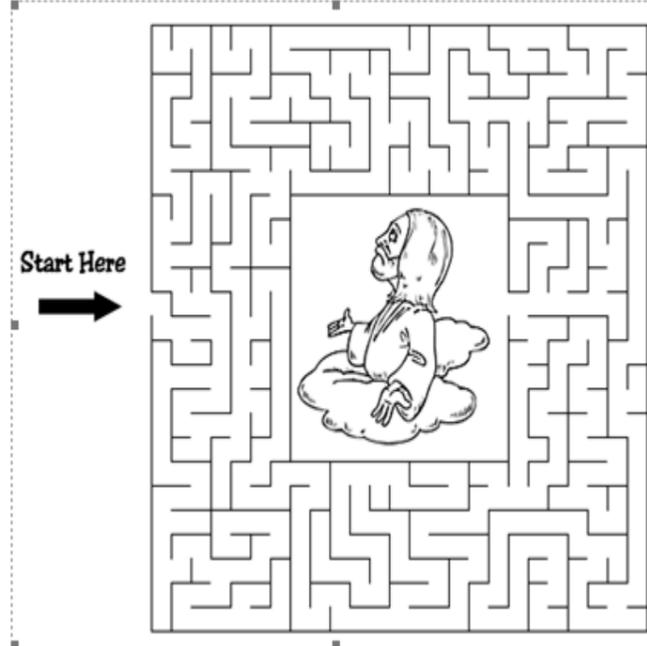


Our Lady of Lourdes
Children's Corner
The Ascension 22 May 2020



The Ascension of the Lord

Luke 24:44-53

Word Search Puzzle

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

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OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

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The Ascension of the Lord
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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/OLOL7Hills/>
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, Andrew Fedrigo, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Mark McGilligan, Kathleen McMillan, Maria V, Blago Milicevic, 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: Rolily Burac, James Daly, Maureen Daly, John Doraisamy, Theresa Fernandes, Felix Weinman, Sunimal Wijeratne.

Anniversaries: Helen & Peter Bonnici, 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, Priscilia Villanueva

Remembrance: Maria & Gregorio Almodovar, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Martina & Carmel Galea, Elsie, Jean & Karl Garrick, Carmen Grima, Sharon & John Lawrence, Felina & Apolinario Maglaya, 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
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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$800.00
Loose \$ 00.00
TOTAL \$800.00
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.olol7hills.org.au

FIRST READING A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 46

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. (R.)



God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

SECOND READING A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. I will not leave you orphans;

Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



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.



Common prayer for the fifth anniversary of Laudato Si'

Loving God,
Creator of heaven and earth and all that is in them, You created us in your image and made us stewards of all your creation, of our common home.

You blessed us with the sun, water and bountiful land so that all might be nourished.

Open our minds and touch our hearts, so that we may attend to your gift of creation. Help us to be conscious that our common home belongs not only to us, but to all future generations, and that it is our responsibility to preserve it.

May we help each person secure the food and resources that they need.

Be present to those in need in these trying times, especially the poorest and those most at risk of being left behind. Transform our fear, anxiety and feelings of isolation into hope so that we may experience a true conversion of the heart.

Help us to show creative solidarity in addressing the consequences of this global pandemic, Make us courageous to embrace the changes that are needed in search of the common good, Now more than ever may we feel that we are all interconnected, in our efforts to lift up the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor.

We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.
Amen

<https://laudatosiweek.org/>



THE CATHOLIC WEEKLY has temporarily transitioned to a digital presence only due to the government's decision to close all Churches during the COVID-19 pandemic.

You are still able to read and access the digital version of *Catholic Outlook* via catholicoutlook.org and <https://www.catholicoutlook.org/subscribe/>.

Once Government restrictions have been fully lifted, the print production of *Catholic Outlook* will resume, with the next edition scheduled for September 2020.

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)



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.

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News from the Diocese of Parramatta



Fr Henry reflects on 25 years as a priest

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



Sacramental Program

As a result the Novel Caronavirus Covid-19 pandemic we have regretfully decided to postpone our Sacramental Program until further notice. Celebration of Sacraments Programs and the Sacrament of Confirmation will now move to dates to be advised, later this year.

FROM POPE FRANCIS

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

Accompaniment by adults

Young people need to have their freedom respected, yet they also need to be accompanied. The family should be the first place of accompaniment. Youth ministry can present the ideal of life in Christ as the process of building a house on rock (cf. Mt 7:24-25). For most young people, that house, their life, will be built on marriage and married love. That is why youth ministry and the pastoral care of families should be coordinated and integrated, with the aim of ensuring a continuous and suitable accompaniment of the vocational process.

The community has an important role in the accompaniment of young people; it should feel collectively responsible for accepting, motivating, encouraging and challenging them. All should regard young people with understanding, appreciation and affection, and avoid constantly judging them or demanding of them a perfection beyond their years.

At the Synod, “many pointed to the shortage of qualified people devoted to accompaniment. Belief in the theological and pastoral value of listening entails rethinking and renewing the ways that priestly ministry is ordinarily exercised, and reviewing its priorities. The Synod also recognized the need to train consecrated persons and laypeople, male and female, to accompany young people. The charism of listening that the Holy Spirit calls forth within the communities might also receive institutional recognition as a form of ecclesial service”.[Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, *CHRISTUS VIVIT — to the young people and the entire people of God*]



ENCYCLICAL LETTER *LAUDATO SI'* OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME

LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore – “Praise be to you, my Lord”. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs”.

This sister now cries out to us because of the harm we have inflicted on her by our irresponsible use and abuse of the goods with which God has endowed her. We have come to see ourselves as her lords and masters, entitled to plunder her at will. The violence present in our hearts, wounded by sin, is also reflected in the symptoms of sickness evident in the soil, in the water, in the air and in all forms of life. This is why the earth herself, burdened and laid waste, is among the most abandoned and maltreated of our poor; she “groans in travail” (Rom 8:22). We have forgotten that we ourselves are dust of the earth (cf. Gen 2:7); our very bodies are made up of her elements, we breathe her air and we receive life and refreshment from her waters.

Nothing in this world is indifferent to us

More than fifty years ago, with the world teetering on the brink of nuclear crisis, [Pope Saint John XXIII](#) wrote an [Encyclical](#) which not only rejected war but offered a proposal for peace. He addressed his message *Pacem in Terris* to the entire “Catholic world” and indeed “to all men and women of good will”. Now, faced as we are with global environmental deterioration, I wish to address every person living on this planet. In my Apostolic Exhortation [Evangelii Gaudium](#), I wrote to all the members of the Church with the aim of encouraging ongoing missionary renewal. In this Encyclical, I would like to enter into dialogue with all people about our common home.

In 1971, eight years after *Pacem in Terris*, [Blessed Pope Paul VI](#) referred to the ecological concern as “a tragic consequence” of unchecked human activity: “Due to an ill-considered exploitation of nature, humanity runs the risk of destroying it and becoming in turn a victim of this degradation”. He spoke in similar terms to the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations about the potential for an “ecological catastrophe under the effective explosion of industrial civilization”, and stressed “the urgent need for a radical change in the conduct of humanity”, inasmuch as “the most extraordinary scientific advances, the most amazing technical abilities, the most astonishing economic growth, unless they are accompanied by authentic social and moral progress, will definitively turn against man”.

[Saint John Paul II](#) became increasingly concerned about this issue. In [his first Encyclical](#) he warned that human beings frequently seem “to see no other meaning in their natural environment than what serves for immediate use and consumption”. Subsequently, he would call for a global ecological *conversion*. At the same time, he noted that little effort had been made to “safeguard the moral conditions for an authentic *human ecology*”. The destruction of the human environment is extremely serious, not only because God has entrusted the world to us men and women, but because human life is itself a gift which must be defended from various forms of debasement. Every effort to protect and improve our world entails profound changes in “lifestyles, models of production and consumption, and the established structures of power which today govern societies”. Authentic human development has a moral character. It presumes full respect for the human person, but it must also be concerned for the world around us and “take into account the nature of each being and of its mutual connection in an ordered system”.

Accordingly, our human ability to transform reality must proceed in line with God’s original gift of all that is. My predecessor [Benedict XVI](#) likewise proposed “eliminating the structural causes of the dysfunctions of the world economy and correcting models of growth which have proved incapable of ensuring respect for the environment”. He observed that the world cannot be analyzed by isolating only one of its aspects, since “the book of nature is one and indivisible”, and includes the environment, life, sexuality, the family, social relations, and so forth. It follows that “the deterioration of nature is closely connected to the culture which shapes human coexistence”. Pope Benedict asked us to recognize that the natural environment has been gravely damaged by our irresponsible behaviour. The social environment has also suffered damage. Both are ultimately due to the same evil: the notion that there are no indisputable truths to guide our lives, and hence human freedom is limitless. We have forgotten that “man is not only a freedom which he creates for himself. Man does not create himself. He is spirit and will, but also nature”. With paternal concern, Benedict urged us to realize that creation is harmed “where we ourselves have the final word, where everything is simply our property and we use it for ourselves alone. The misuse of creation begins when we no longer recognize any higher instance than ourselves, when we see nothing else but ourselves”.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

For some time, there has been a movement within the Church, trying to bring some of the past glory back to the Church, which some people have thought as being entangled in multiple problems, such as church-attendance, religious vocation, secular outlooks and practices. In a nut shell, such a movement has been known as Restorationism.

In an article called ‘Restorationism Brings Traditionalist Approaches to Parish Life’ on Catholic National Reporter in February, 2017, Peter Feuerherd defined Restorationism as a movement, which aims “to “renew the renewal” of Vatican II by bringing traditionalist approaches to liturgy and governance of parish life,” and

whose supporters have opted to incorporate ‘costumes, vestments, music and other elements that have their roots in practices preceding 1965.’

This movement appears to revive within the Church an ecclesial disease, called clericalism, which Pope Francis has been keen to tackle with from day one of his papacy. As a whole, this trend tends to assert ‘priestly powers in parishes where laypeople had grown accustomed to participation in ministries and governance.’ Once, the Pope even referred to this type of ordained ministers as ‘little monsters who use ordination to lord it over others.’

I couldn’t help to think of the issue of Restorationism in the Church today, when I happened to read the first reading for the feast of the Ascension this week. According to it, some of the Apostles asked Jesus prior to his Ascension about whether he was going to restore the Kingdom of Israel? Obviously they wrongly thought of Jesus as a restorationist, whose mission was to bring the land of Israel out of the Roman occupation, and restore its former glory, and they thus misunderstood completely the spiritual dimension of his mission, which was to deliver all of us from the slavery of sin and show us the way and means to enter into the divine world, the world of eternal life. In his context, Jesus’ Ascension today invites us to focus on and look upon such a world, where Jesus has gone before us, and where we hope to join him one day.

In the past, this feast was celebrated on the Thursday of the sixth week of Easter, meaning forty days after Easter as meticulously reported in the Acts of the Apostles account. Nowadays it is celebrated on Sunday, instead, so that more of us would be able to participate in this remarkably important feast.

Let us pray today for the Easter grace to help us more focused on the world that Jesus’ Ascension has taken him to, and better prepare ourselves for a place in that world through the merits we accumulate by means of what we do and say in our everyday lives.

Have a heavenward-looking week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...



PROJECT COMPASSION and Easter Offerings:

If you have these, please drop them into the parish office by **Monday 25th May.**

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-

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.



MINISTRY ROSTER UPDATE:

Ministries 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**

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.

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.

OUR PARISH ‘TIP AND GO’ SYSTEM

It has been a normal and popular practice in various parishes in our Parramatta Diocese and other ones in the country to have the TIP & GO system in place, known under different names in different churches. Anyway, whatever it is called, it mainly means to upgrade the way we make donations to the parish far easier, especially for those, who haven’t yet joined our Enveloped Program.

We are thinking of installing the system with a five dollars limit at two different locations in the church: One at the main entrance, and the other at the side door to carpark. If you have a good suggestion for naming our system, please give our Parish Office a ring, and we are looking forward to hear from you.

WEEKEND MASSES—continue with Live-Streaming

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.