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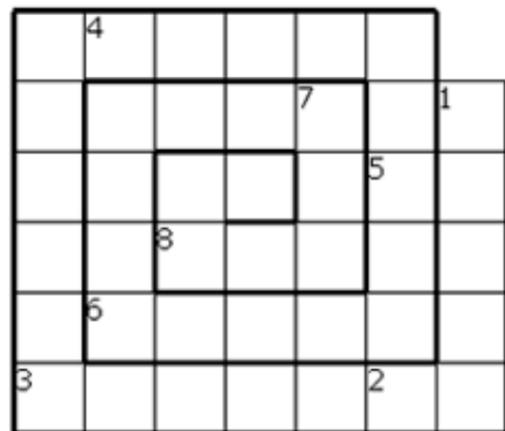
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boat landed loaves satisfied  
crowds Jesus fish twelve  
followed healed thanks basketfuls  
towns sick people left



# Jesus Feeds the 5000

Jesus then took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed to those who were seated as much as they wanted. He did the same with the fish. John 6:11 (NIV)



1. A large number of persons gathered together
2. Opposite of large
3. The number equal to 6 plus 6
4. Bread baked in one long piece (plural)
5. Human beings -- as a group
6. A container made of woven materials such as straw or twigs
7. A cold-blooded animal with fins and gills that lives in water
8. A male child

WORDS USED

loaves	people	basket	crowd
twelve	fish	boy	small

Help Jesus and his Disciples pass out all the food.



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

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

**WEEKDAY MASS** Tues - Friday 8am

**Baptisms** 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

## 18th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A • 2 August 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, 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, Lena Cabaero, Gerard Marcello

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, Gail Marshall, Victoria Olivar, Oliver Soares, Lewis Tentil, Felix Weinnan, Salvina Xuereb, George Yatal, Christiansen Dias.

**Anniversaries:** Fe Abadiano, Frank Baida, Nazarene (Ronnie) Borg, Ceferino Cabasa, Carmela Carbone, Conchita Deloso, Frank & Bev Gagan, Martina & Carmelo Galeo, Roberto Gonzales Snr, Christine Henderson, Pietro Marra, Graciano Menezes, Lourda Motha, Paula & Albert Mula, Mary Muscat & Muscat Family, Fermin Rambacal, Laureano Reyes, Jose Reyes, Bill Sommer, Jim Vella., Edouard Mahomodally, Kevin Frank Craven, Elvira Bellissimo, Nguyen Hien, Laurence Morrissey.

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

### MONEY MATTERS

**Envelopes** \$1041.00  
**Loose** \$702.00  
**TOTAL** \$1743.00  
**WEEKLY TARGET:** \$ 3500.00



### Regular collections at Mass

There are generally two collections at Mass.

The **FIRST COLLECTION** donation to the *Diocesan Priests Pastoral Revenue.* via **Parramatta Diocese** (bank details below)

BSB 067950  
Acct No 00004265  
Acct Name **Parramatta Diocesan Clergy**  
Reference **6035 Donation**

The **SECOND COLLECTION**, which includes the planned giving envelopes, is for the maintenance and growth of our Parish at OLOL., Seven Hills

**FIRST READING**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah Is 55:1-3**

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come!  
Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread,  
your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to  
enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant  
out of the favours promised to David.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

*(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

The eyes of all creatures look to you  
and you give them their food in due time.  
You open wide your hand,  
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways  
and loving in all his deeds.  
He is close to all who call him,  
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**



**SECOND READING**

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 8: 28-30*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or  
lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the  
power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any  
power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in  
Christ Jesus our Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew Mt 14:13-21*

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could  
be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped  
ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so  
send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no  
need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves  
and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then  
he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves  
he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they col-  
lected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing  
of women and children.

**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.**

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## Pope Francis: Becoming restless seekers of the Kingdom of Heaven

By Christopher Wells

At the Angelus on Sunday, Pope Francis reflected on two of the parables told by Jesus in the day's Gospel: that of the treasure hidden in the field, and that of the pearl of great value.

In both parables, those who find the "precious" items, that which is most dear to them, sell everything they have in order to obtain them. "With these two similes," said Pope Francis, "Jesus proposes to involve us in the building of the Kingdom of Heaven, presenting one of its essential characteristics: Those who fully pledge themselves to the Kingdom are those who are willing to stake everything."

Pope Francis said that the "decisive and radical" decision to give up everything to seek even more precious treasures shows that "the building of the Kingdom requires not only the grace of God, but also the active willingness of the human person."

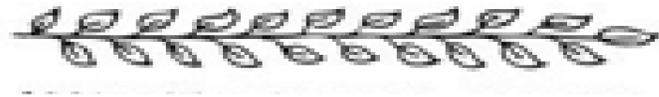
### Healthily restless seekers

"We are called to assume the attitude of these Gospel figures," Pope Francis continued, "so that we too may become healthily restless seekers of the Kingdom of Heaven." As in the parables, this involves a cost: we must give up "worldly sureties" – such as "covetousness for possessions, the thirst for profit and power, and thinking only of ourselves" – which can hinder our search. Too often, said the Pope, people lead "mediocre and dull lives, because they do not go in search of real treasure." Seeking after the Kingdom of Heaven, on the other hand, is the very "opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to extend towards wider horizons." Seekers after the Kingdom "have a creative and inquisitive heart" leading them to "new paths" for loving God, our neighbour, and ourselves.

### The adventure of holiness

"Jesus, Who is the hidden treasure and the pearl of great value, cannot but inspire joy, all the joy in the world," said Pope Francis: "the joy of discovering a meaning in life, the joy of committing oneself to the adventure of holiness."

Pope Francis concluded his reflection with the prayer that the Blessed Virgin Mary "might help us to seek after the treasure of the Kingdom of Heaven every day, so that the love God has given us through Jesus may be manifested in our words and acts."



## Pope to young people: use the 'fantasy of love' to reach out to the elderly

By Sr Bernadette Mary Reis, fsp

After reciting the Angelus in St Peter's Square, Pope Francis recalled the liturgical memorial of Saints Joachim and Ann, Jesus's grandparents.

### Acts of tenderness

The Pope invited them to reach out tenderly to the elderly by doing something concrete for those "who are most alone in their homes or retirement residences, and who have not seen their loved-ones for months".

"Dear young people, the Pope continued, "each elderly person is your grandparent!" He then begged young people not to leave the elderly alone. "Use the fantasy of love", he told them.

Then he gave them some suggestions:

"Call them, videochat with them, send them messages, listen to them, go and visit them when it is possible while observing health precautions, send them a hug."

### Connecting with one's roots

Pope Francis then picked up one of his favorite themes, reminding young people that the elderly are their "roots".

"An uprooted tree does not grow or bear flowers or fruit", he said. Being united and connected with the elderly is important because that is how we remain connected to our roots, he explained. He then quoted an Argentinian poet, who said that the flowers that we see on trees comes from what is underground.

After his words, the Pope asked for a round of applause for grandparents.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

While taking a walk along a quiet street in the city on my day-off last Monday, I received two messages and a call, informing me of the reluctantly-expected departure of Christiansen Dias, one of the inaugural members of our Parish Young Adults Group. Though his death was expected as I said above, I couldn't help to feel saddened by such a devastated news, which was even more devastated to his beloved family and mates, and to ask the Lord the question 'why such this lovely young man?'

In Jesus' life, Jesus had to face with the pain of death lot of times, and twice he decided to use his divine power to cancel the power of death by bringing two deceased persons back to life, namely the young son of a widow from Naim (Lk 7.11-17), and Lazarus, his friend four days after his passing (11.1-44), and the Gospel this Sunday tell us of another death he had to face prior to his own, which is the one of John Baptist, his cousin, herald cum baptismal minister.

This Gospel account highlights both (1) Jesus' reaction to it, and (2) his decision to go ahead with the miracle multiplying five loaves and two fish in a deserted place to provide enough food for about more than five thousand people. Imagine about ten times the size of all our Sunday Weekend Masses put together and you can see how large it was. Some might wonder why Jesus failed to attend John's funeral when the news of the man's departure reached him, and opted to take his disciples to a lonely pray, instead. Perhaps, it's handy to remember that all Jewish burials, according to Jewish tradition, were expected to take place within 24 hours after the death, followed by the seven-day long period of mourning called Shiva. So, it was physically impossible for Jesus to return home on time for John's funeral, and his decision to travel with his entourage to a quiet location was quite logical, for he could observe the traditional Shiva, and recharge himself spiritually through prayers.

Out of his expectation, lot of people continued to search for him, track him down, and follow him, their eagerness and determination obviously touched him, and inspired (1) to heal the sick among them, and (2) to miraculously feed all of them, a crowd of thousands of people with only five loaves and two fish. They could eat as much as they felt, and twelve baskets full of the leftovers were finally collected.

More importantly, this miracle is considered as an allegory of the Eucharist, the sacrament Jesus established at the Last Supper, meant to offer himself as food for us, his believers.

Here it's worth to keep in mind the lively interaction between Jesus and the disciples throughout the making of this importantly symbolic miracle. The disciples kept him informed of the pressing situation and the accessible resources, and Jesus asked them to bring him the loaves and fish available, to distribute them after his prayer, and finally collect all the left-overs. It clearly foretells the interaction between the priest and the acolyte and other Extra-ordinary ministers of Communion today.

Pray that the grace of the Eucharist we receive will continue to nourish, bring us eternal life, and make us the people of the Eucharist, the people who can feel the pain and suffering of the needy, and are prepared to take life-changing action like Jesus.

Have a mercy-filled week.

Fr Henry

## PARISH NEWS...

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Last Wednesday night marks our first monthly meeting of our Parish Pastoral Council after a long break due to Pandemic restrictions, members of the Council had the chance to read and reflect upon an article called Church by Elizabeth Stoker Bruenig, highlighting Pope Francis' efforts to present Jesus' Church as a mother, whose call is both to show us her gentle care and to educate us as an educator.

Following the reflection and sharing were the reports about the Young Adults group, the Over 50s, the Sacramental program, and the Plenary 2020 Council.

Once again, our Council acknowledged members of the Young Adults core group for their ongoing commitments to provide technical and logistical supports for our Weekend Masses, and to nurture their peers' spirituality through monthly meetings. We thank the group for their highly inspiring works and examples.

The Council also discussed the idea of inviting our parishioners to send in photos of their home worship place for a future photo gallery on our website. More details about this exciting project are hoped to finalise and make available to the community later on.

**HOME WORSHIP PHOTOS** As mentioned in previous 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.

### 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 100 to meet with physical distancing requirement.

Therefore, when our church is full of its current capacity of 100 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

### 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. **For more information, please email [cypcentraldeanery@gmail.com](mailto:cypcentraldeanery@gmail.com) or visit our Facebook Page | CYP Central Deanery**



**FROM POPE FRANCIS**

**CHAPTER NINE — Listening and accompaniment**

291. There are many priests, men and women religious, lay and professional persons, and indeed qualified young people, who can help the young with their vocational discernment. When we are called upon to help others discern their path in life, what is uppermost is the ability to listen. Listening calls for three distinct and complementary kinds of sensitivity.

292. The *first kind of sensitivity* is directed to *the individual*. It is a matter of listening to someone who is sharing his very self in what he says. A sign of this willingness to listen is the time we are ready to spare for others. More than the amount of time we spend, it is about making others feel that my time is their time, that they have all the time they need to say everything they want. The other person must sense that I am listening unconditionally, without being offended or shocked, tired or bored. We see an example of this kind of listening in the Lord; he walks alongside the disciples on the way to Emmaus, even though they are going in the wrong direction (cf. Lk 24:13-35). When Jesus says he plans to go farther, they realize that he has given them the gift of his time, so they decide to give him theirs by offering their hospitality. Attentive and selfless listening is a sign of our respect for others, whatever their ideas or their choices in life.

293. The *second kind of sensitivity* is marked by *discernment*. It tries to grasp exactly where grace or temptation is present, for sometimes the things that flit across our minds are mere temptations that can distract us from our true path. I need to ask myself what is it that the other person is trying to tell me, what they want me to realize is happening in their lives. Asking such questions helps me appreciate their thinking and the effects it has on their emotions. This kind of listening seeks to discern the salutary promptings of the good Spirit who proposes to us the Lord's truth, but also the traps laid by the evil spirit – his empty works and promises. It takes courage, warmth and tact to help others distinguish the truth from illusions or excuses.

294. The *third kind of sensitivity* is the ability to *perceive what is driving* the other person. This calls for a deeper kind of listening, one able to discern the direction in which that person truly wants to move. Apart from what they are feeling or thinking right now, and whatever has happened up to this point in their lives, the real issue is what they would like to be. This may demand that they look not to their own superficial wishes and desires, but rather to what is most pleasing to the Lord, to his plans for their life. And that is seen in a deeper inclination of the heart, beyond the surface level of their likes and feelings. This kind of listening seeks to discern their ultimate intention, the intention that definitively decides the meaning of their life. Jesus knows and appreciates this ultimate intention of the heart. He is always there, ready to help each of us to recognize it. We need but say to him: "Lord, save me! Have mercy on me!"

295. In this way, discernment becomes a genuine means of spiritual combat, helping us to follow the Lord more faithfully. [161] The desire to know our personal vocation thus takes on a supreme intensity, a different quality and higher level, one that better respects the dignity of our person and our life. In the end, good discernment is a path of freedom that brings to full fruit what is unique in each person, something so personal that only God knows it. Others cannot fully understand or predict from the outside how it will develop.

296. When we listen to others in this way, at a certain moment we ourselves have to disappear in order to let the other person follow the path he or she has discovered. We have to vanish as the Lord did from the sight of his disciples in Emmaus, leaving them alone with burning hearts and an irresistible desire to set out immediately (cf. Lk 24:31-33). When they returned to the community, those disciples heard the good news that the Lord was indeed risen (cf. Lk 24:34).

297. Because "time is greater than space", [162] we need to encourage and accompany processes, without imposing our own roadmaps. For those processes have to do with persons who remain always unique and free. There are no easy recipes, even when all the signs seem positive, since "positive factors themselves need to be subjected to a careful work of discernment, so that they do not become isolated and contradict one another, becoming absolutes and at odds with one another. The same is true for the negative factors, which are not to be rejected en bloc and without distinction, because in each one there may lie hidden some value which awaits liberation and restoration to its full truth". [163]

298. If you are to accompany others on this path, you must be the first to follow it, day in and day out. That is what Mary did, in her own youth, as she confronted her own questions and difficulties. May she renew your youthfulness by the power of her prayers and accompany you always by her maternal presence.

**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.*

**PARISH NEWS...**



**2020 Confirmation Program** Parents wishing to enrol their Year 6 (or above) child in the **2020 Confirmation Program** there will be an Information Meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> August 6.30-7.30pm OR Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August 4.30-5.30pm. Confirmation will be conducted by Fr. Henry this year on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October. Please Email Artelle, artellel@oloi7hills.com.au or call the Parish office 96222920

**PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM ENVELOPES**

New Planned Giving Program envelopes are available, may I remind you to pick yours up before or after Masses this weekend. With those who have not joined this program yet, it would be a great help to the parish, if you could do so, since your donation through the Envelope program will assist this parish community to keep up with our ongoing maintenance projects.

1/2 August 2020		
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Ian Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Laura Bellissimo, Helen Gonzales 8am: Michael Mifsud, Lorraine Fernandes 9.30am: Carole Brooks, Adrian Walker	
Readers	Vigil: Jemma Sarmiento, Noreen Rosario 8am: Priya Joachim, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan, Kamela Huihui	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, Shaun Baptist, Chrisha Gonzales, Jayden Rambukwella, 8am: Saoirse Costella, Sebastian Costello 9.30am Chrisha Gonzales, Rachel Lobo, Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park	
Flowers	Fenty & Mimi	
Church cleaning	5 August	Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Anna Bellissimo, Suzy Nemorin
Welcomers	Vigil: Volunteer, Annette Peatman 8am: Suzy Nemorin, Edith Gartner 9.30am: Maria Michael, Helen Gonzales	

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre Staged Reopening**  
St Mary's Retreat Centre in Douglas Park, NSW, is commencing a staged re-opening of its facilities from 3 August, as a lead up to their advertised retreat program commencing on 2 October. As places will be limited for the time being, all appointments and visits will need to be booked through the Administrator: [contact@towersretreat.org.au](mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au)

**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.



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[https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find\\_Help/NSW/General\\_support](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/NSW/General_support)

AUGUST 2020		
5	First Holy Communion 1st Meeting	6.30pm
6	Christ com. Prayer Group	9am
6	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
7	First Holy Communion 1st Meeting (RPT)	4.30pm
10	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7pm
12	CONFIRMATION Information meeting	6.30pm
15	REPEAT—Confirmation Info Meeting	4.30pm

8/9 August 2020		
Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil: Rosey Soares, Charmaine Jansz 8am: Anne McNally, Lorraine Fernandes 9.30am: Artelle Lenthall, Maria Michael	
Readers	Vigil: Alison Punch, Catherine Rodrigues 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Bob McNally 9.30am: Crystal Menezes, Jeanine Nonato	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Caron Cyril, Jesseline Franco 8am: Zachery Osborne, Thomas Osbourne 9.30am Dominic Sant, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Victor Da, Eric Da, Chloe Attard	
Flowers	Lucinda & Orindo	
Church cleaning	13 August	Chuck Baquial, Karen Baquial, Albert Lobo, Stella Lobo
Welcomers	Vigil: VOLUNTEER 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: VOLUNTEER	

**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.