

ACROSS

1. A person who works with plants and flowers
3. To put to death
5. People employed to perform services for another person
7. The time or season for gathering crops

DOWN

1. The part of a vine or tree which is eaten
2. A simple story teaching a moral or religious lesson
4. To hear or pay attention to something
6. A parent's male child

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| PARABLE | LISTEN | KILLED | HARVEST |
| SERVANTS | SON | FRUIT | FARMER |

The Parable of the Tenants
Matthew 21:33-43

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| FRUIT | KILLED | SON | LISTEN |
| FARMERS | HARVEST | SERVANTS | PARABLE |



the stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone...
Matthew 21:42



Matthew 21:37



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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

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Year A • 4 October 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, David Benjamin, John Bourke, Lina Cabaero, Sr Jean Cain, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Louis de Salis, Andrew & Lou Fedriago, Ronald Gomez, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Gerard Marcello, Maria V, Mark McGilligan, Kathleen McMillan, Mary Mifsud, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Jeanine Nonato, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha, & Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Wiranjan Peiris, Salome Pillay, Joselito Propeda, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Rose Stambouliah, Josette Sultana, Denis Symon, Sue Tiplado.

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, Anthony Chi Thien Nguyen, Ignacio Nonato Snr, Ronald Palmos, Juanita M. Pangilinan, Rosa Le-Minh Schiesere, Andrew Sexton-James, Oliver Soares, Lakshman Wijesekera,

Anniversaries: Carmen Attard, Horace Baptist, Frede Borg, Bertram & Gladys Bosen, Joseph Camenzuli, Daniele Chalon, Cini Family, Reggie Dalgado, Charlie Galea, Leandro Garcia Snr, Amirtham John, Jayde Kendall, Sam & Rosa Loria, Mangion Family, Antonio Marra, Pauline Meilak, Paula Mula, Bertu Mula, Ersilia Paolini, Marilyn Pestano, Robert Pickup, John Ratnam, Stuart Sexton, Caroline Susainathan, Tony Vassallo, Denis Morrissey, Romeo.M.Palmos, Adele Moroney, Joseph Bartok

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Peter Bonnici, Podolfo, Alejandro, Cecile & Pedrito Dagvit, Gasper & Maria Dalgado, Salvina & Sam DeBattista, Mrs Jesuth, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Sharon & John Lawrence, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary Muscat & Muscat Family, Mile Perak, Roseline Ratnam, Jim Vella.

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 Prog.

IN-PERSON BANK DEPOSIT (at a Bank Institute/Branch)

Seven Hills Catholic Church
BSB: 062 315
Acc Id # - 00901486
AGENT # - 660

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R)**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R)**

And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

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.



Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, breathe down upon our troubled world. Shake the tired foundations of our crumbling institutions. Break the rules that keep you out of all our sacred spaces, and from the dust and rubble, gather up the seedlings of a new creation.

Come, Holy Spirit, enflame once more the dying embers of our weariness. Shake us of our complacency. Whisper our names once more, and scatter your gifts of grace with wild abandon. Break open the prisons of our inner being, and let your raging justice be our sign of liberty.

Come, Holy Spirit, and lead us to places we would rather not go; expand the horizons of our limited imaginations. Awaken in our souls dangerous dreams for a new tomorrow, and rekindle in our hearts the fire of prophetic enthusiasm.

Come, Holy Spirit, whose justice outwits international conspiracy; whose light outshines spiritual bigory, whose peace can overcome the destructive potential of warfare, whose promise invigorates our every effort to create a new heaven and a new earth, now and forever.

Empowered by the Spirit, we continue the mission entrusted to us.

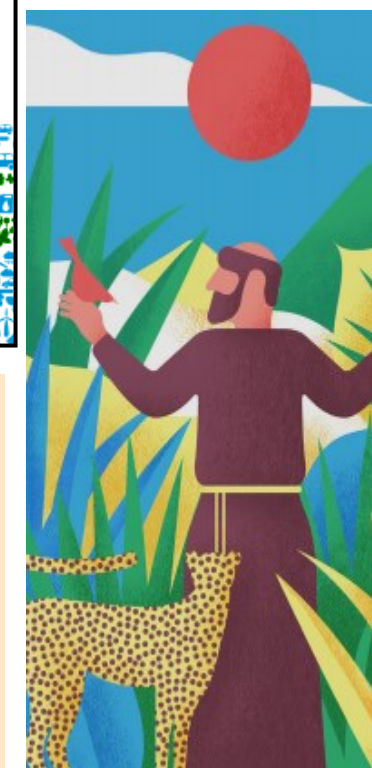
"In calling to mind the figure of Saint Francis of Assisi, we come to realise that a healthy relationship with creation is one dimension of overall personal conversion, which entails the recognition of our errors, sins, faults and failures, and leads to heartfelt repentance and desire to change." Pope Francis Laudato Si' #218

"God has written a precious book, whose letters are the multitude of created things present in the universe. To sense each creature singing the hymn of its existence is to live joyfully in God's love and hope." Pope Francis Laudato Si' #85

Saint Francis

Prayer Card for Climate Change

*O Lord,
as Catholics we affirm that
Your creation is a sacred
gift. You have called us to
safeguard life. We pray
Christians come together and
protect all God's people and
creatures from the impacts
of climate change.*



The Global Catholic Climate Movement

Pope at Angelus: 'a true Christian chooses good over evil everyday' By Vatican News

Pope Francis on Sunday reminded believers that Christian life is not made up of dreams or beautiful aspirations, but of concrete actions, the capacity to open ourselves to God's will and to love our brothers and sisters.

The Pope was addressing the faithful gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Angelus Prayer.

He took his cue from the Gospel reading (Mt 21: 28-32) that recounts the parable of two sons who are invited by their father to go and work in the vineyard. The first son impulsively responds "no", but then he repents and goes. Instead, the second son, immediately replies "yes", but does not do so. "Obedience does not consist of saying "yes" or "no", but of acting, of cultivating the vineyard, of bringing about the Kingdom of God," he said.

Christianity is not an external facade

This parable, the Pope explained, teaches us that the Lord asks us to go beyond a religion that is made up of external and habitual practice which does not affect people's lives and attitudes.

He went on say that the exponents of this "façade" of religiosity, of which Jesus disapproves, are "the chief priests and the elders of the people", who, according to the Lord's admonition, will be preceded in the Kingdom of God by "tax collectors and prostitutes." This does not mean, he continued, that Jesus indicates publicans - sinners - and prostitutes as models of life, but as "privileged of Grace", which "God offers to anyone who opens up and converts to Him."

"Indeed, these people, listening to his preaching, repented and changed their lives," he said.

God is patient

The Pope assured the faithful that while God asks us to convert, He is patient with us: "He does not tire, He does not desist after our "no"; He leaves us free even to distance ourselves from Him and to make mistakes. But He anxiously awaits our "yes", so as to welcome us anew in His fatherly arms and to fill us with His boundless mercy."

Faith in God, he continued, asks us "to renew every day the choice of good over evil, the choice of the truth rather than lies, the choice of love for our neighbour over selfishness."

Quoting from Luke he said those who convert to this choice, will be the first to find place in the Kingdom of heaven, "where there is greater joy for a single sinner who converts than for ninety-nine righteous people."

The grace of conversion

The Pope also pointed out that conversion is a painful process "of purification from moral encrustations." It is a path, he added, in which there is renunciation and sacrifice. Today's Gospel passage, he said, calls into question the way of living a Christian life that must consist of concrete actions and commitments and love for the other.

Pope Francis concluded invoking the Most Holy Mary to help us to be docile to the actions of the Holy Spirit "who melts the hardness of hearts and disposes them to repentance so we may obtain the life and salvation promised by Jesus."

Pope prays for those who are forced to flee their homes on World Day of Migrants and Refugees By Robin Gomes

Pope Francis on Sunday marked the World Day of Migrants and Refugees held each year on the last Sunday of September. Addressing the faithful gathered in the Vatican for the Sunday Angelus, he had special greetings for migrants and refugees in St. Peter's Square and said he is praying for them and for all those who assist them.

He also turned his attention to the bronze sculpture in the Square entitled "Angels Unawares" and explained that in this Message for the World Day this year he has highlighted the plight of Internally Displaced People whom, he said, "are forced to flee just like Jesus and his family."

The Caritas confederation of Catholic charities worldwide has joined Pope Francis in echoing the cry of the world's internally displaced people (IDPs) for justice, dignified life and safe return home.

Caritas Internationalis reiterated its call as the Catholic Church marks World Day of Migrants and Refugees on Sunday, September 27. Making use of the annual observance to draw attention to the often forgotten tragedy of internally displaced people (IDPs), it urged governments to provide unconditional access to basic services and a dignified and safe return home for all internally displaced people around the world.

Pope's call

The Catholic Church has designated the last Sunday of September as World Day of Migrants and Refugees. "Forced like Jesus Christ to flee" is the theme that Pope Francis chose for the 106th edition of the annual observance this year.

In a message for the occasion in May, the Holy Father called for attention and new policies for the world's growing number of internally displaced people (IDPs). He said he embraced all who are suffering precariousness, abandonment, marginalization and rejection as a result of Covid-19. The cause of migrants and refugees has been a salient feature of the pontificate of the 83-year old pontiff.

IDP's cry for justice

Taking up the call of Pope Francis, Caritas Internationalis Secretary General, Aloysius John said, "On this special day, we want to echo their cry for justice by calling for immediate and timely action." He said that throughout the world, Caritas has been in constant and direct contact with those living the dramatic situation of being displaced in their own countries. They are people left all on their own, deprived of conventional legal protection.

According to the Global Report by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre, 45.7 million people were internally displaced as a result of conflict and disasters in 61 countries and territories around the world by the end of 2019.

Refugees and IDP status

He explained that unlike refugees, who are granted international protection, IDPs don't benefit from a high level of legal international protection, because they remain within the borders of their own countries.

John said, "They are victims of undemocratic political systems and environmental disorder which leads to hunger, war and violence." "They are among the most vulnerable people on the planet yet they are denied their basic right to live a dignified life."

IDP children, especially young girls, and women, he said, are even more vulnerable and are often objects of exploitation, abuse and sexual violence.

Addressing root causes

Caritas Internationalis noted that many situations of internal displacement have become protracted because the root causes of forced displacement have not been addressed or remain unresolved, such as in the conflict situations of Syria, Colombia and Ukraine. People have also been internally displaced as a result of natural disasters and famines such as in Somalia, Burkina Faso, Mali and the Philippines, or due to climate change, where continuing conditions of insecurity prevent forcibly internally displaced people from returning home.

Governments, international community

"We cannot continue to close our eyes to this tragedy," John said, urging "governments and the international community to take immediate action for internally displaced people." Caritas particularly called on them to ensure that internally displaced people have unconditional access to basic needs - such as food and water - and services, thus enabling them to live a dignified life, especially at this time of COVID-19 pandemic. It urged them to ensure a safe and dignified return to their homes for those who want and can return. It also appealed for a "global ceasefire, in order to suspend the conflicts that are among the main causes that force internally displaced people to flee".



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

This is the third Sunday in a row we have the vineyard as the principal theme in a series of Jesus' talks about the Kingdom of God.

If one wonders why Jesus seemed to hold dearly to his teaching the vineyard concept, a study of the first reading from the prophet Isaiah this Sunday would give us the key to unlock the secret. Isaiah used the viticultural language to denote the relationship between God and the Israelites, and even called the people of Israel 'the vineyard of the Lord of hosts' as we hear in the last part of the reading. Though expected to yield good grapes of righteousness and faithfulness to God, its owner, it produced only sour grapes of idolatry and unfaithfulness.

A return to the book of Genesis might even surprise us with the long and well-documented history of viticulture with a passage presenting to us Noah as the first vineyard cultivator and winemaker who got drunk from the wine he made to the point of lying down with nothing on in his tent and found later on by his sons. What happened next was no less fascinating, and I think I'd better leave the rest for you to go to the Bible and find out (cf. Gen 9.18-28).

Jesus perhaps was well aware of these vineyard-related passages of the Hebrew Scripture, which, of course, were also popular to his audience, particularly the educated group of the chief priests and the elders as we see in the Gospel today.

Here Jesus picked up the traditional element of the vineyard understood by his listeners as the symbol of Israel in relation to God, and added on his new elements of the tenants representing Jewish people, the servants representing the prophets sent to Jewish people by God, the vineyard owner and his son representing Jesus himself.

Reading this story between the lines, one can see both a well-documented indictment of the crimes committed by his listeners' ancestors against the prophets of old, and a repeat of history, which was about to be unfolded through his coming Passion and death.

Jesus then sent them a very stern warning to let them know that they shall be held accountable for those horrible acts of theirs through the termination of their working contract and the reception of a wretched fate, and on the other hand, a new vineyard-working lease shall be arranged for new batch of tenants, symbolising us Christians, those who follow Jesus, the Son of God and are entrusted with the kingdom-building task refused by the first tenants, God's original chosen people.

Let us give praise and thanks to God for the opportunity to be part of His vineyard, the Church, and pray that we may be able to work hard and produce sweet grapes of good and exemplary works for the Lord as expected.

Have a week of praise and thanksgiving.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

Lourdes Young Adults Group Night

Friday, 9th of October, 2020 from 6:45-9:30pm in the Parish Hall.

Theme: Eat. Love. Pray.

Young adults and the 'young at heart' are all welcome.

Please RSVP to Ian Epondulan: youtholol7h@gmail.com for catering purposes.

DAILY MASS BOOK 2021—ON ORDER

The Daily Mass Book runs from Advent 2020 to Advent 2021 it includes all the texts for Sunday and weekday Masses. If you would like to place an order, Please add your name and contact details to the order form at the back of the church or contact the parish office **before 11th October 2020**.

Cost is \$22.00.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2nd meeting Wednesday 14th October 6:30pm—with a repeat of the meeting on Saturday 17th October at 4:30pm

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS starts this weekend
4 October Spring your clocks one hour forward.



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-esponse/middle-east-emergency-appeal



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 .

The Little Blue Book for Advent and Christmas 2020

Six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ. Available for sale SOON!

2021 Columban Art Calendar will also be available for sale SOON!!

HOPE IN DESPAIR

Gracious God, we thank you that you are always with us, in the bad times as well as the good, the difficult as well as the easy, the sad as well as the happy. May this conviction give us confidence in the days ahead, so that whatever problems we face, whatever disappointments we experience, whatever sorrows may befall us, we will still find reason to look forward, reason to believe in the future, and reason to hope. Lord of hopefulness, hear our prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



**FROM POPE FRANCIS
CHAPTER TWO— ENDANGERED CULTURES, PEOPLES AT RISK**



39. The globalized economy shamelessly damages human, social and cultural richness. The disintegration of families that comes about as a result of forced migrations affects the transmission of values, for “the family is and has always been the social institution that has most contributed to keeping our cultures alive”. Furthermore, “faced with a colonizing invasion of means of mass communication”, there is a need to promote for the original peoples “alternative forms of communication based on their own languages and cultures” and for “the indigenous subjects themselves [to] become present in already existing means of communication”.

40. In any project for the Amazon region, “there is a need to respect the rights of peoples and cultures and to appreciate that the development of a social group presupposes an historical process which takes place within a cultural context and demands the constant and active involvement of local people from within their own culture. Nor can the notion of the quality of life be imposed from without, for quality of life must be understood within the world of symbols and customs proper to each human group”. If the ancestral cultures of the original peoples arose and developed in intimate contact with the natural environment, then it will be hard for them to remain unaffected once that environment is damaged.

This leads us to the next dream.

[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.

| OCTOBER 2020 | | |
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| 8 | Christ community Prayer Group | 9am |
| 8 | Legion of Mary | 1.30pm |
| 12 | School Term 4 Begins | |
| 14 | Parish Pastoral Council Meeting | 7.30pm |
| 14 | Confirmation program 2nd meeting | 6.30pm |
| 17 | Confirmation prog. 2nd meeting RTP | 4.30pm |

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

Online Discernment and Prayer Afternoon: 10 October
The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth, Schoenstatt Sisters and the Missionaries of God’s Love Sisters warmly invite women aged 18-35 for an enjoyable afternoon of sharing and prayer on 10 October from 4pm. Each congregation will share who they are and impart wisdom on how to discern and pray. For more information, and to register, contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or vocationscsfn@gmail.com

ACU Online Public Lecture with Sr Prof Julia Upton: 12 October
The ACU Centre for Liturgy is hosting Sr Prof Julia Upton rsm from St John’s University in New York in a free online public lecture. Titled “Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics,” it will be broadcast live from New York on Monday 12 October from 10am AEST via Zoom. Registration is essential by 7 October 2020. Register by visiting www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW Rosalie Rendu Forum: 15 October
St Vincent de Paul Society NSW will be hosting their annual Rosalie Rendu Forum online on Thursday 15 October from 6pm. This year’s forum features a line-up of inspirational female leaders who will reflect on the theme ‘Reimagining the future: can we create more equitable communities post pandemic?’. To register for the event by 12 October, visit <https://rosalie-rendu-2020.eventbrite.com.au>. For more information, email social.justice@vinnies.org.au or call (02) 4032 3545


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

| 3/4 October 2020 | | |
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| Acolytes | Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Ian Epondulan | |
| Ministers | Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Laura Bellissimo 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Carole Brooks, Kamela Huihui | |
| Readers | Vigil: Stefanie Menezes, Noreen Rosario 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Priya Joachim 9.30am: SUB REQ, Crystal Menezes | |
| Altar Servers | Vigil: Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil, Majerin Pieris 8am: Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello, Karuniya Maruthanayagam 9.30am Chloe Attard, Carl Gallema, Marc Gallema, Chrisha Gonzales | |
| Flowers | Fenty & Gaby | |
| Church cleaning | 7 October | Carole, Lourdes, Anna & Suzy |
| Welcomers | Vigil: VOLUNTEER, Judith Deloso 8am: Suzy Nemorin, Rita Paolini 9.30am: Helen Gonzales, Lena Falzon | |

Share your Good News Stories! Our Pastoral Planning Office welcomes your good news stories of hope and encouragement during COVID-19 to share with parishes and communities across our Diocese. If you have a good news story to offer, please visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/goodnewsstory>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 20 – 22 November
The Worldwide Marriage Encounter are hosting a Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 20 to 22 November at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or nswbookings@wwme.org.au

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



St Vincent de Paul Society
NSW
good works
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.
Domestic Violence - Alert 1800 737732
https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/NSW/General_support

| 10/11 October 2020 | | |
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| Acolytes | Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Eugene Miu 9.30am Noel Emmanuel | |
| Ministers | Vigil: Charmain Jansz, Benno Motha 8am: Erika Hien, Anne McNally 9.30am: Edith Gartner, Ernie Gartner | |
| Readers | Vigil: Marinela Simic, Rob Simpson 8am: Bob McNally, Kathy Walker 9.30am: SUB REQ, Mercy Aquino | |
| Altar Servers | Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, Shaun Baptist, Alexandra Simpson 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Riley Ballment, Jerard Sarmiento, Matthew Shawcross | |
| Flowers | Rosemary | |
| Church cleaning | 15 October | Cathy, Melvyn and Carol |
| Welcomers | Vigil: VOLUNTEERS 8am: Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Ernie Gartner, Lena Falzon | |