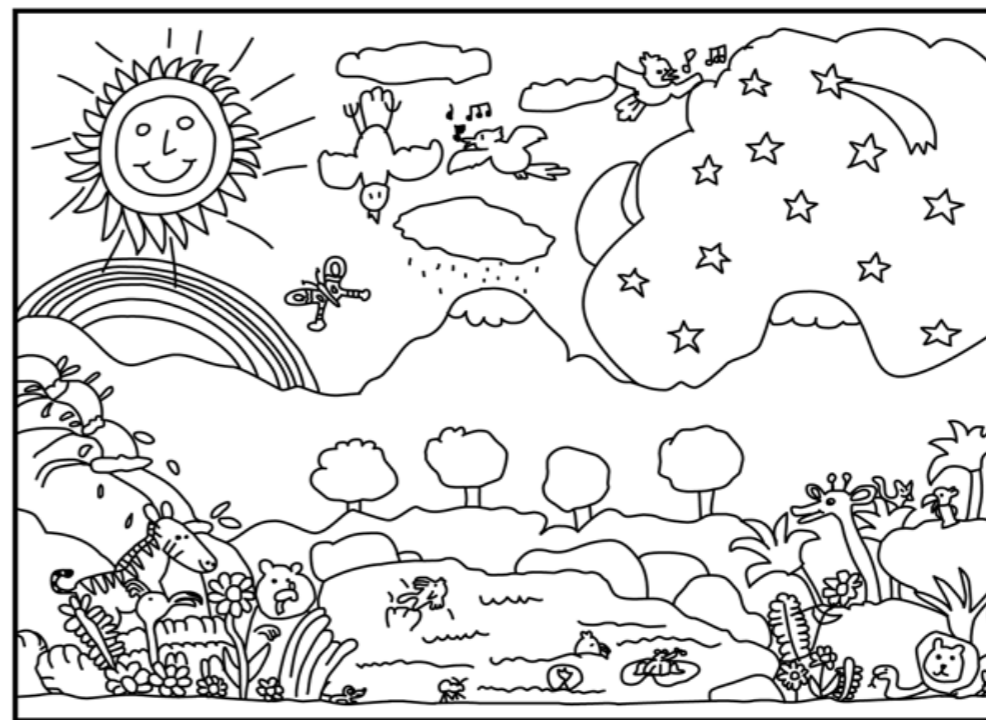
All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

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 AT AUDIENCE:

Pope at Angelus: Gossip 'a plague more awful than Covid-19' [By Devin Watkins](#)

Ahead of the traditional Marian prayer of the Angelus, Pope Francis reflected on the day's Gospel (Mt 18:15-20), in which Jesus speaks about fraternal correction.

The Pope said the episode invites us to consider two dimensions of the Christian life: the communitarian, "which demands *safeguarding communion*" and the personal, "which obliges attention and *respect for every individual conscience*."

Jesus, said the Holy Father, offers a three-step approach to correcting our brother or sister who has sinned.

### Step 1: Discretely admonish

First, we are invited to discretely admonish that person, "not to judge him but to help him realize what he has done."

Pope Francis admitted that it is not easy to take this first step. "There is the fear that the brother may react badly; at times you may lack sufficient confidence with him.... And other reasons."

### Step 2: Get help

Afterwards, if the person has not repented, Jesus urges us to seek out the help of other sisters and brothers.

Pope Francis said this second step differs from a precept in the Law of Moses, which required the presence of two or three witnesses in order to condemn someone. "The two witnesses are called not to accuse and judge, but to help," said the Pope.

### Step 3: Tell the Church

The third step to be taken if someone persists in their error, said Pope Francis, is to bring the matter to the Church community. "There are things that can have an impact on other brothers and sisters: it takes a greater love to rehabilitate the brother."

### Last-ditch measure

However, noted the Pope, sometimes even this communitarian intervention fails. In this case, Jesus says the person should be treated "as you would a Gentile or a tax collector."

Pope Francis noted that this expression could be seen as pejorative.

In reality, he said, this drastic measure "invites us to put the brother in God's hands: only the Father will be able to show a greater love than that of all brothers and sisters put together."

The Pope pointed out that Jesus welcomed Gentiles and tax collectors, causing scandal to the "conformists" of His time.

### Gossip hurts the community

The Pope went on to consider what happens when we choose to gossip about a member of the community, rather than follow the path of fraternal correction.

"When we see a brother or sister make a mistake or with a defect," said Pope Francis, "the first thing we do is go tell others about it. We gossip." Gossip, he added, closes a person's heart to the community and hurts the Church's unity, since the devil is the great gossip who seeks to sow discord.

"Please, brothers and sisters, let us make an effort not to gossip," added the Pope. "Chatter is a plague more awful than Covid!"

### Healthy use of fraternal correction

In conclusion, Pope Francis prayed that the Blessed Virgin Mary might help us make fraternal correction "a healthy practice, so that in our communities ever new fraternal relationships, founded on mutual forgiveness and above all on the invincible power of God's mercy, may be instilled."



### Pope upholds right to education notwithstanding wars and violence [By Vatican News](#)

As the world celebrates the first International Day to Protect Education from Attack on Wednesday, Pope Francis appealed to the international community to ensure educational structures are protected from attacks.

"I invite you to pray for students who are seriously deprived of the right to education due to war and terrorism," he said during his weekly General Audience on Wednesday in the Vatican.

"I urge the international community to do its utmost so that the structures that must protect young students be respected," he said, speaking in Italian. "May efforts that guarantee safe environments for their education not wain, above all in situations of humanitarian crises," he added.

#### The UN

The September-9 International Day to Protect Education from Attack was established on May 2020 by a unanimous decision of the UN General Assembly, calling on UNESCO and UNICEF to raise awareness of the plight of millions of children living in countries affected by conflict. The resolution proclaiming the Day was presented by the State of Qatar and co-sponsored by 62 countries.

The Day draws attention to the plight of more than 75 million 3-to-18-year-olds living in 35 crisis-affected countries and to their urgent need of educational support.

"As the world fights to contain the COVID-19 pandemic, children and youth in conflict zones remain among the most vulnerable to its devastating impact," said UN Secretary-General António Guterres in a message for the day. "We must ensure our children have a safe and secure environment in which to learn the knowledge and skills they need for the future," he said.

#### UNESCO

The UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) also added its voice insisting, "schools must remain safe places, free of conflict and violence". "Our collective future as well as the achievements of all development goals depend on it," said UNESCO Director-General, Audrey Azoulay. "Safeguarding the right to education for all," she said, "contributes to the achievement of sustainable development and nurtures the international community's decades-long gains towards peace, economic prosperity, and social inclusion worldwide."

#### UNICEF

According to the UN Children's Fund, UNICEF, "Attacks on schools are a violation of humanity and basic decency. We must not allow these senseless attacks to destroy the hopes and dreams of a generation of children," said UNICEF Executive Director Henrietta Fore. "We must do all in our power to ensure that schools and the children and teachers within them are protected," she said. "As the world begins planning to re-open schools once the COVID-19 pandemic subsides," she urged that "schools remain safe places of learning, even in countries in conflict".



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Global debt cancellation for poor countries around the world has been one of the key Social Justice items in our Church mission.

Pope Saint John Paul II in his Ecclesia In America, 1999 called for 'reducing substantially, if not cancelling outright the international debt which seriously threatens the future of many nations' (cf. Art 59), and Pope Francis has very much shared the similar concern with his predecessors, as he has kept echoing such an urgent call again and again, whenever he had a chance.

For this year 2020 alone, the pope has done it twice: In his traditional Easter message called 'Urbi et Ubi' meaning to the city of Rome and to the world, he asked all countries to "be put in a position to meet the greatest needs of the moment through the reduction, if not the forgiveness, of the debt burdening the balance sheets of the poorest nations", and then just on the recent World Day of Care for the Creation, 1<sup>st</sup> September, he made the appeal again by calling "for the cancellation of the debt of the most vulnerable countries, in recognition of the severe impacts of the medical, social and economic crises they face as a result of Covid-19".

This ecclesial debt cancellation consciousness has its origin in the Jewish tradition of Jubilee aimed to encourage Jewish people to waive the debts others owed them in every seven years (cf. Lev.25; Dt 15.1-11). Jesus, in turn, took this concept further as he challenged his followers in the Our Father 'to forgive those who are in debt' to them (cf. Mt 6.9-15), and today he stretched the message of forgiveness beyond the debt boundary and made it all inclusive by asking Peter to forgive seventy-seven times more than the original number Peter recommended.

Jesus then narrated the story of the forgiving king and the unforgiven servant to explain the reason why people need to forgive others' debts or wrongdoings. It is the right thing to do, because God, our King, is always ready to show upon us, his servants, His never-ending gift of forgiveness despite our endless debts of sins against Him. He cannot stop forgiving us, therefore we should never stop forgive others, who are in debt to us.

As we gather together for our Sunday Mass this weekend, let us the forging King to continue to inspire and support us in our call to put into practice his forgiving example both through the way we relate to others around us in our everyday lives, and the means and networks we have to make the global debt cancellation vision of the Church a reality.

Let us also pray for nineteen children in our Parish making their First Holy Communion this Sunday, that the Body of Christ they receive for the first time shall become their spiritual nourishment to help them grow better and better in Jesus' path of love, mercy and forgiveness.

Have a forgiveness-filled week,  
Fr Henry

## PARISH NEWS...

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

19 children in our parish are going to receive their First Holy Communion at 11.30am Mass this Sunday. On behalf of the parish, I would like to congratulate the children for this wonderful occasion of their lives, and thank both the parents for their supports and Artelle, the sacramental team and our parish ministers for their generosity to help throughout the program and the celebration.

### FIRST RECONCILIATION LITURGY

(and Holy Communion Practice)

**GROUP 2—16th September 6.30pm**

**First Holy Communion September 20th at 11:30am**

**Sacrament of CONFIRMATION** next meeting 14th October

### REPORT FROM OUR RECENT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

After a short reflection upon an article called Field Hospital by Cardinal Blase Cupich, exploring the meanings related to Pope Francis' inspiring concept depicting the Church as the Hospital Field, the Council went through reports about the Plenary Council 2020, the Over 50s, and the Sacramental program.

The topic participants discussed at length in term of our Parish mission was about what our parish can do to further strengthen our parish-school relationship, such as weekly participations in one of our weekday Masses, and ongoing activities to encourage school children to write prayers for church displays, and parents to consolidate their bond with the parish.

**HOME WORSHIP PHOTOS** As previously mentioned 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 .

**EXTRA VOLUNTEERS** are urgently required to assist with the Church Flower arrangements, once a month (The 2nd week of the month.)

For more information, on volunteering with flower arranging or any of the odd jobs around the Parish, please contact Erika or Alison in the Parish Office 9622 2920

### Regular collections at Mass

There are generally two collections at Mass.

The **FIRST COLLECTION** donation to the *Diocesan Priests Pastoral Revenue*.

via **Parramatta Diocese** (or on—line. bank details below)

BSB	067950
Acct No	00004265
Acct Name	<b>Parramatta Diocesan Clergy</b>
Reference	<b>6035 Donation</b>

The **SECOND COLLECTION**, which includes the planned giving envelopes, is for the maintenance and growth which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. Current projects include the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted. (LOL Bank details on front page of Bulletin)



**FROM POPE FRANCIS  
CHAPTER TWO— A CULTURAL DREAM**

28. The important thing is to promote the Amazon region, but this does not imply colonizing it culturally but instead helping it to bring out the best of itself. That is in fact what education is meant to do: to cultivate without uprooting, to foster growth without weakening identity, to be supportive without being invasive. Just as there are potentialities in nature that could be lost forever, something similar could happen with cultures that have a message yet to be heard, but are now more than ever under threat.

**The Amazonian polyhedron**

29. The Amazon region is host to many peoples and nationalities, and over 110 indigenous peoples in voluntary isolation (IPVI). Their situation is very tenuous and many feel that they are the last bearers of a treasure doomed to disappear, allowed to survive only if they make no trouble, while the postmodern colonization advances. They should not be viewed as “uncivilized” savages. They are simply heirs to different cultures and other forms of civilization that in earlier times were quite developed.

30. Prior to the colonial period, the population was concentrated on the shores of the rivers and lakes, but the advance of colonization drove the older inhabitants into the interior of the forest. Today, growing desertification once more drives many of them into the outskirts and sidewalks of the cities, at times in dire poverty but also in an inner fragmentation due to the loss of the values that had previously sustained them. There they usually lack the points of reference and the cultural roots that provided them with an identity and a sense of dignity, and they swell the ranks of the outcast. This disrupts the cultural transmission of a wisdom that had been passed down for centuries from generation to generation. Cities, which should be places of encounter, of mutual enrichment and of exchange between different cultures, become a tragic scenario of discarded lives.

31. Each of the peoples that has survived in the Amazon region possesses its own cultural identity and unique richness in our multicultural universe, thanks to the close relationship established by the inhabitants with their surroundings in a non-deterministic symbiosis which is hard to conceive using mental categories imported from without:

“Once there was a countryside, with its river, its animals, its clouds and its trees. But sometimes, when the countryside, with its river and trees, was nowhere to be seen, those things had to spring up in the mind of a child”.

“Make the river your blood... Then plant yourself, blossom and grow: let your roots sink into the ground forever and ever, and then at last become a canoe, a skiff, a raft, soil, a jug, a farmhouse and a man”.

**[Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation 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.

**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		
13	First Holy Communion -Group 1	11.30am
16	First Reconciliation -Group 2	6.30pm
10	Christ community Prayer Group	9am
10	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
20	First Holy Communion -Group 2	11.30am
24	Finance Committee Meeting	8pm
27	First Holy Communion Certificates Presentation Mass	9.30am



**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**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](http://caritas.org.au) or ring 1800 024 413 [www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/middle-east-emergency-appeal](http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/middle-east-emergency-appeal)

**Catholic Outlook Magazine September Edition**

Look out for copies of the next edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine in your local Catholic Church, Catholic school or Catholic office from early September. Catholic Outlook is an A4 magazine published quarterly with a focus on Catholic faith formation, spirituality and a look at what is happening across the agencies and ministries of the Diocese of Parramatta.

**Diocese of Parramatta celebrates the Season of Creation**

The Diocese of Parramatta is celebrating the Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October) by creating a video to be released on 4 October, the Feast of St Francis of Assisi. We invite all parishioners to be involved. Send your photograph, video, art or poetry of your favourite nature spot in the Diocese to [comms@parracatholic.org](mailto:comms@parracatholic.org) by 25 September. Details can be found at <https://www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice/>

**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](mailto: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

**Positions Vacant:**

Sacramental Coordinator – Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Greystanes – **Applications close Wednesday 16 September**

More details at: [parracatholic.org/employment](http://parracatholic.org/employment)

12/13 SEPTEMBER		
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Ian Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil: Charmaine Jansz, Erika Hien 8am: Priya Joachim, SUB REQ 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 Dsouza	
Flowers	Fenty & Mmi	
Church cleaning	10 Sept	Tongan Choir
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso, Volunteer 8am: Suzy Nemorin, Volunteer 9.30am: Ernie Gartner, Volunteer	



**THANK YOU**

On behalf of the people we assist we thank the generous parishioners who regularly donate to the Poor Box during this time of the Covid pandemic. Your gifts enable us to provide food, furniture and other essentials to people who are struggling.  
*God bless you all.*

**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](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/NSW/General_support)

**Welcome to The Well**

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as ‘Netflix for Catholics’, *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, ‘on-demand’ inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP.** Come join the Social Justice Group at a walk at Bungaribee Park Saturday 19th

10.00 –11.30am. Meeting at Stallion Burgers. Walk at your own pace. Extra details ana map [socialjustice@olol7hills.com.au](mailto:socialjustice@olol7hills.com.au)

19/20 September 2020		
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Eugene Miu 9.30am Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil: Benno Motha, Anna Bellissimo 8am: Anne McNally, Fennie Balatbat 9.30am: Maria Michael, Artelle Lenthall	
Readers	Vigil: Alison Punch, Marinela Simic 8am: Erika Hien, Bob McNally 9.30am: Helen Katopau, Megan Michael	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Samuel Thoms, SUB REQ 8am: Zachery Osborne, Thomas Osborne, Matthew Shawcross 9.30am Rynan Michael, Victor Da, Chloe Attard	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church cleaning	19 Sept	Helen Gonzales, John Mitchell, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Johnson Rozario, Maricel Santos.
Welcomers	Vigil: Ernie Gartner, Ram Urge 8am: Suzy Nemorin, Volunteer 9.30am: Lena Falzon, VOLUNTEER	

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