

- HORIZONTAL**
- To have a deep feeling of affection for another person
 - An endless period of time
 - To give evidence of something
 - A child who has lost both mother and father
- VERTICAL**
- To obey (such as the rules)
 - To be alive; the opposite of die
 - The relationship of God to Jesus
 - A rule or an order given to a person to do something

KEEP	SHOW	LOVE	COMMAND
FATHER	LIVE	FOREVER	ORPHAN



"I can show my friends that Jesus loves them."

Showing Our Love for Jesus

John 14:15-21

Word Search

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WHOEVER	SPIRIT	LOVE	ORPHANS
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KNOW	KEEP	WORLD	LEAVE

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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KNOW	LOVE	LEAVE	WORLD
LIVE	SPIRIT	FATHER	KEEP



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS
"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
Year A • 17 May 2020

All are welcome to join us for **Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills, Sydney, NSW, Australia Facebook LIVE-STREAM WEEKEND 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/>
People do not need a Facebook account as it will be appear publicly.

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.



Let us Pray for the Sick
Leonila Ahillon, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, John Doraisamy, Andrew Fedrigo, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Mark McGilligan, Maria V, Blago Miličević, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Wiranjan Peiris, Debra Price, Susanth Sennayake, 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: James Daly, Maureen Daly, Theresa Fernandes, Felix Weinman, Sunimal Wijeratne, Carmen Grima .

Anniversaries: Oliver Jordan, Alfred Borg, Carmela Carbone, Cini Family, Conception, Dominic & Monica D'Souza, Luis & Vivian Fernandes, VA Francis, Zoltan Gartner, Oliver Jordan, Mangion family, Anton Motha, Paula Mula, Giustin Paludi, Lakshman Perera, Pauline & Santan Soares, Anthony Vassallo.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Martina & Carmel Galea, Elsie, Jean & Karl Garrick, Carmen Grima, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary & Muscat Family, Roseline Ratnam, Benna Xuereb.

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.
As there are no mass to give envelope collections, all members of our parish are invited to join a Direct Debit program.

ON-LINE DIRECT DEPOSIT

BSB: 067 950;
Account Number 000552;
Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

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.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$1075.00
Loose \$ 80.00
TOTAL \$1155.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



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.lol7hills.org.au

FIRST READING *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8, 14-17*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.

When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 65

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)



He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Peter 3:15-18*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If you love me you will keep my commandments.
I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;
and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



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 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.

Pope at Audience: Christian prayer is intimate, trusting, confident

Pope Francis reflects on the essential characteristics of prayer in his catechesis at the weekly General Audience, and says prayer is universal, intimate, and entirely trusting in God.

By Devin Watkins

At the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis considered several of the core aspects of prayer. He said prayer is common to all people, no matter what their religion, and "probably even to those who profess no religion." The Pope recently demonstrated the universality of prayer. He has invited people of all religions to take part in a day of prayer on Thursday, 14 May, to implore God for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. The initiative is promoted by the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity.

Flows from heart
In his catechesis, Pope Francis said prayer involves the most intimate mystery of our being. Christian writers have always said prayer is "born within the secrecy of our beings, in that interior place called the 'heart'."

Our emotions, intelligence, and body all participate in prayer, though prayer cannot be identified with any one aspect of our being. "Every part of the human person prays," he said.
God is not shrouded in mystery
Prayer, said Pope Francis, is a yearning that takes us beyond ourselves as we seek some "other". It is an "I" in search of a "You".

A Christian's prayer, he added, begins with the revelation that the "You" we seek is not shrouded in mystery. "Christianity is the religion that continually celebrates the 'manifestation' of God, His epiphany."

Intimate relationship
God has revealed Himself to us in His Son, Jesus Christ. So the prayer of a Christian brings us into relationship with God, without any fear or trepidation.

"Christianity has banished any type of 'feudal' relationship from the connection with God," he said. Tendencies toward subjection or vassalage, said Pope Francis, are replaced with friendship, covenant, and communion. "God is the friend, the ally, the bridegroom," he said. "One can establish a relationship built on confidence with Him in prayer." Trusting wholly in God

Pope Francis went on to say that Jesus taught us to approach God with trust, calling him "Our Father". "We can ask God for anything, explain everything, tell Him everything." Whatever our situation or perception of our lowliness, we know that God is always faithful, and embraces us with mercy. "God is the faithful ally: if men and women cease to love, He continues to love, even if love leads Him to Calvary."

Mystery of the Covenant
Pope Francis concluded his catechesis with an invitation to enter into "the mystery of the Covenant." "Let us place ourselves in prayer between the merciful arms of God to feel embraced by that mystery of happiness which is the Trinitarian life, to feel like those who are invited but have not merited such an honour." As we remain with God in prayer, he said, let us repeat with awe: "Is it possible that You know love alone?"



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KENTHURST PARISH IS HIRING!

We are looking for a cleaner for the presbytery:

- 8 hours a week
- Cleaning
- Washing
- Ironing

All who are interested are requested to submit their applications to the parish office or by email to stmads@yahoo.com.au. Please include names and contact numbers of 2 references.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

Chapter 7 Youth Ministry—a pastoral care that is synodal—Areas needing to be developed (continued) Always missionaries

Here I would point out that it doesn't take much to make young people missionaries. Even those who are most frail, limited and troubled can be missionaries in their own way, for goodness can always be shared, even if it exists alongside many limitations. A young person who makes a pilgrimage to ask Our Lady for help, and invites a friend or companion along, by that single gesture is being a good missionary. Inseparable from a "popular" youth ministry is an irreplaceable "popular" missionary activity that breaks through our customary models and ways of thinking. Let us accompany and encourage it, but not presume to overly regulate it. If we can hear what the Spirit is saying to us, we have to realize that youth ministry is always missionary. Young people are greatly enriched when they overcome their reticence and dare to visit homes, and in this way make contact with people's lives. They learn how to look beyond their family and their group of friends, and they gain a broader vision of life. At the same time, their faith and their sense of being part of the Church grow stronger. Youth missions, which usually take place during school holidays after a period of preparation, can lead to a renewed experience of faith and even serious thoughts about a vocation. Young people can find new fields for mission in the most varied settings. For example, since they are already so familiar with social networks, they should be encouraged to fill them with God, fraternity and commitment.



[Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, *CHRISTUS VIVIT* — to the young people and the entire people of God]



Project Compassion and Easter Offerings:

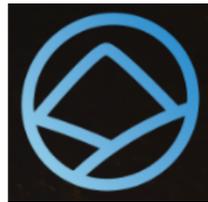
If you have these, please drop them into the parish office as project compassion and their works in this country and overseas are very much dependent upon the generosity of people throughout Australia.

In regard to Easter offerings, these go to the support of our clergy and are used by the Diocese to ensure that our priests are financially supported. I think this is of particular importance at this time as the first collection is virtually non-existent.

Liturgy Help - Personal and Family Prayer.

In this time of crisis, we are providing Catholics with access to a range of resources for personal and family prayer. In particular, we hope that Catholics in social isolation can gain a sense of prayerful solidarity with their local faith communities and the whole Body of Christ. Feel free to print resources and give them to your friends, family and community, particularly those who do not have access to the internet.

To access these free resources, go to: liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray (login / register as a new user)



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Sometime around 1969, a young priest called Peter was sent to my village parish as its assistant, and helped to transform the lives of so many villagers, including me, with his two major programs, namely: sport and secondary education.

First, he asked the Parish priest to allow him to turn a piece of church empty land into a soccer field and start the Parish team with him as its inaugural captain. That was an instant success, for it won bodies and souls of lot of people for a long time both as players and spectators.

Second, he introduced secondary education to the community, something, which was simply beyond reach of the majority of local children after Primary school. He began with the introduction of year 6 in September 1969, and added on year 7, 8 and 9 in following years. I was part of the first group of students, and the only one to join the priestly formation, while lot of my classmates became very useful for the Communist government later on as its local officials, when it came to power in 1975.

My path to priesthood wasn't easy from day one, since my Parish priest adamantly refused to endorse my application, probably as a way to retaliate my paternal grandma, who courageously said no to his effort to negotiate a land swap with my grandparents on behalf of his house-keeper's family. Sometimes I couldn't help to see a bit of my grandma in me, especially in dealing with authorities!

Anyway, Fr Peter quietly carried out his own investigation, and when he learned that my poor grandma did nothing wrong, but rightly challenged his cranky old boss, he called my parents and me in for a meeting, and told us that I had his support in applying for the seminary's entrance exam in 1970. I did that with his blessing and got through to the exam, and the rest, as we say, is history, now.

I couldn't help to think of my priestly benefactor of old, when I stumbled upon the word 'Advocate' in this Sunday's Gospel, the one that Jesus picked up to describe the Holy Spirit or the Spirit of truth, sent to empower, inspire and keep both the disciples' company in the past, and ours in this present time on Jesus' behalf.

According the Macquarie Dictionary, an advocate means an intercessor, or someone who pleads for or on behalf of someone else, or someone who defends or upholds a cause by argument.

In this sense, Fr Peter was very much of an advocate to plead on my behalf, when circumstances put me into a difficult position with my former Parish priest, and we, I suppose, can look with trust and confidence upon to the Holy Spirit as our Advocate from a similar perspective, because He can surely provide each of us with the guidance, support, and strength we need for our journey toward the heavenly promised land, like He did for the Apostles and Christians in the Early Church as shown in the first reading today.

It is worth to note St Augustine's warning issued to the Church in the fourth century about the danger of oversimplifying the role of the Holy Spirit. In his On John I, he wrote, 'who in the present day expects that those on whom hands are laid for the bestowal of the Sprit will suddenly begin speaking in tongues?' In other words, he meant to say that it is unhealthy to narrow down to the role of the Holy Spirit to one single aspect to satisfy certain utilitarian purposes, since His role is much broader.

Today, let us look upon the Holy Spirit and ask Him to renew his gifts in each of us, consequently, we can grow and show our better love for the Lord through our better observance of his love-based commandments.

Have a Holy Spirit-oriented week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

8AM WEEKDAY MASS ATTENDANCE

In response to the latest move from the government allowing ten people to attend Mass, please either ring our Parish Office on 96222920 to nominate your preferred date, and our staff shall arrange the time slot for you.

WEEKEND MASSES

We continue to keep the system we have followed, meaning that our ministers are invited to serve our weekend Masses as acolytes, readers, senior servers according to our current roster.

HOME WORSHIP PHOTOS

As mentioned at our Weekend Masses in the last two weeks, 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.



MINISTRY ROSTER UPDATE:

A friendly reminder to submit your roster update details for the next 6 months. Roster Forms are available to pickup/return from the Parish office M-F 10-2pm, alternatively you can send or print a form, from our OLOL Web Page or Facebook page. **Please return all forms before Friday 5th June 2020**



Fr Henry reflects on 25 years as a priest



<https://www.catholicoutlook.org/fr-henry-reflects-on-25-years-as-a-priest/>

RECONCILIATION AND PRIVATE PRAYER

The Church foyer is open Monday to Friday from 9am to 3pm for private prayer. RECONCILIATION will be held in the church, via the foyer, on Saturdays 4:30pm-5:30pm. There will be a sign on book, please sign it upon arrival. With COVID-19 regulations in mind, please keep the numbers no more than 10 people in the church at one time, and Please maintain a social distance of 1.5m apart to keep us all safe.

A Big Thank you

We want to express all our gratitude to those who have significantly contributed, to the making and happening of our very successful and wonderful Mother's Day fundraiser.

In particular, we would like to thank Simon, from The Magnificat Choir, who generously donated his beautiful and very popular floral and plant creations, to sell. A massive shout out and thank you to Angel's Florist in Seven Hills, for their donated materials, to wrap the gifts in.

To our awesome Priest, Fr. Henry, for his constant support and drive to the Youth Ministry of Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills. We would not be where we are, if it wasn't for Fr. Henry's interest in what we do, encouragement to keep on going and belief in us all. We appreciate it Fr. Henry!

To our sensational superstar Youth Leaders, Ian and Ryan Epondulan, Sarah Lenthall, Crystal Menezes and Laura Bellissimo, for bringing this entire concept to life. All the efforts, time, work, commitment and donations made to this fundraiser are unbelievably amazing! As individuals, you provided so much of your own. And as a team, we were greater than ever! Thank you for your dedication and service to our Church Community and to our Lord Jesus and God.

And finally, to everyone who came driving through, walking in and showing up to our fundraiser.

Thank you very much for your presence and support! We really enjoyed serving you and seeing some of our community once again. We hope you enjoyed it all too - especially the sweet treats and blooms for your loved ones!