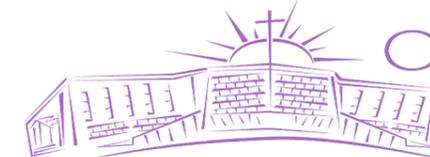


Above, all the parts of Jesus' Nativity are numbered.  
On 12 days leading to Christmas, fill in this colouring page according to the numbers.



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**Parish School:** Our Lady of Lourdes 8869 6800  
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**WEEKDAY MASS** Tuesday-Friday 8.00am  
**WEEKEND MASS** Saturday Vigil 6pm

**RECONCILIATION** Saturday 4.30-5.30pm  
**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** 20th January 2021 7.30pm



**3rd Sunday of Advent**  
**Year B - 13 December 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/>

**REMINDER**

**KEEP COVID SAFE**



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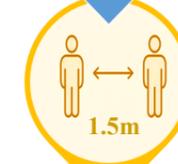
**MASKS**

Wearing of Masks is strongly advised but optional.



**SANITISE**

Use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.



**DISTANCE**

Please maintain social distancing at all times. Including when lining up for Holy Communion.



**SIGN IN**

By Law, EVERYONE must SIGN IN. If the church has reached the MAX. capacity of 100 people, please proceed to Hall.



**MARKED SEATING**

Please sit behind the WHITE TAPE or in family designated areas.

**Let us Pray for the Sick**



Chula Abey, Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, David Benjamin, John Bourke, Lina Cabaero, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Ronald Gomez, Milroy Gunewardena, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Anslan Lawrence, Angelina Lee, Carmenu M, Gerard Marcello, Maria V, Mark McGilligan, Mary Mifsud, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Anna Mun, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Wiranjan Peiris, Salome Pillay, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Rose Stambouliah, Denis Symon, Lourdes Tibig, Sue Tipaldo, Natalie Woodward.

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:** Philomena Corera, Therese Do, Mary Grech, Garetan Motha, Lee Francis Pisch, Stephen Pisch, Bungon Sangchalouy, Verna Soris.

**Anniversaries:** France Angseesing, Lionel Bosen, Mary Camenzuli, Ivan Elisher, John Falzon, MA Fernando, Teodoro Garcia, Barbara Loria, Pauline Meilak, Cecilia Dagvit Mendoza, Anton Motha, Paula Mula, Stephen & Louis Mula, Aurora Nonato, Francis Paiva, Lakshman Perera, Jose Reyes, Rohan Senanayake, Gabriel Singh, Jim & Alison Vella, Jim Vella.

**Remembrance:** Camen Attard, Sam & Saiviva Debattista, Maria Fusco, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Mary and Muscat family, Gladyse Pitel, Roseline Ratnam.

**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.*

**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.**

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

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 61:1-2; 10-11*

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for the Lord has anointed me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor, to bind up hearts that are broken; to proclaim liberty to captives, freedom to those in prison; to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord. 'I exult for joy in the Lord, my soul rejoices in my God, for he has clothed me in the garments of salvation, he has wrapped me in the cloak of integrity, like a bridegroom wearing his wreath, like a bride adorned in her jewels. 'For as the earth makes fresh things grow, as a garden makes seeds spring up, so will the Lord make both integrity and praise spring up in the sight of the nations.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.)** My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul glorifies the Lord,  
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.  
He looks on his servant in her nothingness;  
henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **(R.)**

The Almighty works marvels for me.  
Holy is his name!  
His mercy is from age to age,  
On those who fear him. **(R.)**

He fills the starving with good things,  
sends the rich away empty.  
He protects Israel, his servant,  
remembering his mercy. **(R.)**

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1 Thes 5:16-24*

Be happy at all times; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks to God, because this is what God expects you to do in Christ Jesus. Never try to suppress the Spirit or treat the gift of prophecy with contempt; think before you do anything – hold on to what is good and avoid every form of evil. May the God of peace make you perfect and holy; and may you all be kept safe and blameless, spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. God has called you and he will not fail you. Jesus.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring the Good News to the poor.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 1:6-8. 19-28*

A man came, sent by God. His name was John. He came as a witness, as a witness to speak for the light, so that everyone might believe through him. He was not the light, only a witness to speak for the light. This is how John appeared as a witness. When the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' he not only declared, but he declared quite openly, 'I am not the Christ.' 'Well then,' they asked, 'are you Elijah?' 'I am not,' he said. 'Are you the Prophet?' He answered, 'No.' So they said to him, 'Who are you? We must take back an answer to those who sent us. What have you to say about yourself?' So John said, 'I am, as Isaiah prophesied: a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord.' Now these men had been sent by the Pharisees, and they put this further question to him, 'Why are you baptising if you are not the Christ, and not Elijah, and not the prophet?' John replied, 'I baptise with water; but there stands among you – unknown to you – the one who is coming after me; and I am not fit to undo his sandal-strap.' This happened at Bethany, on the far side of the Jordan, where John was baptising.'



## PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the altar.  
I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.  
Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least into my heart.  
I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.  
Never permit me to be separated from You.**

## Pope at Audience: Mary, a woman of prayer and a model of our prayer

*By Vatican News staff writer*

Pope Francis greeted the faithful on Wednesday morning, saying: "Today we meet the Virgin Mary as the prayerful woman." Continuing his catechesis on prayer during the weekly General Audience, which is currently streamed live from the Apostolic Library, the Pope upheld Mary as a model for our own life and prayer.

### Humble of heart

He recalled her in her youth, "the young girl of Nazareth wrapped in silence, in dialogue with God, who would soon entrust her with a mission."

Although she was already full of grace and immaculate from the moment she was conceived, the Pope said, she knew nothing "of her surprising and extraordinary vocation and the stormy sea she will have to cross."

"One thing is certain," he said. "Mary belongs to a great host of the humble of heart whom the official historians never include in their books, but whom God used to prepare for the coming of His Son."

### Waiting for God's will

Pope Francis went on to describe how Mary waited for God to take the reins of her path and guide her, and how she prepared, with great docility, "the grand events in which God takes part in the world."

The Catechism, he said, recalls her constant and caring presence in the benevolent design of the Father throughout the course of Jesus's life.

Mary was praying, Pope Francis recalled, when the Archangel Gabriel brought his message to her in Nazareth: "Her small yet immense 'Here I am,' made all of creation jump for joy at that moment". He said that trusting obedience was preceded throughout salvation history by many other trusting obediences, by so many people who were open to God's will.

### An attitude of openness

Pope Francis said there is no better way to pray than to place oneself in an attitude of openness: "Lord, what you want, when You want, and how You want".

He said that this attitude allows many believers to face reality without getting upset when their days are filled with problems, "knowing that in humble love offered in each situation, we become instruments of God's grace."

Prayer, the Pope said, "knows how to calm restlessness, knows how to transform it into availability. "

### Prayerful acceptance

He recalled the many moments of tremendous trial endured by the Virgin Mary and of how she was accompanied by prayer in every moment of her life, and in every moment of Jesus' life, right up to His death and resurrection.

"If in prayer we understand that each day given by God is a call, our hearts will then widen and we will accept everything. We will learn how to say: 'What You want, Lord. Promise me only that You will be present every step of my way,'" he said.

### Mother of God and Mother of the Church

Mary, the Pope said, prayerfully accompanied the newborn Church and through her openness to the power of the Holy Spirit, the Mother of God thus became the Mother of the Church.

"In the Virgin Mary, natural feminine intuition is exalted by her most singular union with God in prayer. This is why, reading the Gospel, we note that she seems to disappear at times, only to reappear for crucial moments: it was God's voice that guided her heart and her steps where her presence was needed," he said.

### A splendid pearl

Saint Luke tells us that Mary "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart," he continued, explaining, "Everything ends up in her heart so that it might pass through the sieve of prayer and be transfigured by it."

The Mother keeps everything and brings it to her dialogue with God, Pope Francis concluded: "Someone has compared Mary's heart to a pearl of incomparable splendour, formed and smoothed by patient acceptance of God's will through the mysteries of Jesus meditated on in prayer. How beautiful it would be if we too could be a bit like our Mother!"



## Pope at Audience: Love is mystical root of believer's life

By Christopher Wells

At the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis turned his gaze to the prayer life of the early Church, as he continued his catechesis on prayer.

"The Church's first steps in the world were interspersed with prayer," the Pope said. The writings of the New Testament, and especially the *Acts of the Apostles*, give us "the image of an active Church on the move, yet which gathered in prayer finds the basis and impulse for missionary action."

### Prayer, the driving force of evangelization

The Holy Father pointed out four essential characteristics of ecclesial life, drawn from St Luke's account in the book of *Acts*: "listening to the Apostle's teaching" which involves preaching and catechesis; the continual quest for fraternal communion; the "breaking of the bread," the Eucharist, which is the Sacrament of Jesus' presence among us; and prayer, "which is the space of dialogue with the Father through Christ in the Holy Spirit."

Anything that arises outside of those "coordinates," the Pope warned, "is deprived of a foundation... deprived of ecclesiality." When these four characteristics are present, however, it is a guarantee of the Holy Spirit.

Pope Francis said that reading the Acts of the Apostles, "we then discover what a powerful driving force of evangelization the prayer gatherings can be." In prayer, he explained, we experience Christ's presence among us "and are touched by the Spirit."

### Making Jesus present

The Pope quotes the Catechism: "The Holy Spirit ... keeps the memory of Christ alive in his Church at prayer, also leads her toward the fullness of truth and inspires new formulations expressing the unfathomable mystery of Christ at work in his Church's life, sacraments, and mission." This, Pope Francis explained, "is the Spirit's work in the Church: making us remember Jesus."

He insisted, however, that this is not simply a question of recalling facts. Instead, "Christians, walking on the paths of mission, remember Jesus while they make Him present once more; and from Him, from His Spirit, they receive the 'push' to go, to proclaim, to serve."

### Love, the mystical root

Prayer, the Pope said, "immerses" Christians in God's love for each and every person and provides the missionary impulse to preach the Gospel to every human person. "God is God for everyone," the Pope said, "and in Jesus every wall of separation has definitively crumbled."

The exchange of love – God's love for us, and the love He asks in return – is "the mystical root of the believer's entire life," Pope Francis said. And, both for the early Christians and for Christians today, prayer enables us to live that experience.

Through prayer, the Pope continued, every Christian can make his own the words of St Paul: "the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."

Pope Francis said it is "only in the silence of adoration" that "we experience the full truth of these words... And this prayer is the living flame of the Spirit that gives strength to witness and mission."

## Pope at Audience: We must pray always

By Christopher Wells

Pope Francis continued his catechesis on prayer on Wednesday, focusing on the quality of *perseverance* in prayer. Jesus Himself, the Pope said, "has given an example of continual prayer, practiced *perseveringly*."

### Parables on persevering prayer

The Pope notes that the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* sees three parables that especially highlight this characteristic of prayer. In the parable of the unexpected guest who arrives in the middle of the night, we learn that prayer must be tenacious. "Our Father knows well what we need," the Pope says. "Insistence is necessary not to inform Him or to convince Him, but is necessary to nurture the desire and expectation in us."

The parable of the unjust judge helps us understand "that faith is not a momentary choice, but a courageous decision to call on God, even to 'argue with Him,' without resigning oneself to evil and injustice."

And in the parable of the pharisee and the publican, Jesus shows that "God does not listen to the prayer of those who are proud," but "He does grant the prayer of the humble." Pope Francis adds, "There is no true prayer without a spirit of humility."

### We must pray always

"The teaching of the Gospel is clear," says Pope Francis: "We need to pray always, even when everything seems vain." Even when it is difficult to pray, and even when it seems God is not listening, it is necessary to persevere in prayer.

"During those nights, the one who prays is never alone," the Pope says. Jesus is always present with those who pray, welcoming us "in His prayer, so that we might pray in Him and through Him. This is the work of the Holy Spirit." Pope Francis says this connection to the prayer of Jesus "gives the wings that the human person's prayer has always desired to possess."

### The Christian who prays fears nothing

The Holy Father recalls the words of Psalm 91, a psalm of confidence and trust. "It is in Christ that this stupendous prayer is fulfilled, in Him that it finds its complete truth." The Pope warns that, apart from Christ, "our prayer risks being reduced to human effort. But [Jesus] has taken upon Himself... every human prayer."

Jesus Christ, says Pope Francis, "is everything for us, even in our prayer life." The Pope quotes St Augustine, in a citation from the Catechism: Jesus "prays for us as our priest, prays in us as our Head, and is prayed to by us as our God. Therefore, let us acknowledge our voice in Him and His in us". This, the Pope says, "is why the Christian who prays fears nothing."



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Before the end of my recent retreat, I had a chat with one of the friars at the Carmelite Retreat Centre at Varroville, and to my surprise our conversation with his compliments in regards the article called 'A Jubilee Wish for the Church' I shared in the Spring edition of the SWAG, the quarterly magazine of the National Council of Priests of Australia.

Initially the article was meant for the Catholic Outlook on the occasion of my Silver Jubilee in April, but it, I guess, was far too much for our diocesan paper to handle, since I really laid bare in it my personal experience with clericalism, the Church sickness Pope Francis has tried to eradicate in the Church, and asked for both a relinquishing of the triumphant Church model and a renewed Church stamped with Gospels virtues,

such as Christian charity, humble service, compassion, mercy and simplicity, which truly shone out through Jesus' teaching and example, and seemingly fail to be translated in the lives of many Catholic Church leaders today.

Talking about the lack of humility in our contemporary Church, we have a powerful Gospel text presenting to us John the Baptist, a powerful figure, who was able to command a huge respect not just from ordinary people in his time, but also from the powerful group of religious authority, such as the priests and the Levites, entrusted with exclusive tasks to serve in the Temple of Jerusalem, and the Pharisees' messengers.

Judging the way these people approached John, we could measure his important stature in the community, since they kept compared him with the Christ, the great Elijah, and then one of the prophets. In response to such high-profile comparisons, he humbly said no to them all, and modestly referred to himself as 'a voice that cries in the wilderness: Make a straight way for the Lord,' as foretold by the prophet Isaiah.

Most significantly, he even went further to make this extraordinary statement, which really features his remarkable humility, that 'I am not fit to undo' even the sandal-strap for the one you had been waiting for, the one to come after me. In no doubt, he considered himself as nothing but a servant to Jesus, his world-saving cousin, who remained his point of reference throughout his entire life.

Let us pray today for the grace to follow John's humble way in our call to bear witness to Jesus in the community by making the Son of God the heart and focus of our everyday life.

Have a Christ-centric week.

Fr Henry

## PARISH NEWS...

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

Due to the restrictions we are still limited in the number of people who can join us for our Christmas Celebration Mass, in the Church and live-stream in the Parish Hall.

**To reserve a seat please contact the Parish Office, by phone only 9622 2920**

The first 100 reservations for each Mass will be allocated to the Church then to the Parish hall where Mass will also be live streamed.

### CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

**Vigil Masses Thursday, December 24th :**

6:00pm Family/Childrens Mass

9:00pm Christmas Mass

MIDNIGHT MASS

### CHRISTMAS MORNING MASSES

Friday, December 25th

8:00am Mass

9:30am Mass

### We need Volunteers for all Masses:

If you would like to serve at one of our Christmas Masses, please add your name to the sheet at the back of the Church or call the Parish office.

### THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Available after Mass 23rd and 24th December from 8:30-9:30am (The First Rite of Reconciliation)

Second Rite of Reconciliation will be celebrated on TUESDAY 22nd December at 7:30pm.



**PARISH SECOND RITE** Frs Joseph Lam and Ed Kenny will be available to help me with the celebration of the Second rite of Reconciliation for the parish on **Tuesday 22 December at 7.30pm**. Please spare your time to join our community for this sacramental exercise.

### PIETY SHOP

Getting ready for Advent, Christmas and the coming new year 2021 available to purchase from the Piety Shop.

**Christmas cards \$7.00 and the 2021**

**Columban Art Calendar (\$10.00)**

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

Any parents wishing to enrol their child to celebrate the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2021**. please contact Artelle in the parish office on 96222920 email [Artelle@oloi7hills.com.au](mailto:Artelle@oloi7hills.com.au)

### CHRIST COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

The last meeting for 2020 will be held Thursday 17th December at 9am in the parish meeting room.

The prayer group will resume on Thursday 21st of January at the same time . 9.00am. All welcome.



**FROM POPE FRANCIS**

**CHAPTER FOUR— An Ecclesial Dream – Inculturation (continued)**

67. Saint John Paul II taught that in proposing the Gospel message, “the Church does not intend to deny the autonomy of culture. On the contrary, she has the greatest respect for it”, since culture “is not only an object of redemption and elevation but can also play a role of mediation and cooperation”. Addressing indigenous peoples of America, he reminded them that “a faith that does not become culture is a faith not fully accepted, not fully reflected upon, not faithfully lived”. Cultural challenges invite the Church to maintain “a watchful and critical attitude”, while at the same time showing “confident attention”.

68. Here I would reiterate what I stated about inculturation in the Apostolic Exhortation Evangelii Gaudium, based on the conviction that “grace supposes culture, and God’s gift becomes flesh in the culture of those who receive it”. We can see that it involves a double movement. On the one hand, a fruitful process takes place when the Gospel takes root in a given place, for “whenever a community receives the message of salvation, the Holy Spirit enriches its culture with the transforming power of the Gospel”. On the other hand, the Church herself undergoes a process of reception that enriches her with the fruits of what the Spirit has already mysteriously sown in that culture. In this way, “the Holy Spirit adorns the Church, showing her new aspects of revelation and giving her a new face”. In the end, this means allowing and encouraging the inexhaustible riches of the Gospel to be preached “in categories proper to each culture, creating a new synthesis with that particular culture”.

69. “The history of the Church shows that Christianity does not have simply one cultural expression”, and “we would not do justice to the logic of the incarnation if we thought of Christianity as monocultural and monotonous”. There is a risk that evangelizers who come to a particular area may think that they must not only communicate the Gospel but also the culture in which they grew up, failing to realize that it is not essential “to impose a specific cultural form, no matter how beautiful or ancient it may be”. What is needed is courageous openness to the novelty of the Spirit, who is always able to create something new with the inexhaustible riches of Jesus Christ. Indeed, “inculturation commits the Church to a difficult but necessary journey”. True, “this is always a slow process and that we can be overly fearful”, ending up as “mere onlookers as the Church gradually stagnates”. But let us be fearless; let us not clip the wings of the Holy Spirit. **[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.

12 / 13 December 2020	
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil: Charmain Jansz, Rosey Soares 8am: Erika Hien, Anne McNally, 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, VOLUNTEER
Readers	Vigil: Marinela Simic, Noreen Rosario 8am: Andrew Millar, Pepito Ferriols 9.30am: Crystal Menezes, VOLUNTEER
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, VOLUNTEER, Jajden Ramukwella 8am: Thomas Osbourne, Zachary Osbourne 9.30am Sofia Cullili, Diya D’Souza, Jerard Sarmiento, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy
Flowers	Rosemary
Church cleaning	19 December Helen Gonzales, John Mitchell, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, John-son Rozario, Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: Annette Peatmen, VOLUNTEER 8am: VOLUNTEER, Suzy Nemorin 9.30am: Edith Gartner, VOLUNTEER

19 /20 December 2020	
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Eugene Miu 9.30am Kilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: Benno Motha, VOLUNTEER 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Suzy Nemorin 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan, Nancy Shami
Readers	Vigil: Jemma Sarmiento, Rob Simpson 8am: Maricel Santos, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Ian Epondulan, Kamela Huihui
Altar Servers	Vigil: Caron Cyril, Jesseline Franco, Alexandra Simpson 8am: Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg, Karuniya Maruthanayagam 9.30am Chrisha Gonzales, Ethan Nash, Jayda-Leigh Neish, Daniel tenn
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Church cleaning	23 December Sue Abela, Jacinta Warner
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso, Ram Ugre 8am: Erika Hien, Annette Peatman 9.30am: Helen Gonzales, Maria Michael

**PLENARY Congratulations to the delegates** for for the Diocese of Parramatta for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia commissioned on thursday 10th December.

Most Rev. Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv Very Rev. Chris de Souza EV Very Rev. Peter G Williams VG  
Ms Carol Louise Teodori-Blahut Mrs Wendy Goonan Very Rev. Paul Roberts EV  
Very Rev. Peter Blayney EV Very Rev. Wim Hoekstra EV Rev. John Hogan  
We ask Catholics across the country, and in the local churches, to pray for the ongoing discernment of the Plenary Council and particularly for the delegates who will play a critical role in helping decide the way forward for the Church in Australia.

**Social Justice Group** "My Journey, Our Journey" all four journeys (under 10 min each) are now available at the well (thewell.org.au) **Monday 14th of December 7-8pm**, Good Shepherd’s Parish Online Webinar - Forced to Flee. The crisis within our diocese due to COVID-19 is impacting thousands of people seeking asylum and on temporary visas. Many have lost their jobs or are relying on organisations including Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome for income, housing and food bank support. Let us stand with our brothers and sisters through prayer, sharing their story and **AUCTION** Register at [www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton](http://www.facebook.com/goodshepherdparishplumpton)

**Tuesday 15th of December 7-8:30pm**, Diocese Social Justice Online Reflection Evening. It’ll be a time to come together, have some reflection, time to share with each other, receive some updates on current Diocesan projects and I can share some plans for next year as well. Please RSVP to [Patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org](mailto:Patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org)

**Discover The Well** (thewell.org.au) loads of resources and engaging, homegrown content for faith communities! This includes devotions, kids’ shows, prayers and acoustic worship, to resources on leadership and faith for young people and others of all ages. For example, Station of the Crib to Gospels for the Sundays of Advent.

**Rouse Hill Parish Christmas Novena Dawn Masses: From 16 December**

This Christmas, Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill will be celebrating a Novena of Dawn Masses (also known as Simbang Gabi) leading up to Christmas. Commencing on 16 December, they will be celebrated at 5.00am. Bookings are required via <https://www.trybooking.com/BMWOD>. For details, please contact the parish on [rousehill@parracatholic.org](mailto:rousehill@parracatholic.org) or (02) 8883 4063.

**Is God Calling You?**

Is God calling you to share your faith with children in our local public schools

An opportunity to do this is available on the following days during school terms.

Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School	Seven Hills North	Seven Hills	Vardys Road	Hills Sports High
Time	10.30-11.30am	11.20am-12.00pm	9.15-9.45am	9.30-10.20am Wk 1
Classes	Primary	Kindergarten - Yr6	Primary	
Time	2.25- 2.55pm (Infants)		10-10.30am (Infants)	10.40-11.30am Wk 2
School	Bert Oldfield Public School	William Rose Special School		
Time	1.55-2.25pm	1.45-2.15pm		
Classes	Primary			
Time	2.25-2.55pm (Infants)			

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