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4. People who labor, usually for wages or a salary
 6. The place where God lives
 8. A period of time equal to sixty minutes
 9. A place where grapes are grown
 10. Pay received for working
- DOWN**
1. Coins or bills used to pay for something
 2. To give or share freely with others
 3. To gripe or complain
 5. Not playing by the rules
 7. Two things that are of the same value

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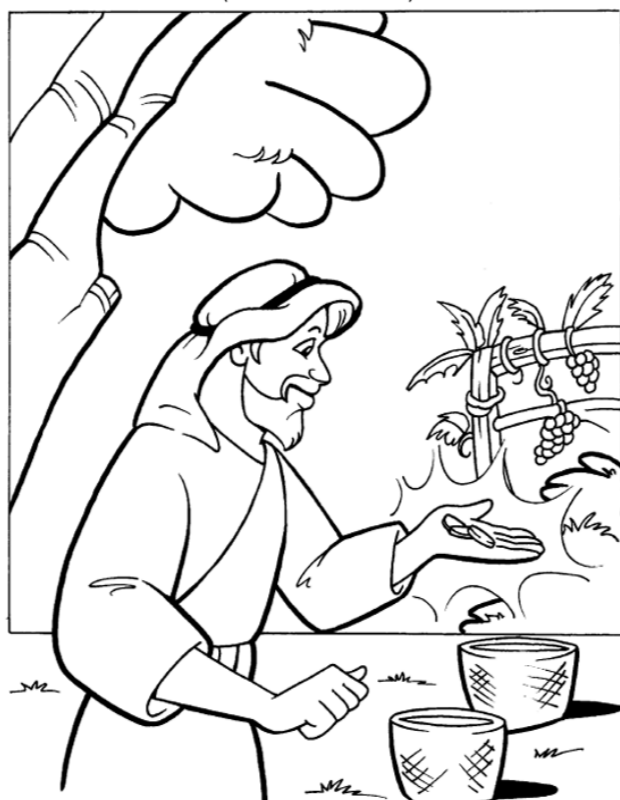
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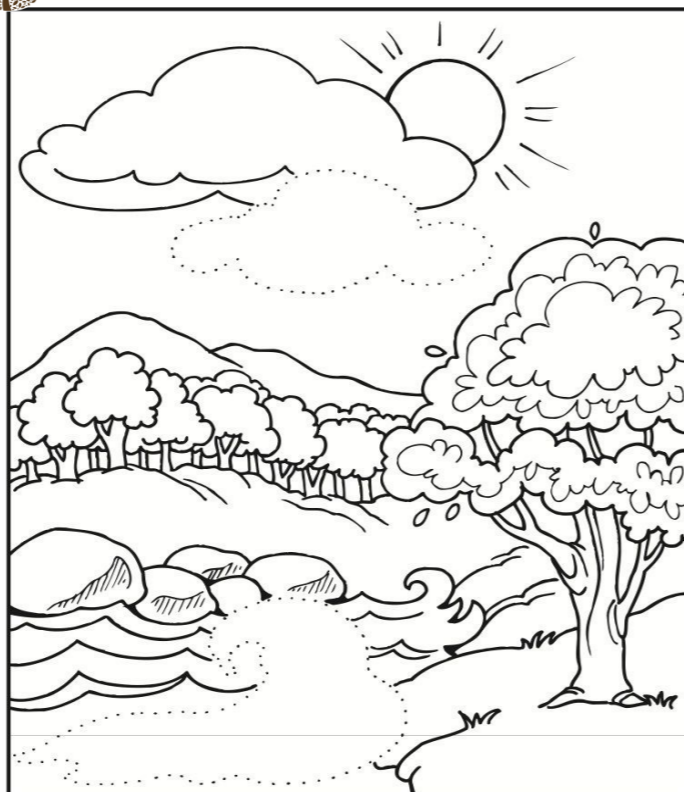
Workers in the Vineyard
Matthew 20:1-16

PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD
(MATTHEW 20:1-16)



'These men who were hired last worked only one hour,' they said, 'and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day.'
Matthew 20:12

SEASON OF CREATION



God made our beautiful world, a place for me to live.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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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 18th November 2020 7.30pm
Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

25th Sunday of Ordinary Time
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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 Schiessere, Oliver Soares, Lakshman Wijeskera, Ronald Palmos

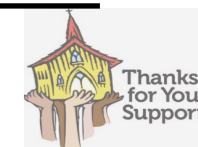
Anniversaries: John Amirtham, Carmen Attard, John Azzopardi, Horace Baptist, Joseph Cemenzuli, Daniele Chalon, Sam & Salvia Debattista, Clive Diggelman, Monica, Conception & Dominic D'Souza, Joan Falzon, Emmanuel Falzon, Charlie Galea, Leandro Garcia Snr, Jayde Kendall, Sam & Rosa Loria, Apolinario & Felina Magalaya, Antonio Marra, Paula Mula, Bertu Mula, Ersilia Paolini, Marilyn Pestano, John Ratnam, Stuart Sexton, Caroline Susainathan.

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

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$1481.00
Loose \$90
TOTAL \$2382.00

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
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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways—it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R)**

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your son.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'

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.**



A Pray for Our Earth

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

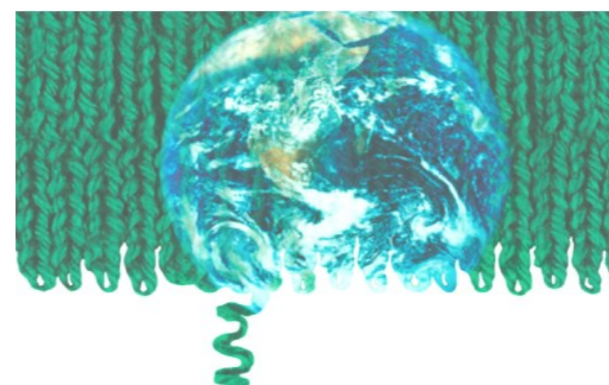
All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.
Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.
Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

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.



“We must protect creation for it is a gift which the Lord has given us, it is God's present to us; we are the guardians of creation. When we exploit creation, we destroy that sign of God's love.”

Pope Francis, General audience, 21 May 2014

- ♥ Think about a precious gift you've been given. Why is it important to you?
- ♥ Where do you personally see the sign of God's love present in creation today?
- ♥ What do you think it means to be "guardians of creation"? How can we treat the earth as God wishes us to treat it?

♥ Pope Benedict XVI expressed a need for us to rediscover the covenant between humans and the environment. How do you think we can rediscover this covenant and build closer relationships with God, with each other and with creation?

Creator God, open our eyes to see your love throughout creation. Inspire us to treat creation and each other as you would, with respect and compassion. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, Amen.

Future Hope II

Prayer Card for Climate Change



The Global Catholic Climate Movement

POPE AT AUDIENCE: An encyclical for all brothers and sisters

By Andrea Torielli

Fratelli tutti is the title Pope Francis has chosen for his new encyclical – dedicated, as we read in the subtitle, to “fraternity” and “social friendship”. The original Italian title will be used, without being translated, in all the languages in which the document is published. The first words of the new “circular letter” (this is the meaning of the word “encyclical”) come from the great Saint of Assisi, whose name Pope Francis chose.

We are waiting to know the contents of the encyclical, which the Successor of Peter addresses to the whole of humanity and which he will sign on 3 October at the Saint’s tomb. There have been some good discussions about the title and its meaning. Since it is a direct quotation from St Francis (taken from the *Admonitions*, 6, 1: FF 155), the Pope has obviously not changed it. But the formulation of the title in no way intends to exclude women, that is, more than half of the human race.

On the contrary, Francis chose the words of the Saint of Assisi to initiate a reflection on something he cares about very deeply: namely, fraternity and social friendship. He therefore addresses all his sisters and brothers, all men and women who populate the earth: everyone, inclusively, and in no way exclusively.

We live in a time marked by war, poverty, migration, climate change, economic crises, pandemic. Recognizing a brother or sister in everyone we meet and, for Christians, recognizing the face of Jesus in the other who suffers – these responses reaffirm the irreducible dignity of every human person created in the image of God. They also remind us that no one can ever emerge from the present hardships alone, one against the other, the global North against the global South, the rich against the poor or any other excluding differentiation.

On 27 March, at the height of the pandemic, the Bishop of Rome prayed for the salvation of all in an empty Saint Peter’s Square, in the pouring rain, accompanied only by the sorrowful gaze of the Crucifix of St. Marcellus and the loving gaze of Mary, *Salus Populi Romani*, protector, health or salvation of the Roman People.

“In this storm,” Pope Francis said, “the façade of those stereotypes with which we camouflaged our egos, always worrying about our image, has fallen away, uncovering once more that (blessed) common belonging, of which we cannot be deprived: our belonging as brothers and sisters.” The central theme of the upcoming papal letter is “blessed is our common belonging”, which indeed makes us brothers and sisters.

Fraternity and social friendship, the themes indicated in the subtitle, point to what unites men and women: a necessary affection established between people even if not close blood relatives. The relationship must be expressed through kind deeds, forms of assistance, works of justice and generous action in times of need – a disinterested affection towards other human beings, regardless of any difference or affiliation. For this reason, all readers should be able to understand the title *Fratelli tutti* with the absolutely inclusive connotation that is intended.

Pope Francis: Become guardians of life and earth with contemplation and care

By Vatican News

“Contemplating and caring: these are two attitudes that show the way to correct and rebalance our relationship as human beings with creation.” Those were Pope Francis’ words at the weekly General Audience held in the Courtyard of San Damaso in the Vatican.

Care for each other

Speaking to the faithful gathered on Wednesday, the Pope stressed that in order to come through this pandemic it is necessary to “to look after and care for each other.”

“We must support those who care for the weakest, the sick and the elderly,” he said, because they “play a vital role in today’s society, even if they often do not receive the recognition and remuneration they deserve.”

This care, Pope Francis went on to say, “must also address our common home”

“All forms of life are interconnected”, he continued, “and our health depends on that of the ecosystems that God created and entrusted to us to care for.”

Contemplation best antidote

“The best antidote against the misuse of our common home is contemplation,” said the Pope.

He added, that without contemplation “it is easy to fall prey to an unbalanced and superb anthropocentrism, which gives excessive importance to our role as human beings, positioning us as absolute rulers of all other creatures.”

Pope Francis went on to say, “A distorted interpretation of biblical texts on creation has contributed to this misinterpretation, which leads to the exploitation of the earth to the point of suffocating it.”

“We believe that we are at the centre, claiming to occupy God’s place; and so we ruin the harmony of His design. We become predators, forgetting our vocation as custodians of life.”

Our mission is to care for our common home

The earth needs to be worked, so as to live, the Pope noted, but it must not be exploited. Instead, our mission, he pointed out, is to care for our common home. “Our poorest brothers and mother earth lament for the damage and injustice we have caused, and demand we take another course.” Therefore, the Pope underlined, it is important to recover the contemplative dimension.

When we do this, Pope Francis explained, people discover the intrinsic value of things given to them by God.

Speaking in off the cuff remarks, the Pope said that those who do not know how to contemplate nature and creation, do not know how to contemplate people in all their richness. And those who exploit nature, end up exploiting people and treating them like slaves. “This is a universal law,” he said.

“Those who know how to contemplate,” he continued, “will more easily set to work to change what produces degradation and damage to health. They will strive to educate and promote new production and consumption habits, to contribute to a new model of economic growth that guarantees respect for our common home.”

“Guardians” of creation

Those who follow the path of contemplation and caring, emphasized the Pope, “become ‘guardians’ of our common home, guardians of life and hope.” This is needed in order to preserve and protect our common home for future generations, he added.

In particular, he mentioned the indigenous peoples, to whom, he said, “we all owe a debt of gratitude.”

But the Pope also spoke of “those movements, associations, popular groups, which are committed to protecting their territory with its natural and cultural values. These social realities are not always appreciated, and at times they are even obstructed; but in reality they contribute to a peaceful revolution, the ‘revolution of care’”.

Concluding his catechesis, the Pope stressed that everyone has a role to play in caring for creation. “Each one of us can and must be a ‘guardian of the common home’, capable of praising God for His creatures, and of contemplating and protecting them.”



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Envy and jealousy obviously are of our human DNA. It is not adults alone who have to deal with them, children do, too. My nearly three-year-old nephew would never be happy to have anything less than his older sister, despite his mum, my sister, sometimes had to scratch her head trying to pacify him, ‘No, Kevin, you can’t have it. That’s a girl thing.’

Buddha once warned his followers not to envy with others, because, he explained, ‘he who envies others does not obtain peace of mind.’ Jesus, of course, was well aware of this issue and dedicated the whole story to deal with it as we see in the Gospel account this Sunday.

He told the disciples the narrative about the landowner (representing God) who made arrangements with workers (representing us), believers to come and work in his vineyard (representing the world and the Church) at various time, some started very early, some later, and some even at the end of the day.

The tension then started to boil up at payment time, when everyone received an equal pay of one denarius each from the boss. Early workers felt unhappy not with the payment, but rather with the fact that those who came at the last minute, did just one hour of work, and enjoyed the same benefit.

It is worth to know that one denarius is equivalent to \$3.63 today, surely a good sum of money thousands of years ago, which in a way tells us about how generous the landowner was.

In response to the tension amongst his workers, the landowner issued a statement to clarify (1) that he was fair to everyone by fulfilling his contract with them, (2) that he had every right to pay the last comer as much as the first one, and (3) that those who complained should swallow their bitter envy.

Like what he did last week by telling the story about the forgiving king and the unforgiving servant to encourage the disciples to show compassion and forgiveness to others the way God has been compassionate and forgiving to them, Jesus used this Gospel account to exhort the disciples to follow the path of generosity God has shown them, and this path, of course, requires them to pay attention to envy and then jealousy and get rid of them.

Some might ask here, ‘how can we get rid of them?’ In order to answer this one-million-dollar question, Roy T. Bennett is ready to lend us his helpful advice that ‘count your blessings, not your problems. Count your own blessings, not someone else’s. Remember that jealousy is when you count someone else’s blessings instead of your own.’

Let us pray for the grace to count our blessings and be grateful to them every day instead of counting others’ or our problems. Let us also remember 16 children in our parish making their First Holy Communion this Sunday. Pray that the food of the Eucharist will help transform their lives more Christ like and Christ-linked and nourish and keep them steady along the path of generosity.

Have a generosity-oriented week,

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS

The first group of 19 children of ours had their First Holy Communion last Sunday, and this week 16 children in our parish are going to receive their First Holy Communion at 11.30am Mass on Sunday.

On behalf of the parish, I would like to congratulate all 35 girls and boys for this joyful 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.

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.

DAILY MASS BOOK 2021—ON ORDER

The Daily Mass Book runs from Advent 2020 to Advent 2021 and includes all the texts for Sunday and weekday Mass. If you would like to place an order, please add your name and contact details to the order form a the back of the church. Cost is \$22.00.



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 .

DO YOU LOVE WORKING WITH FLOWERS?

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	Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
Reference	6035 Donation

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—continued



32. Human groupings, their lifestyles and their worldviews, are as varied as the land itself, since they have had to adapt themselves to geography and its possibilities. Fishers are not the same as hunters, and the gatherers of the interior are not the same as those who cultivate the flood lands. Even now, we see in the Amazon region thousands of indigenous communities, people of African descent, river people and city dwellers, who differ from one another and embrace a great human diversity. In each land and its features, God manifests himself and reflects something of his inexhaustible beauty. Each distinct group, then, in a vital synthesis with its surroundings, develops its own form of wisdom. Those of us who observe this from without should avoid unfair generalizations, simplistic arguments and conclusions drawn only on the basis of our own mindsets and experiences.

Caring for roots

33. Here I would like to point out that “a consumerist vision of human beings, encouraged by the mechanisms of today’s globalized economy, has a leveling effect on cultures, diminishing the immense variety which is the heritage of all humanity”. This especially affects young people, for it has a tendency to “blur what is distinctive about their origins and backgrounds, and turn them into a new line of malleable goods”. In order to prevent this process of human impoverishment, there is a need to care lovingly for our roots, since they are “a fixed point from which we can grow and meet new challenges”. I urge the young people of the Amazon region, especially the indigenous peoples, to “take charge of your roots, because from the roots comes the strength that will make you grow, flourish and bear fruit”. For those of them who are baptized, these roots include the history of the people of Israel and the Church up to our own day. Knowledge of them can bring joy and, above all, a hope capable of inspiring noble and courageous actions.

34. For centuries, the Amazonian peoples passed down their cultural wisdom orally, with myths, legends and tales, as in the case of “those primitive storytellers who traversed the forests bringing stories from town to town, keeping alive a community which, without the umbilical cord of those stories, distance and lack of communication would have fragmented and dissolved”. That is why it is important “to let older people tell their long stories” and for young people to take the time to drink deeply from that source.

35. Although there is a growing risk that this cultural richness will be lost; thanks be to God, in recent years some peoples have taken to writing down their stories and describing the meaning of their customs. In this way, they themselves can explicitly acknowledge that they possess something more than an ethnic identity and that they are bearers of precious personal, family and collective memories. I am pleased to see that people who have lost contact with their roots are trying to recover their damaged memory. Then too, the professional sectors have seen a growing sense of Amazonian identity; even for people who are the descendants of immigrants, the Amazon region has become a source of artistic, literary, musical and cultural inspiration. The various arts, and poetry in particular, have found inspiration in its water, its forests, its seething life, as well as its cultural diversity and its ecological and social challenges.

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		
20	First Holy Communion -Group 2	11.30am
24	Christ community Prayer Group	9am
24	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
24	Finance Committee Meeting	8pm
25	Last day of School Term 3	



HAVE YOU VISITED OUR PARISH WEBSITE LATELY??

Our parish website is updated regularly with news and upcoming events - everything from youth news to social justice to Live-stream Mass times, bulletins, and much more - a great way to stay up to date with what’s on in our parish! Visit www.olol7hills.org.au

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 or ring 1800 024 413 www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/middle-east-emergency-appeal



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 by 25 September. Details can be found at <https://www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice/>

Sunday 27th September is 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

"Like Jesus Christ, forced to flee. Welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating internally displaced persons" Pope Francis. Emergency assistance calls have increased by 400% in this crisis. Please donate to House of Welcome or JRS (Jesuit Refugee Service) see our website or theirs. Black boxes will be out for donations, anything on the lists below is gratefully received. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ITEMS: New winter blankets, Basmati Rice, Cooking Oil, Long life milk, Tinned tuna, red kidney beans, lentils, chick-peas and fruit, Biscuits & muesli bars, Oats & cereal, Tinned tomatoes, Tea & Coffee

TOILETRIES: Nappies (large sizes), Toothpaste & toothbrushes, Shampoo, Sanitary pads & napkins, Razors & shaving foam, Deodorant (male & female) and Soap

Multicultural Mass for Migrant and Refugee Sunday. 27 Sept 2:30 pm Cathedral of St Stephen Webcast atcbne.org/bzw

Social Justice Group meeting next Sunday 27th Sept 12:30 - 2 pm via Zoom contact socialjustice@olol7hills.com.au for details. Looking for composters, recyclers and researchers. There are many ways to help.

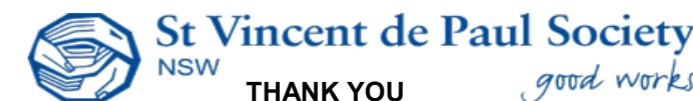
19/20 September 2020		
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Eugene Miu 9.30am: Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil: Benno Motha, Anna Bellissimo 8am: Anne McNally, SUB REQ 9.30am: Maria Michael, Artelle Lenthall	
Readers	Vigil: Alison Punch, Marinela Simic 8am: Erika Hien, Bob McNally 9.30am: Helen Katopau,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

Blessing of the Bells of St Patrick’s Cathedral

The 167-year dream of a peal of bells in St Patrick’s Cathedral has been realised. On 8 September, the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv blessed the bells in a pontifical ritual from the 16th Century. You are invited to re-watch the momentous occasion via yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/bellsappeal

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



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

26/27 September 2020		
Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Kilifi Huihui	
Ministers	Vigil: Helen Gonzales, Rosey Siores 8am: Lorrain Fernandes, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Paul Gow, Dawn Manamperi	
Readers	Vigil: Catherine Rodrigues, Jemma Sarmiento 8am: Andrew Millar, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Rob Simpson, SUB REQ	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexander Batemen-Paul, Yxaak Dino, Noah Ebb 8am: Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg, Karuniya Marythanayagam 9.30am: Sofia Cululu, Diya Dsouza, Rachel Lobo, Alexandra Simpson, Daniel Tenn	
Flowers	Priya, Mary B & Annette	
Church cleaning	19 Sept	Sue Abela, Jacinta Warner
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici, Ram Ugre 8am: Rita Paolini, Joyce Hilibrick 9.30am: Kathy Chamlerlain, VOLUNTEER	

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