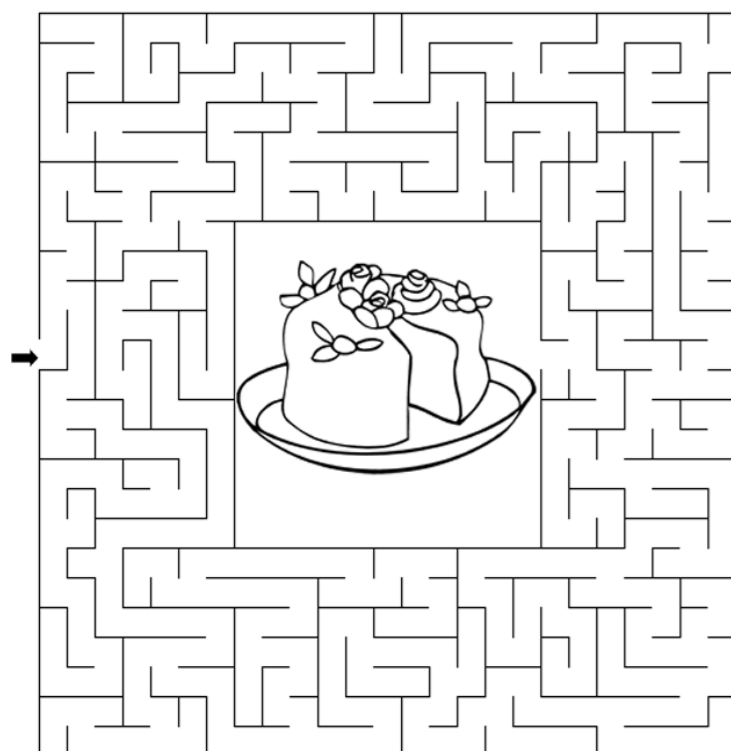


Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner  
28th Week in Ordinary Time

You are invited to the wedding banquet!  
Can you find your way to the wedding cake?



You're Invited!



Inviting others to Jesus

The Parable of the Wedding  
Banquet Matthew 22:1-14

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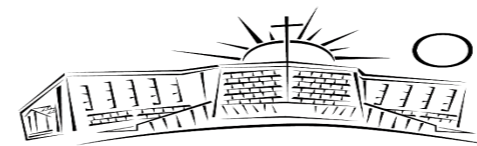
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Invite Someone



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

**Parish Priest:** Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran  
**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Bathista Emmanuel 0405833655  
**Parish Office Team:** Mrs Erika Hien, Alison Issanchon  
Kim Dang, Sarah Lenthall  
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**Telephone:** 9622 2920  
**Parish Website:** www.lol7hills.com.au  
**Parish School:** Our Lady of Lourdes 8869 6800  
**Principal:** Ms Keiran Byrnes  
**Parish Church:** 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147

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

**RECONCILIATION** Saturday 4.30-5.30pm  
**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** 18th November 2020 7.30pm  
**Baptisms** 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

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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, David Benjamin, John Bourke, Lina Cabaero, 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, Jeanine Nonato, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha, & Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Wiranjan Peiris, Salome Pillay, Joselito Porpeda, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, 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:** Anthony Chi Thien Nguyen, Ignacio Nonato Snr, Ronald Pamos, Andrew Sexton-James, Lakshman Wijesekera.

**Anniversaries:** Horace Baptist, Joseph Bartok, Frede Borg, Bertram & Gladys Bosen, Daniele Chalon, Cini Family, Reggie Dalgado, Charlie Galea, Amirtham John, Felina & Apolinario Maglaya, Sam & Rosa Loria, Mangion Family, Antonio Marra, Herbert McKertich, Pauline Meilak, Adele Moroney, Denis Morrissey, Paula Mula, Romeo.M.Pamos, Marlyn Pestano, Robert Pickup, John Ratnam, Stuart Sexton, Tony Vassallo., Jose Sanchez, Evangeline F Garcia, Lourdes F De Venecia, Lazaro C Fernandez

**Remembrance:** Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Podolfo, Alejandro, Cecile & Pedrito Dagvit, Gasper & Maria Dalgado, Salvina & Sam Debattista, Mrs Jesuth, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Sharon & John Lawrence, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary Muscat & Muscat Family, Mile Perak, Roseline Ratnam, Ilumidada Rondario

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 Prog.

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

**Seven Hills Catholic Church**  
**BSB: 062 315**  
**Acc Id # - 00901486**  
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*Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*



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## FIRST READING

*A reading from the prophet Isaiah 25:6-10*

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of

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## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. *(R.)*

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. *(R.)*

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. *(R.)*

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. *(R.)*

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## SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20*

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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## 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!

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## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 22:1-14*

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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## 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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## “Fratelli tutti”: short summary of Pope Francis’ Social Encyclical

*By Isabella Piro*

What are the great ideals but also the tangible ways to advance for those who wish to build a more just and fraternal world in their ordinary relationships, in social life, politics and institutions? This is mainly the question that *Fratelli tutti* is intended to answer: the Pope describes it as a “Social Encyclical” (6) which borrows the title of the “Admonitions” of Saint Francis of Assisi, who used these words to “address his brothers and sisters and proposed to them a way of life marked by the flavour of the Gospel” (Par 1). The Encyclical aims to promote a universal aspiration toward fraternity and social friendship. In the background of the Encyclical is the Covid-19 pandemic which, Francis reveals, “unexpectedly erupted” as he “was writing this letter”. But the global health emergency has helped demonstrate that “no one can face life in isolation” and that the time has truly come to “dream, then, as a single human family” in which we are “brothers and sisters all” (Par 8).

### Chapter One: dark clouds cover the world

In the first of eight chapters, which is entitled “Dark Clouds over a Closed World”, the document reflects on the many distortions of the contemporary era: the manipulation and deformation of concepts such as democracy, freedom, justice; the loss of the meaning of the social community and history; selfishness and indifference toward the common good; the prevalence of a market logic based on profit and the culture of waste; unemployment, racism, poverty; the disparity of rights and its aberrations such as slavery, trafficking, women subjugated and then forced to abort, organ trafficking (see Par 10-24). It deals with global problems that call for global actions, emphasizes the Pope, also sounding the alarm against a “culture of walls” that favours the proliferation of organized crime, fuelled by fear and loneliness (see Par 27-28).

### Chapter Two: strangers on the road

To many shadows, however, the Encyclical responds with a luminous example, a herald of hope: the Good Samaritan. The second chapter, “A stranger on the road”, is dedicated to this figure. In it, the Pope emphasizes that, in an unhealthy society that turns its back on suffering and that is “illiterate” in caring for the frail and vulnerable (see Par 64-65), we are all called – just like the Good Samaritan – to become neighbours to others (see Par 81), overcoming prejudices, personal interests, historic and cultural barriers. We all, in fact, are co-responsible in creating a society that is able to include, integrate and lift up those who have fallen or are suffering (see Par 77). Love builds bridges and “we were made for love” (Par 88), the Pope adds, particularly exhorting Christians to recognize Christ in the face of every excluded person (see Par 85).

### Chapter Three: vision of an open world

The principle of the capacity to love according to “a universal dimension” (see Par 83) is also resumed in the third chapter, “Envisaging and engendering an open world”. In this chapter Francis exhorts us to go “outside’ the self” in order to find “a fuller existence in another” (Par 88), opening ourselves up to the other according to the dynamism of charity which makes us tend toward “universal fulfilment” (Par 95). In the background – the Encyclical recalls – the spiritual stature of a person's life is measured by love, which always “takes first place” and leads us to seek better for the life of the other, far from all selfishness (Par 92-93). The sense of solidarity and of fraternity begin within the family, which are to be safeguarded and respected in their “primary and vital mission of education” (Par 114). The right to live with dignity cannot be denied to anyone, the Pope again affirms, and since rights have no borders, no one can remain excluded, regardless of where they are born (see Par 121) In this perspective the Pontiff also calls us to consider “an ethics of international relations” (see Par 126), because every country also belongs to foreigners and the goods of the territory cannot be denied to those who are in need and come from another place. Thus, the natural right to private property will be secondary to the principal of the universal destination of created goods (see Par 120). The Encyclical also places specific emphasis on the issue of foreign debt: subject to the principal that it must be paid, it is hoped nonetheless that this does not compromise the growth and subsistence of the poorest countries (see Par 126).

### Chapter Four: heart open to the world

To the theme of migration, the latter, entitled “A heart open to the whole world”. With their lives “at stake” (Par 37), fleeing from war, persecution, natural catastrophes, unscrupulous trafficking, ripped from their communities of origin, migrants are to be welcomed, protected, supported and integrated. Unnecessary migration needs to be avoided, the Pontiff affirms, by creating concrete opportunities to live with dignity in the countries of origin. But at the same time, we need to respect the right to seek a better life elsewhere. In receiving countries, the right balance will be between the protection of citizens' rights and the guarantee of welcome and assistance for migrants (see Par 38-40). Specifically, the Pope points to several “indispensable steps, especially in response to those who are fleeing grave humanitarian crises”: to increase and simplify the granting of visas; to open humanitarian corridors; to assure lodging, security and essential services; to offer opportunities for employment and training; to favour family reunification; to protect minors; to guarantee religious freedom. What is needed above all – the document reads – is global governance, an international collaboration for migration which implements long-term planning, going beyond single emergencies, on behalf of the supportive development of all peoples (see Par 129-132). *(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)*

## Looking at others as brothers and sisters to save ourselves and the world

By Andrea Tornielli

We are surrounded by “dark clouds over a closed world”. However, some will not surrender to the darkness, but continue to dream, to hope, to get their hands dirty by dedicating themselves to creating fraternity and social friendship. The piecemeal Third World War, the logic of a market founded on profit appears to be gaining ground over sound politics, the throwaway culture seems to prevail, the groan from people who are hungry goes unheard. But there is someone indicating a clear path to shape a different and more humane world.

Five years ago, Pope Francis published the Encyclical *Laudato si'* in which he clearly delineated the connections that exist between the environmental crisis, the social crisis, war, migration and poverty. He indicated the goal to reach: a more just economic and social system, one that would respect creation, that would put the human person at the center as the guardian of mother earth rather than money, elevated as an absolute god.

Today, with the new social [Encyclical Fratelli tutti](#), the Successor of Peter shows the concrete way to reach that goal: recognizing ourselves as brothers and sisters because we are children, one another's keepers, everyone in the same boat, as this pandemic has made even more evident. It is the way out of surrendering to the temptation of being *homo homini lupus* (people who act like wolves toward others), of building new walls, of isolation. Instead, it holds up the ever current and “out of the box” evangelical icon of the Good Samaritan.

The path Pope Francis indicates is founded on Jesus's message that destroys every perception of the other as a stranger. In fact, every Christian is called to discover “Christ in each human being, recognizing him crucified in the sufferings of the abandoned and forgotten of our world, and risen in each brother or sister who” who gets back on their feet. The message of fraternity is one that can be accepted, understood and shared both by men and women who believe in other faiths, as well as the many women and men who are unbelievers.

The new Encyclical is presented as a *summa* of Pope Francis's social teaching. It systematically gathers points that he has offered in speeches, discourses and interventions throughout the first seven years of his pontificate. One of its sources and inspirations is undoubtedly represented by the “Document on Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together”, signed on 4 February 2019 in Abu Dhabi together with the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Ahmad Al-Tayyib. From that shared declaration, a milestone in the dialogue between religions, the Pope reiterates his appeal that dialogue be the way, that common collaboration be the *modus operandi*, and that reciprocal understanding be the method and criterion.

It would, however, be remissive to relegate the new Encyclical solely to the sphere of interreligious dialogue. *Fratelli tutti's* message, in fact, concerns us all. It contains enlightening pages even in the social and political areas. It may seem paradoxical that it is the Bishop of Rome, a voice in the desert, who is today reinitiating a project in favor of sound politics: politics capable of taking up again its specific role, after having trusted for too long a time in financial interests and the market myth that said they would produce well-being for everyone without the need of being governed. There is an entire chapter dedicated to politics from the perspective of service and as a witness to charity, nourished by great ideals, that plans for the future by thinking about the common good rather than short-term gains, a future that keeps the younger generations especially in mind. And at a time in which many countries are closing themselves in, it is precisely the Pope who once again is extending the invitation not to lose trust in the international organisms, albeit in need of reform so that it is not only the strong that count.

Among the most powerful pages of the Encyclical are those dedicated to the condemnation of war and the rejection of the death penalty. Along the lines of Pope John XXIII's *Pacem in terris*, starting with a realistic assessment of the catastrophic results that so many conflicts in the last decades have wreaked on the lives of millions of innocent people, Pope Francis recalls that it is very difficult today to sustain the rational criteria matured in past centuries underpinning the possibility of a “just war”. Just as unjustified and inadmissible is recourse to the death penalty, which must be abolished in the entire world.

It is true, as the Pope notes, that “in today's world, the sense of belonging to a single human family is fading, and the dream of working together for justice and peace seems an outdated utopia”. But there is a need to start to dream again and, above all, to make that dream come true together. Before it is too late.



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Recently a girl in Vietnam made a booking of 150 tables for her wedding function at the restaurant in her local area, where she had been known as a loyal patron. The deal was struck between her and the owner only by words of mouth, and even the conventional bond was given a waiver due to their mutual acquaintances. What happened was extraordinary, since the bride and the groom failed to turn up on their wedding day as planned, the bride evaporated without a trace, and the restaurateur had no idea of what to do with so much food enough to feed 1500 wedding guests, who never came. What a fake wedding!

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus also talked about wedding, not any ordinary but a royal one, the one of a prince. Jesus used this symbolic story as part of a series of his take on the kingdom of heaven.

Through the wide range of characters, such as the king, his son, the servants, the disgraced guests, the newly invited guests and the unprepared guest, and their interactions, Jesus probably challenged the chief priests and the elders of Jewish people with the truth, which they obviously didn't want to hear.

He reminded them that their people were the first ones given the privilege to join the kingdom of God as God's Chosen people. God as the king of the universe was so kind and patient to send his servants, the prophets one after another to convey to them his message, but they showed no appreciation of such an honour from above, maltreated the king's messengers, and even worst, turned violent toward them.

Due to their repudiation, the invitation to the divine feast is extended to a new group of guests, representing members of the Church community established by Jesus through the Apostles. These new guests come from all corners of the world with no distinction. No matter of young or old, rich or poor, good or bad, they all are invited and welcomed to join.

However, they are asked to be mindful of the fact that they are going to a royal wedding reception, and so must prepare themselves appropriately for the occasion. The dismissal of a guest turning up at the reception wearing no wedding garment is a symbolic gesture, aimed to remind us that we must treat our Christian calling with utmost care and respect, and we need to put on ourselves the garment of Christian virtues when we say yes to Jesus, otherwise there will be no place for us in the Son's wedding hall in heaven.

Let us pray for a stronger awareness of our need to bear witness to our Christian faith by presenting our Christian virtues of genuine love, mercy, forgiveness and tolerance through what we do and say in our everyday lives.

Have a good witnessing week.

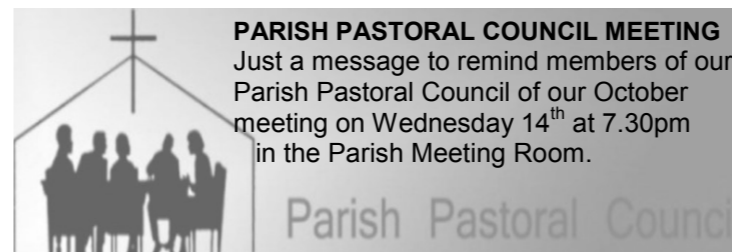
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## PARISH NEWS...

### SPECIAL APPEAL FOR THE HOLY LAND

Due to Covid-19, our traditional appeal for the Holy Land on Good Friday could not take place as previous years, and we are going to have the appeal next weekend 17/18 October, instead.

Please get yourselves prepared and ready for this much needed appeal to help maintain lot of Church programs such as charity and maintenance overthere.



**HOME WORSHIP PHOTOS** As previously mentioned 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 .

### The Little Blue Book for Advent and Christmas 2020

Six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ. Available for sale SOON!

**2021 Columban Art Calendar** will also be available for sale SOON!!



### SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

2nd meeting Wednesday 14th October 6:30pm—with a repeat of the meeting on Saturday 17th October at 4:30pm

### 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. (OLOL Bank details on front page of Bulletin)

### 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.*





**FROM POPE FRANCIS  
CHAPTER TWO— ENDANGERED CULTURES, PEOPLES AT RISK**

**CHAPTER THREE  
AN ECOLOGICAL DREAM**

41. In a cultural reality like the Amazon region, where there is such a close relationship between human beings and nature, daily existence is always cosmic. Setting others free from their forms of bondage surely involves caring for the environment and defending it, but, even more, helping the human heart to be open with trust to the God who not only has created all that exists, but has also given us himself in Jesus Christ. The Lord, who is the first to care for us, teaches us to care for our brothers and sisters and the environment which he daily gives us. This is the first ecology that we need.

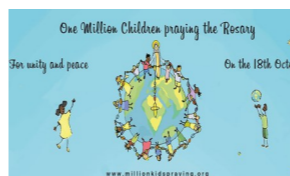
In the Amazon region, one better understands the words of Benedict XVI when he said that, “alongside the ecology of nature, there exists what can be called a ‘human’ ecology which in turn demands a ‘social’ ecology. All this means that humanity... must be increasingly conscious of the links between natural ecology, or respect for nature, and human ecology”. This insistence that “everything is connected” is particularly true of a territory like the Amazon region.

42. If the care of people and the care of ecosystems are inseparable, this becomes especially important in places where “the forest is not a resource to be exploited; it is a being, or various beings, with which we have to relate”. The wisdom of the original peoples of the Amazon region “inspires care and respect for creation, with a clear consciousness of its limits, and prohibits its abuse. To abuse nature is to abuse our ancestors, our brothers and sisters, creation and the Creator, and to mortgage the future”. When the indigenous peoples “remain on their land, they themselves care for it best”, provided that they do not let themselves be taken in by the siren songs and the self-serving proposals of power groups. The harm done to nature affects those peoples in a very direct and verifiable way, since, in their words, “we are water, air, earth and life of the environment created by God. For this reason, we demand an end to the mistreatment and destruction of mother Earth. The land has blood, and it is bleeding; the multinationals have cut the veins of our mother Earth”.

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



**DIOCESAN NEWS**



**Aid to the Church in Need** is organizing the prayer campaign *One Million Children Praying the Rosary*. We know how powerful the prayers of children are, they fly like an arrow into the heart of

God. How powerful then is the prayer of the Rosary prayed by millions of children, and adults, all around the world! Join this prayer campaign on the 18th of October. Go to [www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children](http://www.aidtochurch.org/one-million-children) to learn more.

**ACU Online Public Lecture with Sr Prof Julia Upton: 12 October**

The ACU Centre for Liturgy is hosting Sr Prof Julia Upton rsm from St John’s University in New York in a free online public lecture. Titled “Liturgy, Prayer, Pastoral Care and Pandemics,” it will be broadcast live from New York on Monday 12 October from 10am AEST via Zoom. Registration is essential by 7 October 2020. Register by visiting [www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton](http://www.acu.edu.au/LectureUpton)

**St Vincent de Paul Society NSW Rosalie Rendu Forum: 15 October**

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW will be hosting their annual Rosalie Rendu Forum online on Thursday 15 October from 6pm. This year’s forum features a line-up of inspirational female leaders who will reflect on the theme ‘Reimagining the future: can we create more equitable communities post pandemic?’. To register for the event by 12 October, visit <https://rosalie-rendu-2020.eventbrite.com.au>. For more information, email [social.justice@vinnies.org.au](mailto:social.justice@vinnies.org.au) or call (02) 4032 3545

**SATURDAY SESSIONS –GROW & SHARE FAITH**

**Come and join the Saturday Sessions** zooming between 11 am to 12:15 pm to share and grow in faith. Amazing topics. This week’s is on the plenary, A Journey of Discernment: The Plenary Council. Contact Lisa Bright ([Lisa.Bright@parracatholic.org](mailto:Lisa.Bright@parracatholic.org)) to get on the mailing list. Past topics are at the well. ([thewell.org.au](http://thewell.org.au))

**Share your Good News Stories!** 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>

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 20 – 22 November**

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter are hosting a Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 20 to 22 November at the Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville, NSW. Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love. Book online at [www.wvme.org.au](http://www.wvme.org.au) or contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wvme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wvme.org.au)

**St Bernadette’s Lalor Park Wednesday Evening Devotions**

St Bernadette’s Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 7pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the parish office on 02 9672 4037 or [admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au)



**Family Assistance 1800 606 724**  
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm

Anyone who is experiencing financial hardship may benefit from the service. Emergency relief may be given in the form of food parcels, food vouchers, and assistance with utility bills, clothing, furniture and referral. The assistance given is based on the assessment conducted by our volunteer members at the time of the home visit.

Domestic Violence - Alert 1800 737732  
[https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find\\_Help/NSW/General\\_support](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/NSW/General_support)

**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.*

OCTOBER 2020		
12	School Term 4 Begins	
14	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
14	Confirmation program 2nd meeting	6.30pm
15	Christ community Prayer Group	9am
15	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
17	Confirmation prog. 2nd meeting RTP	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)



10/11 October 2020		
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Eugene Miu 9.30am Noel Emmanuel	
Ministers	Vigil: Charmain Jansz, Benno Motha 8am: Erika Hien, Anne McNally 9.30am: Edith Gartner, Ernie Gartner	
Readers	Vigil: Marinela Simic, Rob Simpson 8am: Bob McNally, Kathy Walker 9.30am: SUB REQ, Mercy Aquino	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, Shaun Baptist, Alexandra Simpson 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Riley Ballment, Jerard Sarmiento, Matthew Shawcross	
Flowers	Rosemary	
Church cleaning	15 October	Cathy, Melvyn and Carol
Welcomers	Vigil: VOLUNTEERS 8am: Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Ernie Gartner, Lena Falzon	

17/18 October 2020		
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil: Louise La Guidara, Rosey Soares 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Anne McNally 9.30am: Artelle Lenthall, Nancy Shami	
Readers	Vigil: Catherine Rodrigues, Alison Punch 8am: Andrew Millar, Priya Joachim 9.30am: Ian Epondulan, Ryan Epondulan	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alex La Guidara, Jayden Rambukwella 8am: Thomas Osbourne, Zachary Osbourne 9.30am Chrisa Gonzales, Sarah Lenthall, Daniel Tenn, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church cleaning	24 October	Helen Gonzales, John Mitchell, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pint, Johnson Rosario, Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: VOLUNTEER, Annette Peatman 8am: Rita Paolini, Suzy Nemorin 9.30am: Helen Gonzales, Lena Falzonn	