

Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner  
21st Week in Ordinary Time

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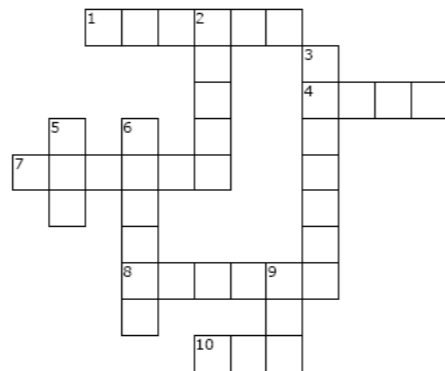


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What's My Line?

Matthew 16:13-20



ACROSS

- Persons; men, women, and children; human beings
- A large stone that sticks up out of the ground or the sea
- A male parent
- The Messiah, as foretold by the prophets
- An adult male human being

DOWN

- The name that Jesus called Simon
- A persons who speaks for God
- To speak
- The whole body of believers in Christ
- A male child in relation to his parents

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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

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

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year A • 23rd 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/>



**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 and we expect police may conduct random inspections of places of worship for COVID-19 safety compliance., as it has occurred in some parishes. Parishes are reminded to continue to practice *hygiene* and *physical distancing* measures. our church capacity at the moment is 100 to meet with physical distancing requirement.

By Law, we must continue to:

- Use **Hand Sanitisers** available upon entry and exit
- Everyone to **Sign in**, when entering the Church
- 1.5 m physical distance** should be kept between people at all times, *Please sit behind the calculated space marked with the white tape*
- Members of the same household may sit together in the designated areas
- Keep your distance when lining up for Holy Communion.

*Breach of any of these orders referenced under the Public Health Act is a criminal offence and can attract penalties.*

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



On consideration of the most recent NSW Health advice, the Diocese of Parramatta highly recommends all worshippers at Masses in the Diocese to wear a mask to, during and from Mass and other services. We understand the inconvenience that masks may pose, but the health of our parishioners and the wider community is our highest concern. We sincerely thank you for understanding, and for playing your part in keeping our community safe.

Let us Pray for the Sick



Chula Abey, Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, John Bourke, Lina Cabaero, Sr Jean Cain, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Andrew Fedrigo, Lou Fedrigo, Ronald Gomez, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Maria V, 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

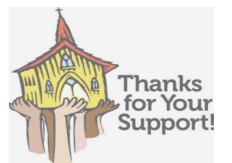
**Recently Deceased:** Christiansen Dias, John Doraisamy, Gail Marshall, Victoria Olivar, Oliver Soares, Salvina Xuereb, George Yatal, Arulammah Antonypillai.

**Anniversaries:** John Amirtham, John Azzopardi, Elvira Bellissimo, Monica, Conception & Dominic D'Souza, Joan Falzon, Leandro Garcia Snr, Nguyen Vinh Hien, Jayde Kendall, Felina & Apolinario Maglaya, Edouard Mahomudally, Paula Mula, Bill Sommer Clive Diggleman,

**Remembrance:** Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary Muscat & Muscat Family, Nieves & Romero Palmos, Roseline Ratnam, Sam Borg

MONEY MATTERS

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| <b>Envelopes</b>      | <b>\$2420.00</b>  |
| <b>Loose</b>          | <b>\$3332.00</b>  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>          | <b>\$5752.00</b>  |
| <b>WEEKLY TARGET:</b> | <b>\$ 3500.00</b> |



Planned Giving Program

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. Current projects being including the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

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

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

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the prophet Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace:  
I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*(R.) Lord, your love is eternal;  
Do not forsake the work of your hands.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**



## SECOND READING

### A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church;  
the gates of hell will not hold out against it.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

### 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: Healing the world is an opportunity to build something better

### By Christopher Wells

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic has not only "exposed the plight of the poor and the serious inequality that reigns in the world," but even exacerbated them, Pope Francis said at the Wednesday General Audience.

Continuing his catechesis on "Healing the World," the Holy Father said our response to the pandemic must be twofold: "finding a cure for this small but terrible virus," but also curing "a larger virus, that of social injustice, inequality of opportunity, marginalization, and lack of protection for the weakest."

In meeting that challenge, he said, we must always keep in mind the "preferential option for the poor." This is not a political, ideological, or partisan option, he said. Rather, "the preferential option for the poor is at the centre of the Gospel."

### Closeness to the poor

Following the example of Jesus, the Pope said, Christians "are recognised by their closeness to the poor, the least, the sick and the imprisoned, the excluded and the forgotten, those without food and clothing." This, he said, "is a key criterion of Christian authenticity." And he emphasised that it is not the duty only of a few, but of every Christian: "It is the mission of the Church as a whole."

The preference for the poor is rooted in the virtues of faith, hope and love. Going beyond the bare necessities, "it implies walking together, allowing ourselves be evangelized by [the poor], who know the suffering Christ well, letting ourselves be 'infected' by their experience of salvation, their wisdom, and creativity."

### Going to the peripheries

Closeness to the poor, said Pope Francis, also implies working to overcome the "unhealthy social structures," as we strive to return normality in the aftermath of the pandemic.

This "normality," however, should not include returning to "social injustices and the degradation of the environment" that marks contemporary society, the Pope said. He lamented an economy focused on profits over people, arguing that "the preferential option for the poor, this ethical-social need that comes from God's love, inspires us to conceive of and design an economy where people, and especially the poorest, are at the centre."

### Prioritising those who have greatest need

Similarly, as treatments for the coronavirus become more widely available, society should prioritise those who have the greatest need, rather than those who have the most money, the Pope insisted. "How sad it would be if, for the Covid-19 vaccine, priority were to be given to the richest."

Pope Francis also warned against the "scandal" of directing economic assistance during the pandemic primarily to "industries that do not contribute to the inclusion of the excluded, the promotion of the least, the common good, or the care of creation" - which he proposed as four criteria for determining which industries should be helped.

### Changing the world

Looking ahead, Pope Francis said, "if the virus were to intensify again in a world that is unjust to the poor and vulnerable, then we must change the world."

Pointing to the example of Jesus, "the doctor of integrated divine love," the Holy Father said, "we must act now, to heal the epidemics caused by the small, invisible viruses, and to heal those caused by the serious and visible social injustices."

Pope Francis proposed to accomplish this "by starting from the love of God, placing the peripheries at the centre and those who are least in first place."

## Prayer for Our Earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live  
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this  
earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.  
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain  
at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature  
as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle  
for justice, love and peace.

-Pope Francis I

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## Pope at Angelus: humble faith has no bounds

### By Vatican News

On Sunday Pope Francis focused his words before reciting the Angelus on the day's Gospel. He highlighted the faith of the Canaanite woman who sought healing for her daughter and showed that humble faith has no bounds.

#### Cry of suffering

While Jesus is in foreign territory to the north of Galilee a Canaanite woman approached him begging Him to heal her daughter. "Have mercy on me, Lord" is the cry from a mother who feels helpless, a "cry that is born out of a life marked by suffering", Pope Francis said.

The mother insists, even though "Jesus initially ignores her," and even after Jesus says His mission "is directed only to 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel'." At that point, Pope Francis said, Jesus "puts her to the test, citing a proverb: It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs".

#### Jesus' admiration

Her response, said the Pope, shows that the woman senses the Most High God present in Jesus: "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." That trust-filled wisdom "touches the Master's heart," provoking Him to admire her faith with the words "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish" (v. 28).

Pope Francis then reflected on "What type of faith is great." Our faith is great when we bring our wounded past to Jesus's feet, "asking Him to heal it, to give it meaning."

#### Bringing our story to the Lord

Each one of us, the Pope continues, has our own story, a story that is often difficult, filled with pain, misfortunes, and sins. "What do I do with my story," he asked. "Do I hide it?" No, the Pope said. Instead, "We must bring it to the Lord," with the prayer, "Lord, if you will it, you can heal me."

This is what the woman in Sunday's Gospel teaches us, the Pope said, inviting everyone to consider their own life-story and to make the Canaanite woman's prayer their own. "Let us go to Jesus, knock on Jesus's heart, and say to Him, 'Lord, if you will it, you can heal me'."

Jesus loves us as we are

We will be able to do this, the Pope continued, "if we always have the face of Jesus before us." Pope Francis insisted that Jesus loves us "as we are, without make-up," with a love and compassion "that bears our sins, our mistakes, and our failures."

#### Finding Jesus in the Gospels

The Holy Father once again invited everyone to carry a copy of the Gospels with them, in their pockets or purses, or even on their phone – because it is there, in the Gospels, "that you will find Jesus as He is, as He presents Himself... You will find Jesus who loves us, who loves us a lot, who tremendously wants our well-being."

Pope Francis concluded his reflection with the prayer that the Blessed Virgin Mary "might intercede with her prayer so that the joy of faith and the desire to communicate it with the witness of a consistent life might grow in every baptized person," and that we might be given the courage to draw near to Jesus and pray, "Lord, if You will it, You can heal me."



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

In the Church hierarchy, as we know, the pope is our highest leader, who is in charge of both the papal office and jurisdiction called the papacy, and all this originated from the role, which Jesus entrusted to Peter to lead the Church in its mission as we hear from the Gospel reading this Sunday.

Due to the tradition that Sts Peter and Paul both were martyred in Rome, the bishop of the local Church of Rome has been considered as the highest authority to oversee all the other bishops, whose relationship with him very much reflects the one between the Apostles and Peter in the very Early Church.

Throughout the course of history, such a healthy and well-balanced relationship between the pope and his bishops was not always maintained at the level it was desired to be from the beginning, and the Fathers of the Vatican II Council managed to introduce the concept of collegiality encouraging all the bishops around the world to work with the Bishop of Rome to better the Church mission. In this regard, Pope Saint Paul VI periodically convoked the World Synod of Bishops for advisory purposes, and Pope Francis, who has been an ardent advocate of collegiality, and often referred to himself as the Bishop of Rome instead of other papal titles, has been doing the same, if not more with the establishment of the Council of Cardinals always known as the C9 together with the World Synods of Bishops.

This papal background above surely will help us appreciate better the leadership position Jesus officially appointed Peter to take up and carry out in the Church. He was given the symbolic keys to open or lock all Church matters and issues following his spot-on profession, that Jesus is 'the Christ, the Son of the living God.'

It is worth to remember that Peter, the first pope, did show a great example in his collegial relationship with his brothers, especially though his willingness to listen to and embrace Paul's position to abolish circumcision in the Church (cf. Acts 15.1-11), and that he also had his moment of weakness as he infamously denied his Lord and Master three times in front of people, and was truly sorry for such a shameful act (cf. Mt 26. 69-75).

Let us remember in our prayer today Pope Francis, the Bishop of Rome and all other bishops, the apostolic leaders in their dioceses throughout the world. Pray that they always maintain faithful to the collegial model of working relationship in the way Peter, Paul and the Apostles have shown them, and the Vatican II Council has taught them, consequently they may be able to find new ways to well respond to the new issues of the world.

Let us also pray for all Christian families, particularly families in our parish, that all mums, dads and children would commit to keep a collegial connection between each other through their ability to listen to each other's need and respond to it appropriately, so that their family bond could always remain healthy and strong.

Have a collegial-oriented week.

Fr Henry

### Our Lady of Lourdes

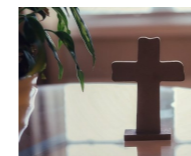
Ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy,  
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,  
comfort of the afflicted, you know my needs,  
my troubles, my sufferings; cast on me a look of pity.

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.*

### HOPE IN DESPAIR

*Gracious God, we thank you that you are always with us,  
in the bad times as well as the good,  
the difficult as well as the easy, the sad as well as the happy.  
May this conviction give us confidence in the days ahead, so  
that whatever problems we face,  
whatever disappointments we experience,  
whatever sorrows may befall us,  
we will still find reason to look forward,  
reason to believe in the future,  
and reason to hope.  
Lord of hopefulness, hear our prayer,  
in the name of Jesus Christ,  
our Lord.  
Amen.*

## PARISH NEWS...



**HOME WORSHIP PHOTOS** As mentioned at our Weekend Masses 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 .

### CHURCH FLOWERS 2020:

**Extra volunteers** are urgently required to assist with the Church Flower help with church flowers. 30th August and then 2nd week of the month. For more information, please contact the Parish Office 9622 2920



**Face Masks for Sale**— if you would like to buy a box of 50 face masks @\$25.00 each, please see Fr. Henry after Mass.

**CONFIRMATION MEETING** those who have registered for Confirmation, the first meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th at 6.30pm with a repeat of the meeting Saturday 29th at 4.30pm.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OPEN DAY**  
The ACU annual Open ay for future students will be held virtually from 9am to 3pm for three consecutive Saturdays: 29 August, 5 September and 12 September.  
For more information about these Open Days, please go to [acu.edu.au](http://acu.edu.au)



**FROM POPE FRANCIS**  
**CHAPTER ONE— A SOCIAL DREAM - To feel outrage and to beg forgiveness**



15. We need to feel outrage, as Moses did (cf. Ex 11:8), as Jesus did (cf. Mk 3:5), as God does in the face of injustice (cf. Am 2:4-8; 5:7-12; Ps 106:40). It is not good for us to become inured to evil; it is not good when our social consciousness is dulled before “an exploitation that is leaving destruction and even death throughout our region... jeopardizing the lives of millions of people and especially the habitat of peasants and indigenous peoples”. The incidents of injustice and cruelty that took place in the Amazon region even in the last century ought to provoke profound abhorrence, but they should also make us more sensitive to the need to acknowledge current forms of human exploitation, abuse and killing. With regard to the shameful past, let us listen, for example, to an account of the sufferings of the indigenous people during the “rubber age” in the Venezuelan Amazon region: “They gave no money to the indigenous people, but only merchandise, for which they charged dearly and the people never finished paying for it... They would pay for it but they were told, “You are racking up a debt” and the indigenous person would have to go back to work... More than twenty ye’kuana towns were entirely razed to the ground. The ye’kuana women were raped and their breasts amputated, pregnant women had their children torn from the womb, men had their fingers or hands cut off so they could not sail... along with other scenes of the most absurd sadism”.

16. Such a history of suffering and contempt does not heal easily. Nor has colonization ended; in many places, it has been changed, disguised and concealed, while losing none of its contempt for the life of the poor and the fragility of the environment. As the bishops of the Brazilian Amazon have noted, “the history of the Amazon region shows that it was always a minority that profited from the poverty of the majority and from the unscrupulous plundering of the region’s natural riches, God’s gift to the peoples who have lived there for millennia and to the immigrants who arrived in centuries past”.

17. Yet even as we feel this healthy sense of indignation, we are reminded that it is possible to overcome the various colonizing mentalities and to build networks of solidarity and development. “The challenge, in short, is to ensure a globalization in solidarity, a globalization without marginalization”. Alternatives can be sought for sustainable herding and agriculture, sources of energy that do not pollute, dignified means of employment that do not entail the destruction of the natural environment and of cultures. At the same time, the indigenous peoples and the poor need to be given an education suited to developing their abilities and empowering them. These are the goals to which the genuine talent and shrewdness of political leaders should be directed. Not as a way of restoring to the dead the life taken from them, or even of compensating the survivors of that carnage, but at least today to be authentically human.

18. It is encouraging to remember that amid the grave excesses of the colonization of the Amazon region, so full of “contradictions and suffering”, many missionaries came to bring the Gospel, leaving their homes and leading an austere and demanding life alongside those who were most defenceless. We know that not all of them were exemplary, yet the work of those who remained faithful to the Gospel also inspired “a legislation like the Laws of the Indies, which defended the dignity of the indigenous peoples from violence against their peoples and territories”. Since it was often the priests who protected the indigenous peoples from their plunderers and abusers, the missionaries recounted that “they begged insistently that we not abandon them and they extorted from us the promise that we would return”.

19. Today the Church can be no less committed. She is called to hear the plea of the Amazonian peoples and “to exercise with transparency her prophetic mission”. At the same time, since we cannot deny that the wheat was mixed with the tares, and that the missionaries did not always take the side of the oppressed, I express my shame and once more “I humbly ask forgiveness, not only for the offenses of the Church herself, but for the crimes committed against the native peoples during the so-called conquest of America” as well as for the terrible crimes that followed throughout the history of the Amazon region. I thank the members of the original peoples and I repeat: “Your lives cry out... You are living memory of the mission that God has entrusted to us all: the protection of our common home”.

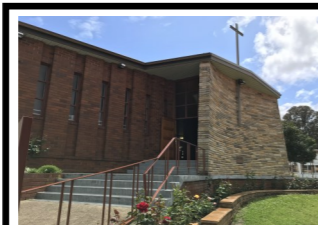
**[Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation QUERIDA AMAZONIA—to the people of God and to all persons of good will.]**

**Pope Francis’ Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic**

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
 We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm.  
 You, Salvation of all People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that,  
 as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.  
 Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
 who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross,  
 to the joy of the resurrection.  
*Amen.*

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.  
 Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger,  
 O glorious and blessed Virgin.

| AUGUST 2020 |                                   |        |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|--------|
| 26          | Confirmation—1st Meeting          | 6.30pm |
| 27          | Christ community Prayer Group     | 9am    |
| 27          | Legion of Mary                    | 1.30pm |
| 27          | Finance committee meeting         | 8.00pm |
| 29          | Confirmation—1st Meeting (Repeat) | 4.30pm |



**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](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)

**Regular collections at Mass**

There are generally two collections at Mass. The **FIRST COLLECTION** donation to the **Diocesan Priests Pastoral Revenue**, via **Parramatta Diocese** (or on—line. 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 which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. Current projects include the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted.

**Social Justice Sunday Next week** "To Live Life to the Full: Mental health in Australia today" the statement is available at Office of Social Justice on <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/> and resources as they become available.

**Social Justice Statement Workshop** 7pm-8:30pm Monday 31st August via Zoom. Join with people from across the Diocese to break down the Social Justice Statement and hear from the experts on Mental Health and the everyday tools you can use in your life and ministry. RSVP to [patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org](mailto:patrice.moriarty@parracatholic.org)  
**Social Justice Group** meeting this Sunday 23rd Aug 12:30 pm in Parish Meeting room. Set aside **Saturday morning 19th September join us on a walk** through Bungarribee Park. **JRS is now running at 400%** of normal capacity so if you could pick up something on your next shop and leave it in black bin at church or donate online it is very much appreciated.

**If your interests are** Recycling or Indigenous "Uluru Statement from the Heart" please contact [socialjustice@olol7hills.com.au](mailto:socialjustice@olol7hills.com.au)

| 22/23 August 2020 |   |                           |
|-------------------|---|---------------------------|
| Acolytes          | Vigil: Derick Soares<br>8am: James Dinning<br>9.30am Ramzee Michael   |                           |
| Ministers         | Vigil: Benno Motha, Louise La Guidara<br>8am: Erika Hien, Helen Gonzales<br>9.30am: Maria Michael, Paul Gow   |                           |
| Readers           | Vigil: Alison Punch, Jemma Sarmiento<br>8am: Kathy Walker, Priya Joachim<br>9.30am: Volunteer, Megan Michael  |                           |
| Altar Servers     | Vigil: Alex La Guidara, Jayden Rambukwella<br>8am: Chrisha Gonzales, Jayda Leigh Neish, Ethan Neish<br>9.30am Rachel Lobo, Gabrielle Wanandy, Florencia Wanandy |                           |
| Flowers           | Priya, Mary & Annette   |                           |
| Church cleaning   | 26 August   | Sue Abela, Jacinta Warner |
| Welcomers         | Vigil: Judith Deloso, Mary Bonnici<br>8am: Ernie Gartner, Suzy Nemorin<br>9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain   |                           |

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

**54-Day Rosary Novena for the Coronavirus**

The National Rosary Crusade 54-Day Novena invites you to join them in prayer for a nation-wide 54-day rosary novena to Mary Help of Christians, the national patroness. The novenas will be run between 15 August, the Feast of the Assumption through to 7 October, the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information, visit the group's Facebook page.

**BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED PREISTS - FATHER’S DAY APPEAL 2020**

Owing to COVID19 pandemic and its social and financial impact on families, communities and Churches, the Clergy Support Foundation of the Diocese of Parramatta will not be holding its Annual Bishop’s Collection for Retired Priests, i.e. the Father’s Day appeal, this September. Like many other organisations, the CSF will use its own resources to support the retired priests in this financial year. Donations will always be accepted, however, via our BPOINT portal at [www.parracatholic.org/csf](http://www.parracatholic.org/csf) or electronic funds transfer to BSB 067950 Account No 00001691 Account Name CSF No 1 with Reference your name. IF you would like a tax deductible receipt for your donation, please send email to [csf@parracatholic.org](mailto:csf@parracatholic.org) with your name and address details.

**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>

**SPECIAL APPEAL FOR LEBANON EXPLOSION**

Caritas Australia has committed to provide emergency response in the form of crucial financial support as part of its already established Middle East Regional Appeal. Please go to [caritas.org.au](http://caritas.org.au) or ring 1800 024 413 [www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/middle-east-emergency-appeal](http://www.caritas.org.au/learn/emergency-response/middle-east-emergency-appeal)

| 29/30 August 2020 |  |   |
|-------------------|--|---|
| Acolytes          | Vigil: Abel Do Rosario<br>8am: Terry Jordan<br>9.30am Ramzee Michael   |   |
| Ministers         | Vigil: Stefanie Menezes, Marinela Simic.<br>8am: Anne McNally, Michael Mifsud<br>9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Helen Gonzales  |   |
| Readers           | Vigil: Noreen Rosario, Crystal Menezes<br>8am: Bob McNally, Andrew Millar<br>9.30am: Rob Simpson, Crustal Menezes  |   |
| Altar Servers     | Vigil: Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello, Jesseline Franco<br>8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park<br>9.30am , Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Riley Ballment, Matthew Shawcross, Alexandra Simpson |   |
| Flowers           | Team   |   |
| Church cleaning   | 2 September  | Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spiteri, Anna Bellissimo, Suzy Nemorin |
| Welcomers         | Vigil: Volunteer, Mary Bonnici<br>8am: Suzy Nemorin, Annette Peatman<br>9.30am: Ernie Gartner, Volunteer   |   |