

Take up Your Cross  
Matthew 16:21-28

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**WEEKDAY MASS** Tuesday-Friday 8.00am  
**WEEKEND MASS** Saturday Vigil 6pm  
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

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

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time  
Year A • 30 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/>



**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 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 Cabero, Sr Jean Cain, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Louis de Salis, Andrew & Lou Fedrigo, Ronald Gomez, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Gerard Marcello, Maria V, Mark McGilligan, Kathleen McMillan, Mary Mifsud, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha, Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Wiranjan Peiris, Debra Price, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Rose Stambouliah, Josette Sultana, Denis Symon, Sue Tiplado.

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:** Rosa Le-Minh Schiessere, Ignacio Nonato, Arulammah Antonypillai, Christiansen Dias, John Doraisamy, Paquita F. Manalansan, Gail Marshall, Victoria Olivar, Juanita M. Pangilinan, Oliver Soares, Salvina Xuereb, George Yatil.

**Anniversaries:** John Amirtham, Carmen Attard, John Azzopardi, Sam & Salvia Debattista, Clive Diggleman, Monica, Conception & Dominic D'Souza, Joan Falzon, Emmanuel Falzon, Leandro Garcia Snr, Jayde Kendall, Apolinario and Felina, Nguyen Vinh Hien, Paula Mula, Jim Vella.

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

**MONEY MATTERS**

<b>Envelopes</b>	<b>\$1083.00</b>
<b>Loose</b>	<b>\$2111.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3194.00</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)**

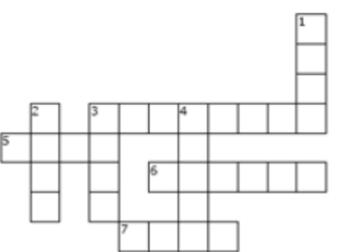
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**BSB: 062 315**  
**Acc Id # - 00901486**  
**AGENT # - 660**

*Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

Connect the dots in ABC order to complete the picture



Then Jesus said to his disciples,  
"If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."  
Matthew 16:24



- ACROSS**
3. One who believes in Christ and follows his teachings
  5. The period between birth and death
  6. To accept the leadership of someone
  7. To no longer have something because it has been taken away from you or misplaced
- DOWN**
1. To keep something from harm or loss
  2. To discover something unexpectedly or as a result of a search
  3. To refuse to allow yourself to have something you want
  4. The object upon which Jesus was crucified

FIND	LIFE	DISCIPLE	FOLLOW
DENY	CROSS	SAVE	LOSE



I will follow Jesus, our leader.

X M V Q X O V J W J O U Z E X  
Q Z P E P F Y A B W M P R X W  
E F V A L F O R F E I T O I J  
T A F E C F I N N B I W L M U  
S R S U E L F Q M Z D L M W V  
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G E Q N O Z V S A F A O S L Z  
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O D H O Q F L V R W G L A S V  
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I W O R L D O D W T U I N U C  
N I Y O O S U Q C G B Q Y L L  
D H T P D T V E P J M U H Z Y

GIVE	EXCHANGE	GOOD	WHOLE
FIND	SAVE	CROSS	GAIN
SELF	SOUL	FOLLOW	LOSE
DENY	WORLD	FORFEIT	LIFE

## FIRST READING

### A reading from the prophet Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice

My soul clings to you;

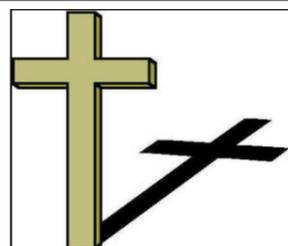
## SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of  
our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which  
we are called.  
Alleluia



## GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.

### 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.**



## 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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**TO LIVE LIFE  
TO THE FULL**  
Mental Health in Australia

**SOCIAL JUSTICE  
WORKSHOP**

7:00PM - 8:30PM VIA ZOOM  
MONDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST

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## John Paul I: the faith of the "Smiling Pope" in Vatican II

By Vatican News

One of the shortest pontificates in history could bring to the honour of the altars another pope of the 20th century. John Paul I lived only 34 days on the Chair of Peter, but his testimony - not only in that short period of time, but more so in the previous decades as bishop and pastor, esteemed even outside the Italian borders - remains very tangible in the Church even today. It was 42 years ago that Albino Luciani, the Patriarch of Venice, was elected pope on the fourth ballot on August 26, 1978, and assumed the double name "John Paul", in homage to his immediate predecessors, John XXIII and Paul VI. The former appointed him Bishop of Vittorio Veneto, thus including him among the Fathers of the Council; while the latter transferred him to Venice and created him cardinal.

### The "Smiling Pope"

The month-long pontificate of John Paul I earned for him from the media the title, "the Smiling Pope". The world came to learn that the mild character that his expression revealed was never an indication of a lack of spiritual clarity and pastoral energy. Proof of this was his attitude and the work he did at the Second Vatican Council.

### Breath of the Universal Church

During the working sessions of the Council, the future pope lived an intense experience of the Universal Church. "In the Council hall," he wrote to the faithful of his diocese in 1963, "it is enough for me to raise my eyes to the steps in front of me." "There they are, the beards of missionary bishops, the black faces of Africans, the protruding cheekbones of Asians." "And it's enough for me to exchange a few words with them, and visions and needs open up, of which we have no idea". In other words, one feels the breath of "Christian optimism", which promises to be the fruit of the Council, against the "widespread pessimism" of relativistic culture.

### Towards beatification

The cause of the sainthood of John Paul I has been underway since 2003. After three years of the diocesan phase, the documents arrived in Rome in 2006, and the "positio" (formal argument for sainthood) of Pope Luciani began to be examined by experts at the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. A meticulous investigation of the testimonies and documents led to the conclusion of the case in November 2017. A miracle that will clear him for beatification is currently being examined. It concerns a presumed extraordinary healing through the intercession of John Paul I that took place in 2011 in Argentina, in the Diocese of Buenos Aires.

## Pope Francis: We are stewards called to share earth's fruits with everyone

By Francesca Merlo

Pope Francis opened his catechesis on Wednesday by inviting the faithful to "welcome the gift of *hope* that comes from Christ", especially during the pandemic, in which "many risk losing hope".

The Pope explained that it is Christ who "helps us to navigate the tumultuous waters of sickness, death and injustice, which do not have the last word over our final destination."

Continuing his catechesis on *Healing the World*, the Holy Father focused on the universal destination of goods and the virtue of hope.

### Pandemic and social inequalities

Pope Francis went on to note that many social inequalities have been "highlighted and aggravated" by the pandemic. Many children are unable to continue receiving their education while many others instead can; some people are unable to continue their work from home, but many others can; and many nations cannot issue money to deal with the emergency without harming their financial future, while others can.

*"These symptoms of inequality reveal a social illness. It is a virus that comes from a sick economy...the result of unequal economic growth, which disregards fundamental human values."*

### Reflecting the design of Creation

This "sin of wanting to possess and dominate our brothers and sisters...nature and God Himself...is not the design of creation", said the Pope.

He reminded the faithful that God gave the earth to all of us to care for and cultivate. God invited us to dominate the earth in His name, cultivating and tending it like a garden, "everyone's garden".

This garden must be protected and preserved, continued the Pope. This cannot be interpreted in a way that allows us "to do whatever we want with the earth. The Pope stressed that it has been given to us by God to the whole human race. Therefore, "it is our duty to make sure that its fruit reaches everyone, not just a few people."

### Political authorities

Pope Francis went on to stress that, in order to ensure that what we possess "brings value to the community", political authorities have the right and the duty to "regulate the legitimate exercise of the right to ownership for the sake of the common good." Although "property and money are instruments that can serve the mission", we easily turn them into "individual or collective" ends, said the Pope.

When this happens, he explained, essential human values are undermined. "We forget that, being created in the image and likeness of God, we are social, creative and solidary beings, with an immense capacity to love."

*"With our gaze fixed on Jesus and with the certainty that His love is operative through the community of His disciples, we must all act together in the hope of generating something different and better. Christian hope, rooted in God, is our anchor. It moves the will to share, strengthening our mission as disciples of Christ, Who shared everything with us."*



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

In the Church, it has been the tradition for us to begin our worship gatherings and church meetings with the sign of the cross, and this tradition has enjoyed a long and unbroken history with a written report from Tertullian back to around 225.

According to him, Early Christians signed themselves this symbolic gesture as a way both to sanctify their daily lives, and to communicate with each other during periods of persecution. It then began to appear in the celebrations of Baptism, Eucharist, and other liturgical blessings of people and objects.

In the beginning, Christians used the right thumb to draw the sign of the cross on their forehead, and later on, the right hand was used to draw the sign from forehead to breast, and from left to right shoulder as we see today.

As Christians, we hold the cross very dearly to our hearts with utmost respects. We know it and even non-Christians have been aware of that as well. For instance, during the persecution time in Vietnam two hundred years or so ago, it then was very common that as Catholics got caught and brought before the court authority, officials would instruct them to carry out this act, which was to walk over a crucifix lying on the ground. If they co-operated with the order, their lives were saved, otherwise a brutal death was their only option, and many refused to follow the order, out of their deep respect for the cross.

In the Gospel this Sunday, we are invited by Jesus to demonstrate the authenticity of our discipleship through a willingness carry out this three step exercise, meaning to renounce ourselves, to take up the cross, and to follow his path. From a personal perspective, this exercise means to encourage us to embrace the cross of our everyday troubles, anxiety, sorrows, hardships and difficulties instead of running away from them, and turn them into opportunities to make us stronger in faith, to participate in his suffering, and to gain credits for us in his Kingdom.

Furthermore, from a social justice perspective that we are asked to focus on today, the Social Justice Sunday, it perhaps means to inspire us to carry out our shared responsibilities as Jesus' followers in the world, the ones Pope Francis pointed out in his *Amoris Laetitia* – the Joy of Love as 'solidarity with the poor, openness to a diversity of people, the protection of creation, moral and material solidarity with other families, including those most in need, commitment to the promotion of the common good and the transformation of unjust social structures, beginning in the territory in which the family lives, through the practice of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.' (cf. Art. 290)

As we make the sign of the cross at Mass today, may it help to increase our awareness of the Passion of the Lord, the presence of the Holy Trinity, and our precious tradition, and pray that we shall be granted enough of the courage to accept our daily cross and the strength to carry it on our life-journey.

Have a cross-oriented week.

Fr Henry

## 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 .



**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MEETING** Those who have registered for First Holy Communion 2020, there will be no third meeting. **First Reconciliation Liturgy** (and Holy Communion Practice) **GROUP 1— 9th September 6.30pm.** **GROUP 2—16th September 6.30pm** **Sacrament of CONFIRMATION** next meeting 14th October

### 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



### Regular collections at Mass

There are generally two collections at Mass. The **FIRST COLLECTION** donation to the *Diocesan Priests Pastoral Revenue*. via **Parramatta**

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.

**GOOD LUCK on your HSC** Please keep all year 12 students in your prayers as they start their HSC examinations. May the Lord grant them his grace and wisdom to help them do well in their HSC.

### HSC PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Bless the HSC students. Give them the gifts of wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit for their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them. We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of their parish community. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen

**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.



**FROM POPE FRANCIS  
CHAPTER ONE— A SOCIAL DREAM - A sense of community**



20. Efforts to build a just society require a capacity for fraternity, a spirit of human fellowship. Hence, without diminishing the importance of personal freedom, it is clear that the original peoples of the Amazon region have a strong sense of community. It permeates “their work, their rest, their relationships, their rites and celebrations. Everything is shared; private areas – typical of modernity – are minimal. Life is a communal journey where tasks and responsibilities are apportioned and shared on the basis of the common good. There is no room for the notion of an individual detached from the community or from the land”. Their relationships are steeped in the surrounding nature, which they feel and think of as a reality that integrates society and culture, and a prolongation of their bodies, personal, familial and communal:

“The morning star draws near,  
the wings of the hummingbirds flutter;  
my heart pounds louder than the cascade:  
with your lips I will water the land  
as the breeze softly blows among us”.

21. All this makes even more unsettling the sense of bewilderment and uprootedness felt by those indigenous people who feel forced to migrate to the cities, as they attempt to preserve their dignity amid more individualistic urban habitats and a hostile environment. How do we heal all these hurts, how do we bring serenity and meaning to these uprooted lives? Given situations like these, we ought to appreciate and accompany the efforts made by many of those groups to preserve their values and way of life, and to integrate in new situations without losing them, but instead offering them as their own contribution to the common good.

22. Christ redeemed the whole person, and he wishes to restore in each of us the capacity to enter into relationship with others. The Gospel proposes the divine charity welling up in the heart of Christ and generating a pursuit of justice that is at once a hymn of fraternity and of solidarity, an impetus to the culture of encounter. The wisdom of the way of life of the original peoples – for all its limitations – encourages us to deepen this desire. In view of this, the bishops of Ecuador have appealed for “a new social and cultural system which privileges fraternal relations within a framework of acknowledgment and esteem for the different cultures and ecosystems, one capable of opposing every form of discrimination and oppression between human beings”.

**[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.

**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.*

SEPTEMBER 2020		
3	Christ community Prayer Group	9am
3	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
6	Father’s Day	
9	First Reconciliation – <b>Group 1</b>	6.30pm
9	Parish Council Meeting	8pm
13	First Holy Communion - <b>Group 1</b>	11.30am
16	First Reconciliation – <b>Group 2</b>	6.30pm
20	First Holy Communion - <b>Group 2</b>	11.30am



**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)



Social Justice Sunday is this week, 30 August, and the Australian Bishops are calling for us to recognise the issues around mental health.

See Bishop Vincent’s address and read the Bishops’ Statement on [www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice](http://www.parracatholic.org/socialjustice)

If you are need of support, contact CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains on (02) 8843 2500 (Mon-Thu 8.30am-8pm, Fri 8.30am-5pm, Sat 9am-1pm), email [enquiries@ccss.org.au](mailto:enquiries@ccss.org.au) or visit their website [www.ccss.org.au](http://www.ccss.org.au)

**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** Have you been composting for years? Could we make a video at your place with Br Frank or you demonstrating for others. Contact [socialjustice@olol7hills.com.au](mailto:socialjustice@olol7hills.com.au) or Terry 0409373715. Keep checking out our website for information on mental health and Season of Creation (SoC). SoC starts 1st Sept World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to October 4th, Feast of St Frances of Assisi, Patron Saint of Ecology

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



**BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR RETIRED PRIEST’S - 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.

**Convocation 2020** Online Journey through the Season of Creation by Catholic Earthcare. Sessions all free but need to register <https://catholicearthcare.org.au/2020-convocation/> Thu 3rd Sept Session 1 - 11am Session 2 - 2pm, Tue 8th Sept Session 3 11am Session 4 - 2pm, Thu 10th Sept Session 5 - 11am, Tue 15th Sept Session 6 - 11am, Wed 23rd Sept Session 7 - 11am and Tue 29th Sept Session 8 - 4pm. Catholic Earthcare Australia mission from Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (ACBC) is to help promote understanding among people that creation is sacred and endangered, and must be protected and preserved for present and future generations yet unborn.

**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)



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
NSW  
Family Assistance 1800 606 724  
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm  
*good works*

5/6 September 2020		
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Kilifi Huihui	
Ministers	Vigil: Helen Gonzales, Stefanie Menezes 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Carole Brooks, Adrian Walker	
Readers	Vigil: Catherine Rodrigues, Alison Punch 8am: Pepito Ferroils, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Kemala Huihui, Noel Emmanuel	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Chrisha Gonzales, Erika Naing, Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing 8am: Karuniya Maruthanayagam, SUB REQ 9.30am: Chloe Attard, Rachel Lobo, Jarard Sarmiento, Daniel Tenn	
Flowers	Fenty & Mimi	
Church cleaning	10 Sept	Tongan Choir
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso, Ram Ugre 8am: Rita Paolini, Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Maria Michael, Lena Falzon	

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