

ACROSS

3. The time for gathering crops
5. Stories told by Jesus to teach his followers
7. A plant that crowds out the good plants
8. A building used for storing grain and housing farm animals

DOWN

1. The place where God is
2. A grain that is ground into flour used in cooking
4. A small pod placed in the ground to grow a plant
6. To damage or destroy by fire

WEEDS	BURN	SEED	HARVEST
HEAVEN	WHEAT	BARN	PARABLE

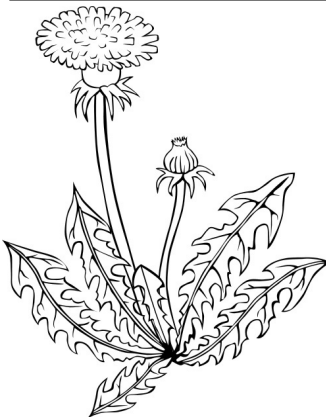


The Parable of the Weeds

Matthew 13:24-29

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SOW	FIELD	GOOD	UPROOT	HARVEST
WHEAT	ENEMY	PULL	KINGDOM	SEED
PARABLE	HEAVEN	BURN	GROW	WEEDS



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2. 14-23-23-20-7 _____
3. 16-5-5-20 _____
4. 7-23-23-20 _____
5. 15-13-23-3-20 _____
6. 14-17-23-24-19 _____
7. 17-24-2-8-23-7-19 _____
8. 22-21-2-4 _____

WHEAT	WEEDS	FIELD	SEED
PARABLE	GOOD	HARVEST	BURN



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

WEEKDAY MASS Tues - Friday 8am

RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30 - 5.30pm
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 16 September 2020
7.30pm

Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A • 19 July 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/>
People do not need a Facebook account as it will be appear publicly.

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.
Parishes are reminded to continue to practice *hygiene* and *physical distancing* measures.

By Law, we must continue to:

- Use **Hand Sanitisers** available upon entry and exit
- **Sign the Attendance Book** (if attending as a family group from same household, one adult contact name AND number or email is sufficient.
- **1.5 m physical distance** should be kept between people in the Church, *Please sit behind the calculated space marked with the white tape*
- Members of the same household may sit together in the designated area near the organ.
Thank you for your co-operation, patience and understanding

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.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

BSB: 067 950;

Account Number 000552;

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

(please include your NAME and ENVELOPE NUMBER in the reference description, or write DONATION if you haven't joined the Planned Giving Program)

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

Seven Hills Catholic Church

BSB: 062 315

Acc Id # - 00901486

AGENT # - 660

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Let us Pray for the Sick



Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, Neil Anaratunga, David Barrow, John Bourke, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Lou Fedrigo, Ronald Gomez, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Julia Lordan, Maria V, Gerard Marcello, Mark McGilligan, Kathleen McMillan, Mary Mifsud, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Wiranjan Peiris, Janina Pisch, Debra Price, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Rose Stambouliah, Josette Sultana, Denis Symon, Sue Tipaldo ,

If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner that is unwell please contact Father Henry or the Parish Office on 9622 2920. We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

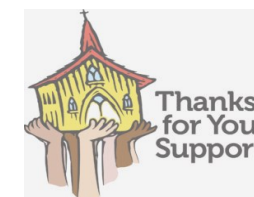
Recently Deceased: Dorothy Abeyrama, Maurice Camenzuli, Jim De Salis, John Doraisamy, Steve Gauci, Oliver Soares, Lewis Tentil, Felix Weinann.

Anniversaries: Fe Abadiano, Celilia Abela, Nazarene (Ronnie) Borg, Ceferino Cabasa, Carmen & Sam Calleja, Carmela Carbone, Frank & Bev Gagan, Martina & Carmelo Galeo, Antony Garcia, Roberto Gonzales Snr, Christine Henderson, Brian Jordan, Rosa, Maria, Rachel, Antonio, Alberto, Teresa & Peppino Mancina, Pietro MarraGraciano Menezes, Lourda Motha, Paula & Albert Mula, Mary Muscat & Muscat Family, George & Mary Paiva, Sr Custodio Palmos, Nieves Palmos, Fermin Rambacal, Laureano Reyes, Jose Reyes, Lucy Vasquez, Jim Vella.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, , Emanuel Heli, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Stephen & Louis Mula, Andreana & Felix Muscat, Roseline Ratnam, Francis Tanti, Therese Tran, Dioniso Udan.

MONEY MATTERS

Envelopes \$1721.00
Loose \$1165.00
TOTAL \$2886.00
WEEKLY TARGET: \$ 3500.00



Regular collections at Mass

There are generally two collections at Mass. The **FIRST COLLECTION** is to support the clergy via the Parramatta Diocese.

The **SECOND COLLECTION** is for the maintenance and growth of our Parish at OLOL.

If you are a new parishioner or an existing one and you would like to participate in the Planned Giving Program, please contact the Parish Office

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom 12: 13, 16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God. (R.)

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me . (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.”’ He put another parable before them, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.’ He told them another parable, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’ In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfill the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply, ‘The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

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: true believers intercede for the world

Moses intercedes

The best way to describe how Moses prayed is the word "*intercession*", said the Pope. He explained that Moses’s faith in God is “completely at one with his sense of fatherhood towards his people. Scripture habitually depicts him with his hands outstretched towards God, as if to form a bridge between heaven and earth with his own person”. True believers, said the Pope, cultivate this sort of prayer: “even if they experience the shortcomings of people and their distance from God, in prayer they do not condemn them, they do not reject them”. The intercessory attitude is proper to the saints who, in imitation of Jesus, are “bridges” between God and His people, he added. Finally, Pope Francis explained that Moses urges us to pray with the same ardour as Jesus, to intercede for the world, to remember that “despite all its frailties, it still belongs to God”. It is “thanks to the blessing of the righteous, to the prayer for mercy that the saint, the righteous person, the priest, the Bishop, the Pope, the layperson, anyone who is baptized incessantly raises up for mankind, in every place and time in history, that the world lives and thrives”. Pope Francis said when we get angry, instead of condemning the person that we are angry with, "let's intercede for him or her: that will help us a lot".

Pope Francis addressed a scattering of well-distanced faithful in St. Peter’s Square on Sunday with a reflection on the Gospel reading of the day (Mt 11: 25-30), which he explained, is divided into three parts. In the first part, he said, “Jesus raises a prayer of blessing and thanksgiving to the Father, because He revealed to the poor and to the simple the mysteries of the Kingdom of heaven.” Then, he continued, “He reveals the intimate and unique relationship between Him and the Father.” Finally, the Pope added, “He invites us to go to Him and to follow Him to find relief.”

Giving thanks

When Jesus gives thanks to the Father, he explained, he praises Him for having kept the secrets of His Kingdom hidden from those he ironically calls “the wise and the learned”.

Pope Francis explained that he calls them so “with a veil of irony, because they presume to be so and therefore have a closed heart.”

But Jesus, he continued, says that the mysteries of His Father are revealed to the “little ones”, that is, to those who confidently open themselves to His Word of salvation, who feel the need for Him and expect everything from Him.

Total reciprocity

Then, the Pope said, Jesus explains that He has received everything from the Father. He calls Him “my Father”, to affirm the unique nature of His relationship with Him.

“There is total reciprocity only between the Son and the Father”, he said, “each one knows the other, each one lives in the other.”

It is this unique communion that gives life to Jesus’ invitation: “Come to me...”, he explained, because the son wishes to give what He receives from the Father.”

Preference for the ‘little ones’

The Pope then went on to point out that “Just as the Father has a preference for the “little ones”, Jesus also addresses those “who labour and are burdened”.

He highlighted that Jesus’ full dedication to the Father, and his meekness and humility are not a model for the resigned, nor he said, “is He simply a victim,” but rather He lives this condition "from the heart" in full transparency to the love of the Father, that is, to the Holy Spirit.

“Jesus is the model of the ‘poor in spirit’ and of all the other ‘blessed’ of the Gospel, who do the will of God and bear witness to His Kingdom,” he said.

Pope Francis wrapped-up his reflection pointing out that the “solace" that Christ offers to the weary and oppressed is not merely psychological relief or almsgiving, but the joy of the poor to be evangelised and to be builders of the new humanity.

A message for all

It is a message for all people of good will,” he said, which Jesus still conveys today in a world that exalts those who become rich and powerful, no matter by what means, trampling at times upon the human being and his or her dignity.”

It is also a message for the Church, he said, that is called to live works of mercy and to evangelise the poor. Pope Francis concluded invoking the Virgin Mary to help us “discern her signs in our lives and be sharers in those mysteries which, hidden from the proud, are revealed to the humble.”

Pope at Audience: We are never alone if we bring our lives to God in prayer

By Devin Watkins

Pope Francis focused his catechesis at the Wednesday General Audience on the Biblical figure of King David “Favored by God even from his youth, he is chosen for a unique mission that would play a central role in the history of the people of God and in our own faith.” Jesus, said the Pope, is called “son of David” and fulfilled the ancient promises of “a King completely after God’s heart, in perfect obedience to the Father.”

A shepherd

David’s own story, said Pope Francis, begins in Bethlehem, where he shepherds his father’s flock. “He worked in the open air: we can think of him as a friend of the wind, of the sounds of nature, of the sun’s rays.” The Pope said David is first of all a shepherd. He defends others from danger and provides for their sustenance. In this line, Jesus called Himself “the good shepherd”, who “offers His life on behalf of the sheep. He guides them; He knows each one by name.” Later in life, when David goes astray by having a man killed in order to take his wife, he immediately understands his sin when the prophet Nathan reproves him. “David understands right away that he had been a bad shepherd,” said the Pope, “that he was no longer a humble servant, but a man who was crazy for power, a poacher who looted and preyed on others.”

With a poet’s soul

Pope Francis went on to reflect on what he called David’s “poet’s soul”. “He has only one companion to comfort his soul: his harp; and during those long days spent in solitude, he loves to play and to sing to his God.” David, said the Pope, was not a vulgar man. He often raised hymns to God, whether to express his joy, lamentation, or repentance. “The world that presented itself before his eyes was not a silent scene: as things unraveled before his gaze he observed a greater mystery.”

Contemplating life’s mystery

Prayer, said Pope Francis, arises from “the conviction that life is not something that takes us by surprise, but a stupefying mystery that inspires poetry, music, gratitude, praise, even lament and supplication in us.” Biblical tradition, he noted, holds that David was the great artist behind the composition of the Psalms. David, said the Pope, dreamed of being a good shepherd. He was many things: “holy and sinful, persecuted and persecutor, victim and murderer.” Like him, events in our own lives reveal us in a similar light. “In the drama of life, all people often sin because of inconsistency.”

Bringing everything to God

Pope Francis said that, like David, there is one golden thread that runs through all our lives: prayer. “David teaches us to let everything enter into dialogue with God: joy as well as guilt, love as well as suffering, friendship as much as sickness,” he said. “Everything can become a word spoken to the ‘You’ who always listens to us.” David, concluded Pope Francis, knew solitude but “was in reality never alone!” “This is the power of prayer in all those who make space for it in their lives,” he said. “Prayer makes us noble: it is capable of securing their relationship with God who is the true Companion on the journey of every man and woman, in the midst of life’s thousand adversities.”



Pope at Audience: true believers intercede for the world

By Vatican News

Pope Francis began his General Audience on Wednesday by noting that “God never liked to have anything to do with those who prayed the ‘easy’ way”. He used Moses as an example, explaining that from the very first day of his vocation he was not a “weak” dialogue partner. The Pope noted that when God called him, “Moses was in human terms a ‘failure’”. He explained that the Book of Exodus depicts Moses as a fugitive in the desert of Midian. Once a man who fought for the weak and oppressed, “it was not justice” but “violence that came from his hands”, said the Pope

God to Moses

Then, the Pope recounted that in the same desert of Midian, God invites Moses to take care of the people of Israel once more, but Moses puts up a fuss. He does not believe he is worthy, said the Pope, adding that “the word that appears most frequently on Moses’s lips, in every prayer he addresses to God, is the question: ‘Why?’” “With these fears, with this heart that often falters, Moses appears human like us”, said the Pope. It is both his weakness and strength that impress us. Entrusted by God to transmit the Law to his people, “he will not, for this reason, cease to maintain close bonds of solidarity with his people, especially in the hour of temptation and sin”. He remains on friendly terms with many people, said the Pope. “Despite his privileged status, Moses never ceased to belong to the numbers of the poor in spirit who live by trusting in God as the viaticum of their journey”.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Thanks to the gardening-friendly weather last Wednesday, I was able to trim our roses in due time, and do some required weeding jobs as well. I meant to get it done last weekend, it, however, was far too wet for gardening. While digging up the weeds, I could not help thinking about my old man, who used to spend a lot of time day in day out in the field to pull off all the weeds from our rice paddock, for he simply could not stand the sight of theirs, and treated them just like enemies.

For sure, my father had none of the patience and tolerance like the sower in the Gospel this Sunday, who was nothing, but extremely patient and tolerant toward the good-for-nothing dandel, secretly sowed into his field by his enemy. Instead of getting rid of it as suggested by his servants, he chose to let it to grow together with the wheat till the reckoning time of the harvest. He then instructed the reapers to burn the dandel and keep the wheat in the barn. Due to the disciples’ intervention like last week, Jesus then offered his own interpretation of this symbolic parable. He carefully pointed out the symbolism of one character after another in the whole story, consequently we know that the sower stands for Jesus, the Son of Man, the field for the world, the good seed for the good, the dandel for the bad, the sower of the dandel for the devil, the harvest for the end time, the reapers for the angels of God. This parable seems to give us the peace of mind in dealing with the philosophical question of why evil does exist in the world, when God has been around. Philosophically speaking, people argue that it does not make sense for God, the source of all goodness and the devil, the cause of evils do exist at the same time. Jesus, however, reminds us that evil has been the work of the devil, and that though it does exist and pose certain threat to good people, it will not be allowed to live forever, for it shall be gathered and thrown into the blazing furnace of the hell at the end of time, while the wheat of good people shall enjoy a place in the kingdom of their heavenly Father. Therefore, we have no reason to feel discouraged despite the real presence of evils here and there throughout the world, because God is always in control of the world, and will deal with them accordingly in due time. On the other hand, what we need to do is (1) to keep growing better and taller within the tree of the Church to help provide support to those seeking shelter under it, and (2) to help to ever enrich and transform both the Church and the world with the yeast of our faith. Let us ask the Lord to help strengthen us in our faith in Him, and continue to support us with his grace in our call to adore and serve Him.

Have a faith-filled week.
Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

Central Deanery - MAGNIFY Exhibition

Come and support the artistic talents, found within the Central Deanery and join in this community gathering, as we continue to draw ourselves closer to Christ, through art and music. This ‘pop-up’ gallery will include an array of artworks on display and live music performances.

Open over the weekend of the
Feast Day of the Assumption of Mary
15th & 16th August 2020 | 12-4pm
Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills Parish Hall.
Entry is \$5.00 and some artworks will be for sale!
For more information, please email
cypcentraldeanery@gmail.com
or visit our Facebook Page | CYP Central Deanery

Sacramental Program Returning Parents of children currently enrolled in the 2020 Sacramental Program for Reconciliation and First Eucharist, please be advised that this will return with an abridged Reconciliation Meeting Schedule and the original First Holy Communion Program. Parents wishing to enrol their Year 6 (or above) child in the **2020 Confirmation Program** there will be an Information Meeting on Wednesday 12th August 6.30-7.30pm OR Saturday 15th August 4.30-5.30pm. Confirmation will be conducted by Fr. Henry this year on Friday 30th October. Please email Artelle, artelle@olol7hills.com.au or call the Parish office 96222920



WEEKEND MASSES INFORMATION

It’s a wonderful news for us to welcome a further relaxation of church-gathering restrictions, given we continue to comply with safety conditions required by the government, such as following: For all our Masses at Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills from this weekend, no one needs to ring the Parish Office anymore, please just go to Mass as usual. It, however, would be worth to note that our church capacity at the moment is 110 to meet with physical distancing requirement. Therefore, when our church is full of its current capacity of 110 seats, I hope you don’t mind to go to our Church Hall, where Mass is live-streamed to, and I shall personally bring Communion over to you at Communion time. Praise the Lord for all this good news we have received, and continue to show each other our kindness, patience and understanding, as we keep helping each other to get through this unbelievable time of history. Thank you so much for your co-operation, patience, and understanding.
Fr Henry

Project Compassion update

Due to COVID-19, Project Compassion has been extended and parishioners can bring their boxes or envelopes to parishes, or if they are unable, can contact 1800 024 413 or go to lent.caritas.org.au. A video message from Caritas Australia on how they are helping around the world can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zk7AvhdLOIM>. For any further support, please contact Patrice Moriarty 0409 399 505 or patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org



FROM POPE FRANCIS
CHAPTER NINE — Discerning your vocation

283. A particular form of discernment involves the effort to discover our own vocation. Since this is a very personal decision that others cannot make for us, it requires a certain degree of solitude and silence. “The Lord speaks to us in a variety of ways, at work, through others and at every moment. Yet we simply cannot do without the silence of prolonged prayer, which enables us better to perceive God’s language, to interpret the real meaning of the inspirations we believe we have received, to calm our anxieties and to see the whole of our existence afresh in his own light”.

284. Yet this silence does not make us close in on ourselves. “We must remember that prayerful discernment has to be born of an openness to listening – to the Lord and to others, and to reality itself, which always challenges us in new ways. Only if we are prepared to listen, do we have the freedom to set aside our own partial or insufficient ideas... In this way, we become truly open to accepting a call that can shatter our security, but lead us to a better life. It is not enough that everything be calm and peaceful. God may be offering us something more, but in our comfortable inadvertence, we do not recognize it”.

285. When seeking to discern our own vocation, there are certain questions we ought to ask. We should not start with wondering *where we could make more money, or achieve greater recognition and social status. Nor even by asking what kind of work would be most pleasing to us. If we are not to go astray, we need a different starting point. We need to ask: Do I know myself, quite apart from my illusions and emotions? Do I know what brings joy or sorrow to my heart?* What are my strengths and weaknesses? These questions immediately give rise to others: How can I serve people better and prove most helpful to our world and to the Church? What is my real place in this world? What can I offer to society? Even more realistic questions then follow: Do I have the abilities needed to offer this kind of service? Could I develop those abilities? 286. These questions should be centred less on ourselves and our own inclinations, but on others, so that our discernment leads us to see our life in relation to their lives. That is why I would remind you of the most important question of all. “So often in life, we waste time asking ourselves: ‘Who am I?’ You can keep asking, ‘Who am I?’ for the rest of your lives. But the real question is: ‘For whom am I?’”.[159] Of course, you are for God. But he has decided that you should also be for others, and he has given you many qualities, inclinations, gifts and charisms that are not for you, but to share with those around you. **[Pope Francis, apostolic exhortation, CHRISTUS VIVIT — to the young people and the entire people of God]**

CHRISTUS VIVIT



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.

Social Justice Group: Meeting today 12:30 pm Sunday 19th July Parish meeting room. Thank you to all those who donated to Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) drive. JRS is working at 240% during this Covid-19 period.

Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Online Women’s Retreat: 1 August

The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are inviting young women aged 18-35 to attend an online discernment retreat for women on 1 August from 4pm. The retreat will include a reflection and talk, a Q&A session and evening prayer. Registration is essential, as a link to the Zoom meeting will be provided. To RSVP, please contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or vocationsscfn@gmail.com.

Catholic Youth Parramatta engaging young people in new ways. Catholic Youth Parramatta has established a dynamic schedule of networking opportunities, formation and resources to support ministry and engagement with young people of the Diocese in new ways. From inspiring quotes and scripture references on Mondays, to faith-filled live performances on Wednesday to launching new home-grown resources on Friday. Check out CYP’s Facebook and Instagram pages and <https://www.parracatholic.org/cyp/> to download and share the resources.

ACBC Catholic Men’s Gathering: 15 August

The ACBC National Catholic Men’s Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants. This modified program will be made available from 15 August and will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions. The gathering is free and registration is available from 29 June. Visit www.catholicmensgathering.com.au for more information and registration.

SRE learning from home
During the school shutdown, CCD designed some faith resources for families to access for their children as they learned from home. These lessons, which are fun and prepared specifically for each age group 5-13, are a good way to encourage children to converse about topics of faith at home. These lessons which affirm that they are loved by God can be found at <https://www.cress.org.au/learning-from-home-sre-lessons/>. For more information contact cecilia.zammit@parracatholic.org

Share your Good News Stories!
Thank you for all that you continue to do to share the love and peace of God. 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>

Positions Vacant:

- Human Resources Adviser – Diocese of Parramatta
- Head of People and Culture – CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains – **Applications close Tuesday 28 July**

More details at: parracatholic.org/employment

Saturday Sessions
Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, every Saturday from 11am - 12pm with Saturday Sessions, hosted by the Pastoral Planning Office. Listen to the pre-recorded presentation about a topic of faith and then join an online group discussion via Zoom. Visit the Diocese of Parramatta’s Facebook page each week for details. Contact Lisa Bright on lisa.bright@parracatholic.org to join the mailing list to receive session information

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

18/19 JULY 2020		
Acolytes	Vigil: Ernie Gartner 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Kilifi Huihui	
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Benno Motha 8am: Anne McNally, Lorraine Fernandes 9.30am: Paul Gow, SUB REQ	
Readers	Vigil: Laura Bellissimo, Catherine Rodrigues 8am: Andrew Millar, Bob McNally 9.30am: Karen Eleazar, Kamela Huihui	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Yxaak Dino, Riley Sultana, Samuel Thoms 8am: Sean Park, Philip Park, Diana Park 9.30am Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Riley Ballment, Jerard Sarmiento, Matthew Shawcross	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church cleaning	22 July	Sue Abela, Jacinta Warner
Welcomers	Vigil: John Jordan, Judith Deloso 8am: Suzy Nemorin, Rita Paolini 9.30am: Helen Gonzalas, Lena Falzon.	

25/26 JULY 2020		
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Eugene Miu 9.30am Noel Emmanuel	
Ministers	Vigil: Louise La Guidara, Stefanies Menezes 8am: Lorraine Fernades, Suzy nemorin 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Crystal Menezes	
Readers	Vigil: Marinela Simic, Alison Punch 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Rob Simpson, Adrian Walker	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil, Majerin Pieris, 8am: Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish 9.30am Carl Gallema, Marc Gallema, Alexandra Simpson, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy.	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church cleaning	1 August	Judith Deloso, Adrian Walker
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici, Ram Ugre 8am: Joyce Hillbrick, Rita Paolini 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain, Lena Falzon	



New Set of Planned Giving Envelopes are now available for collection in our church.

	JULY 2020	
19	Social Justice Group –PMR	12.30pm
20	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7pm
23	Christ Community Prayer Group	9am
23	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
25	Reconciliation (Saturdays)	4.30 – 5.30pm
29	Parish Pastoral Meeting	7.30pm

PARISH MINISTERS ROSTER –UPDATED 9/7/2020
Please pick up a new roster. Thanks to the latest improvement in term of church gatherings, all our ministers are invited to serve again except (1) our ministers of the chalice, and (2) Choir groups, who, hopefully, might be able to resume their services in a near future.



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

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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Plenary Council Discernment Papers released
You are encouraged to take the discernment papers from the six national Plenary Council writing groups for your own discernment about how to bring to life a Christ-centred community in your area. These papers can be found at <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/>. The Pastoral Planning Office can accompany you in reflecting on these papers. Please contact pastoralplanning@parracatholic.org to discuss ways to engage with these discernment papers.