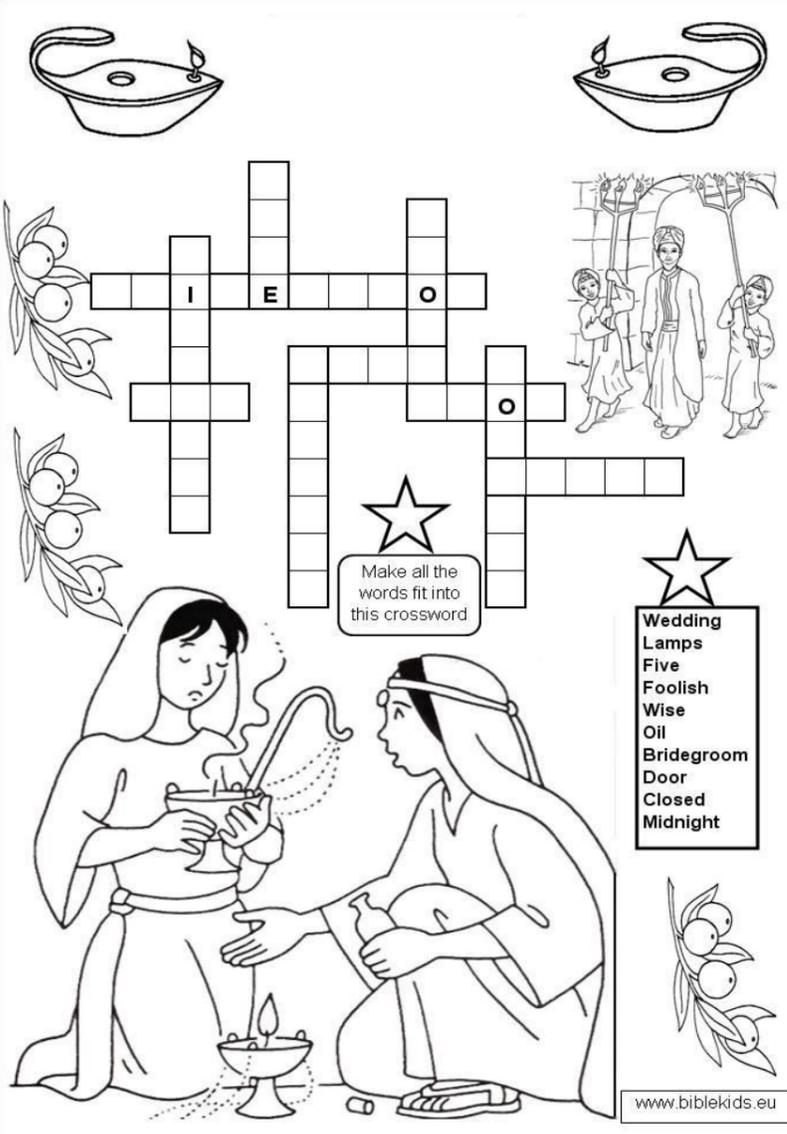
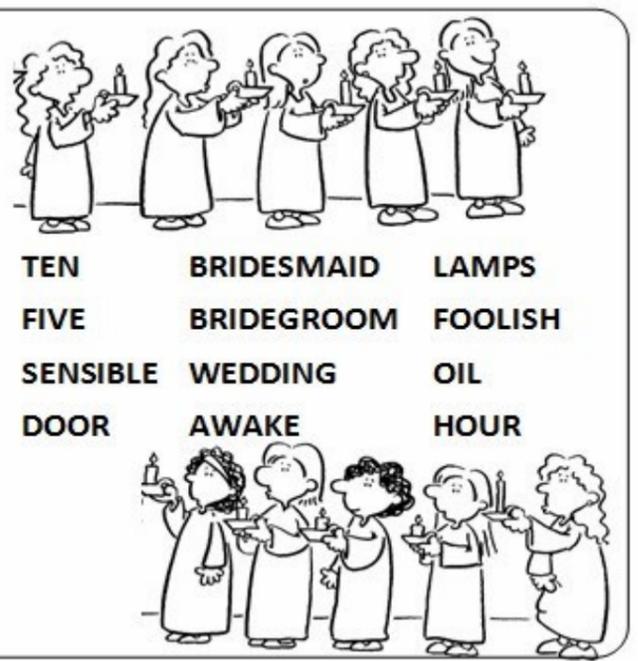


Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids
Matthew 25:1-13



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| TRUE | FALSE | All 10 bridesmaids were prepared to meet the bridegroom. |
| TRUE | FALSE | The bridesmaids fell asleep waiting for the bridegroom. |
| TRUE | FALSE | Five bridesmaids went to find more oil for their lamps. |
| TRUE | FALSE | Five bridesmaids shared their extra oil with the bridesmaids who ran out. |
| TRUE | FALSE | The bridegroom let in the unprepared bridesmaids. |

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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 18th November 2020 7.30pm
Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

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Let us Pray for the Sick

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| | MASKS | Please wear your mask to, during & after Mass. |
| | SANITISE | Use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit. |
| | DISTANCE | Please maintain social distancing at all times. Including when lining up for Holy Communion. |
| | SIGN IN | By Law, EVERYONE must SIGN IN. If the church has reached the MAX. capacity of 100 people, please proceed to Hall. |
| | MARKED SEATING | Please sit behind the WHITE TAPE or in family designated areas. |

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Leticia Benedicto, Leonard Collins, Fr Manuel Gatt, Thecla Peroumal, Stephen Pisch, Ilumunada Rondario, Josette Sultana, Carmen Valena, Lakshman Wijesekera, Violeta Ocampo Nuque.

Anniversaries: Michelle Azzopardi, Carolin Borg, Evangeline F Garcia, Martha Joseph, Felina & Apolinario Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Patrick Molloy, Paula Mula, Joshep Nguyen, John Portelli, Jose & Laureani Reyes, Collette & Karl Sauzier, Rohan Senanayake, Carmen Vella, Aloysius Welanggodda, Patrick Molloy

BOOK OF ETERNAL LIFE IN THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE



Please remember to enter the names of all the deceased you like to pray for throughout this month of November in the **Book of Eternal life**. It is placed at the baptismal font before Mass. Mass offering envelopes may be placed in the bowl in front of the altar.

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.)

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

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

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.)**

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 24:42-44

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five of them were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said, "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'



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: Prayer is rudder to guide course of our lives

Persistence

Secondly, said the Pope, Jesus teaches us that prayer is an art that must be practiced "with insistence." Though anyone can pray sporadically, Jesus reminds us that prayer requires discipline, practice, and constant effort. "Consistent prayer produces a progressive transformation, makes us strong in times of tribulation, gives us the grace to be supported by Him who loves us and always protects us."

Solitary and silent

Thirdly, Jesus' prayer is always solitary.

"Those who pray do not escape from the world, but prefer deserted places."

In the silence of prayer, said Pope Francis, our innermost desires and truths emerge into the light.

But most importantly, he added, silence is where God speaks. "Every person needs a space for him- or herself, to be able to cultivate the inner life, where actions find meaning."

To and fro in God

Finally, Pope Francis said, prayer as taught by Jesus is the place where we find that "everything comes from God and returns to Him."

He noted that prayer helps us to rediscover "the right dimension in our relationship with God, our Father, and with all creation."

Peace and joy, concluded the Pope, is what we will find if we follow Jesus' example of prayer.

Pope at audience: Prayer is rudder to guide course of our lives

By Devin Watkins

Pope Francis continued his catechesis cycle on prayer at the weekly General Audience, focusing on the Book of Psalms. He called the Old Testament book a "gymnasium and home of countless men and women of prayer."

How to pray

As part of the books of wisdom, the Psalms communicate to the believer "knowing how to pray".

"In the Psalms we find all human sentiments: the joys, the sorrows, the doubts, the hopes, the bitterness that colour our lives," said the Pope.

God, he added, inspired the language of prayer in the books so that those who read them might learn how to praise, thank, implore, and invoke Him.

"In short, the Psalms are the word of God that we human beings use to speak with Him."

The prayers in the Psalms arise out of lived experience, not abstract ideas, said the Pope. "To pray them it is enough for us to be what we are," with all our problems and uncertainties.

Question of suffering

Pope Francis went on to explore how the Psalmist confronts the issue of suffering, saying it is accepted as part of life and thus transformed into a question.

"Until when?" he said, is the question that remains unanswered.

"Every suffering calls for liberation, every tear calls for consolation, every wound awaits healing, every slander a sentence of absolution."

The Psalms, said the Pope, reminds us that life is not saved unless suffering is healed.

The person who prays, he added, knows that they are "are precious in the eyes of God, and so it makes sense to cry out."

Prayer: a cry to God

The Psalms show us that crying out to God in prayer "is the way and beginning of salvation."

Pope Francis said prayer turns pain into "a relationship: a cry for help waiting to intercept a listening ear."

"All human pains for God are sacred," he added. "Before God we are not strangers, or numbers. We are faces and hearts, known one by one, by name."

God's door always open

So, said Pope Francis, the believer finds an answer to suffering in the Psalms.

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God cries with us

In conclusion, Pope Francis said prayer saves us from suffering in abandonment, because our prayers rise up to God who "cries for every son and daughter who suffers and dies."

"If we maintain our relationship with Him," he said, "life does not spare us suffering, but we open up to a great horizon of goodness and set out towards its fulfilment."

Pope at Angelus: 'go against the current, choose meekness and mercy'

By Vatican News staff writer

Pope Francis observed the solemn Feast of All Saints inviting the faithful to reflect on the *great hope* that is based on Christ's resurrection.

Speaking during the Sunday Angelus, the Pope upheld the Saints and Blesseds as the most authoritative witnesses of Christian hope. He also invited us all to choose purity, meekness and mercy while entrusting ourselves to the Lord and dedicating ourselves to justice and peace.

He reflected on two *Beatitudes* – the second and the third - that, he said, Jesus preached and which resound in the Liturgy (see *Mt 5:1-12a*), and described them as the path to holiness.

The second Beatitude

The Pope said the second one is "*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted*". These words, he explained, seem contradictory because mourning is not a sign of joy and happiness. But Jesus, he continued, proclaims blessed those who mourn because of suffering, sins and the difficulties of everyday life, but "who trust in the Lord despite everything and put themselves under His shadow."

"They are not indifferent, nor do they harden their hearts when they are in pain, but they patiently hope for *God's comfort*. And they experience this comfort even in this life," he said.

The third Beatitude

In the third Beatitude, Pope Francis said, Jesus states: "*Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth*". Meekness, he noted, is characteristic of Jesus, who said of Himself: "Learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart" (*Mt 11:29*).

The meek, the Pope continued, are those "who know how to control themselves, who leave space for the other, they listen to the other, respect the other's way of living, his or her needs and requests."

They do not intend to overwhelm or diminish the other, he said, they do not want to dominate or impose their ideas or interests to the detriment of others.

Go against the current: Be meek, work for justice and peace

People like this, he said, may not be appreciated by the world and its mentality, but they are precious in God's eyes: "God gives them the promised land as an inheritance, that is, life eternal. This beatitude also begins here below and is fulfilled in Heaven."

Especially at a time like this, with so much aggressivity in the world, he continued, meekness is the way to go forward with humility and mercy.

Thus the Pope invited the faithful to choose a life of purity, meekness and mercy; to entrust themselves to God in poverty of spirit and in affliction: "This means going against the current in respect to this world's mentality, in respect to the culture of possessing, of meaningless fun, of arrogance against the weakest."

A personal and universal vocation to holiness

Pope Francis concluded saying that this evangelical path was trodden by the Saints and Blesseds and that today's solemnity, that honours All Saints, reminds us of "the personal and universal vocation to holiness, and proposes sure models for this journey that each person walks in a unique and unrepeatable way, according to the "imagination" of the Holy Spirit."

Pope at audience: Prayer is rudder to guide course of our lives

By Devin Watkins

Pope Francis began his Wednesday General Audience noting that the event must "unfortunately" be held once again in the library of the Apostolic Palace without the presence of the faithful.

He called it a reminder of the importance of respecting the directives laid out by political and health authorities.

He also invited everyone to pray for those who are ill with Covid-19 and for the medical personnel working hard to treat them.

"Let us offer the Lord this distance between us, for the good of all," he said. "And let us think often about the ill, those who are already considered left behind. Let us think about doctors, nurses, volunteers, and the many people who are working with the sick right now, who risk their lives but do it out of love, their vocation, and love for their neighbor. Let us pray for them."

Mysterious reality

The Pope then continued his catechesis on Jesus' example of prayer.

"Jesus' prayer is a mysterious reality, of which we intuit only something, but which allows us to interpret His entire mission from the right perspective."

Jesus, added the Pope, immersed Himself often in intimacy with God the Father, "in the Love that every soul thirsts for."

Rudder that guides His course

Pope Francis focused his reflections on a passage in the Gospel of Mark (1:32,34-38), in which Jesus heals many sick people late one evening before rising early to pray in a deserted place alone.

After the disciples find Jesus to say the whole village of Capernaum is looking for Him, Jesus declares that He must preach to the other towns as well.

"Prayer is the rudder that guides Jesus' course."

This, said the Pope, means that Jesus lets God guide His path, and not the desires and adulation of others.

He went on to draw four lessons from Jesus' witness of prayer.

Dawning of the day

Jesus, said Pope Francis, teaches us above all that prayer should be "the first desire of the day."

"A day lived without prayer risks transforming into a bothersome or tedious experience: all that happens to us could turn into a badly endured and blind fate."

However, Jesus demonstrates the need to be obedient and to listen, since prayer is first of all "an encounter with God."

"The problems of everyday life, then, do not become obstacles, but appeals from God Himself to listen to and encounter those who are in front of us."



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

During my trip back to Vietnam about five years ago, my niece and her husband arranged a trip for her father and me to meet with her husband's uncle, who migrated from the Central of Vietnam and has re-settled with his family in a small town at the very end of the South, famous for its crisscrossing waterways system. While travelling back to our hotel with the group around 5pm, I was so surprised to see a young couple, who had just arrived by boat at their wedding reception, where a lot of guests had been waiting for them to kick-off the party.

The scene of so many small boats mooring along the canal instead of cars and motorcycles was so spectacular. However, I couldn't help wonder why they decided to start their rural wedding reception that late, since country people in Vietnam, as I know, often opted for a mid-morning time due to practical reasons, for instance, the logistics would be more manageable, and guests could go home about noon time to have a good rest and get ready for agricultural works early on the following day.

In Jesus' time, wedding receptions were told to begin after dark with the bridegroom and his party going to the house of the bride.

As they walked along the dark roads, some were entrusted to carry torches of oily rags wrapped atop brass poles, and an extra supply of oil, of course, was handy to make sure their torches always lit.

When the groom and his party arrived, the bride and her bridesmaids then followed them to go back to his house where the wedding ceremony and the seven day celebration took place.

Today Jesus picked up such a wedding image to convey his message about his heavenly kingdom. Through the imageries of (1) the bridegroom representing Jesus in his Second Coming and his time to call us to return the heavenly home, and (2) the ten bridesmaids including five sensible ones and five foolish, representing all people on earth, and especially his followers, Jesus probably meant to tell us that our time on earth is nothing, but a transitional and waiting time for his coming, whose nature is both unknown and unexpected just like the arrival of the groom in the Gospel story.

We got to make sure that we stay fully prepared for his time by keeping our lamp of faith filled with the oil of grace through prayers and good works, similar to the way the sensible bridesmaids well looked after their lamps, and try not to fall into the unprepared state of the foolish bridesmaids by living an irresponsible and unworthy life, deemed for a rejection from the eternal banquet hall.

Let us pray

Have a Communion of Saints-oriented week and month.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

CONFIRMATION THANK YOU

Last Friday saw the completion of our Confirmation program this year with the Confirmation Mass for the second group of year 6 children in our parish. Once again I would like to congratulate all our children for making Confirmation this year, and thank all of their parents and sponsors for sharing the sacramental journey with them.

Besides, I also extend my thanks (1) to Artelle, our Sacramental co-ordinator and her team for helping to co-ordinate the program, (2) our IT and music ministry team for their generous service, and (3) Ernie for serving all two Confirmation Masses.



MINISTERS - NEW ROSTER

Forms are now available at the back of the church for ministers to renew their information for the next rostering period January - June 2021.

You can either complete the form and leave it in the box at the back of the church or, if you received an email last week from the MSP rostering program, you can either send a reply email with your availability or use the online portal of the program to update your information. If you are not currently registered with the rostering program and would like to, please complete a form at the back of the church and print your email address clearly. You will receive an email outlining how to use the online rostering program.

All updates must be received by

27th November, so the roster can be completed and published by Christmas.



TAP & GO REPORT

A word of thanks to those who helped in the process of naming the unit, and the winning name is MATT 'S POINT, which reminds us of the life and call of St Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles in the New Testament (cf. Mt 9.9-13). We are waiting for our trusted electrician to come in for the installation of a required power point and ready to operate.

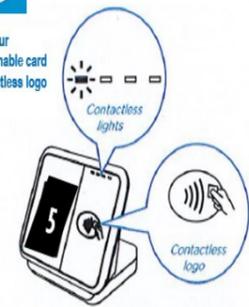
In the meantime, it could be helpful for us to keep in mind these important points about our coming MATT'S POINT as Follows:



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BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

As previous years, our parishioners are invited to enter the names of the deceased in our Parish book of Life during the month of November. The book shall be found at the Baptismal font before Mass, and transferred to its prominent position in front of the altar during Mass.

For those who are unable to attend Mass due to Covid-19 concern, please send in the names of people you wish to have in the book, and our friendly staff are more than happy to help you with that.

Envelopes are also available for you to offer November Mass intentions at our church doors.



FROM POPE FRANCIS

CHAPTER THREE—This dream made of water—continued



51. To protect the Amazon region, it is good to combine ancestral wisdom with contemporary technical knowledge, always working for a sustainable management of the land while also preserving the lifestyle and value systems of those who live there. They, particularly the original peoples, have a right to receive – in addition to basic education – thorough and straightforward information about projects, their extent and their consequences and risks, in order to be able to relate that information to their own interests and their own knowledge of the place, and thus to give or withhold their consent, or to propose alternatives.

52. The powerful are never satisfied with the profits they make, and the resources of economic power greatly increase as a result of scientific and technological advances. For this reason, all of us should insist on the urgent need to establish “a legal framework which can set clear boundaries and ensure the protection of ecosystems... otherwise, the new power structures based on the techno-economic paradigm may overwhelm not only our politics, but also freedom and justice”. [68] If God calls us to listen both to the cry of the poor and that of the earth, then for us, “the cry of the Amazon region to the Creator is similar to the cry of God’s people in Egypt. It is a cry of slavery and abandonment pleading for freedom”.

[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,

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.

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| 11 | Parish Council Meeting | 7.30pm |
| 12 | Christ community Prayer Group | 9am |
| 12 | Legion of Mary | 1.30pm |
| 18 | Baptismal Prep Meeting | 7.30pm |

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



DIOCESAN NEWS

Abraham Conference 2020 – Interfaith on the Frontlines: 15 November

The Abraham Conference plays an important role in bringing Jews, Christians and Muslims together to discuss contemporary issues of concern for the members of the three religions and for the wider society. This year’s conference, which will discuss “Interfaith on the Frontlines”, will be livestreamed for free via Zoom on Sunday 15 November from 2pm to 3.30pm. To register, please visit <https://events.humanitix.com/abraham-conference-2020-interfaith-on-the-frontlines>

DIOCESAN NEWS

Office for Worship Short Formation Course for Readers

The Office for Worship will be running a short formation course focussing on the practicalities of Reading at Mass with guest presenter Br Michael Dredge cfc. It will be held over three dates:

- Thursday 12 November – 7-9pm at St Nicholas of Myra Parish, Penrith
- Thursday 19 November – 7-9pm at Institute for Mission, Blacktown

If you are interested, or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org

Bethany Centre World Day of the Poor Food Drive: 9 – 13 November

To commemorate World Day of the Poor, you are invited to contribute to the Chancery Office’s food drive. Your generous donations will support families doing it tough put food on the table. Items are to be dropped off at the Bethany Centre, 470 Church St, Parramatta between 9 and 13 November. To arrange a time to drop off items, and for an items list, contact Marisa VanderHout on (02) 8838 3460 or marisa.vanderhout@parracatholic.org

Pastoral Council Formation and Training

The Pastoral Planning Office is leading a series of formation and training sessions for new and continuing members of parish pastoral councils via Zoom on 11, 18 and 25 November from 7.30pm. Our parish pastoral councils offer a wonderful way to explore how communities can “go and make disciples”. To register, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/pastoralcouncilformation> and for enquiries, please contact Lisa Bright on 0448 652 720.



To celebrate the 10th Anniversary of the canonisation of Saint Mary MacKillop Order your FREE copy of Encountering St Mary MacKillop in Prayer The Sisters of Saint Joseph have created a commemorative prayer booklet to inspire us all to “take fresh courage...” as Mary did so often. These prayers share details of her personal journey, highlighting Mary’s values and spirit, and offering prayers and blessings for our modern world.

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Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre is taking bookings for 2020/2021

As a COVID-safe registered business, the Mt Schoenstatt Spirituality Centre, Mulgoa, is once again available for personal or small group bookings to discern and plan for what the future might look like. They have also begun taking bookings for 2021, with numbers set to increase as restrictions return to normal. For more information, please call (02) 4773 8338, email info@schoenstatt.org.au or visit www.schoenstatt.org.au

| 7 / 8 November 2020 | | |
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| Acolytes | Vigil: Derek Soares 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Noel Emmanuel | |
| Ministers | Vigil: Jemma Sarmiento, Rosey Soares 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Anne McNally 9.30am: Edith Gartner, Crystal Menezes | |
| Readers | Vigil: Alison Punch, Catherine Rodrigues 8am: Andrew Millar, Bob McNally 9.30am: VOLUNTEER, Ryan Epondulan | |
| Altar Servers | Vigil: Alexander Bateman-Paul, Chrisha Gonzales, SUB REQ 8am: Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg 9.30am Sofia Cullili, Diya Dsouza, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish, Daniel Tenn | |
| Flowers | Fenny and Mary B | |
| Church cleaning | 12 November | Chuck & Karen Baquial, Albert & Stella Lobo |
| Welcomers | Vigil: Annette Peatman, Helen Gonzales 8am: Rita Paolini, Suzy Nemorin 9.30am: VOLUNTEER, Ernie Gartner | |

| 14 / 15 November 2020 | | |
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| Acolytes | Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Ramzee Michael | |
| Ministers | Vigil: Charmaine Jansz, Louise La Guidara 8am: Fennie Balatbat, Priya Joachim 9.30am: Artelle Lenthall, Sarah Lenthall | |
| Readers | Vigil: Noreen Rosario, Erika Hien 8am: Kathy Walker, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Megan Michael, Mercy Aquino | |
| Altar Servers | Vigil: Noah Ebb, Caitlyn Rambukwella, Samuel Thoms 8am: Diana Park, Pilip Park, Sean Park 9.30am Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Rynan Michael, Jerard Sarmiento, Iorencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy | |
| Flowers | Fenny and Angela | |
| Church cleaning | 21 November | Helen Gonzalez, John Mitchell, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Johnson Rozario, Maricel Santos |
| Welcomers | Vigil: VOLUNTEER, Judith Deloso 8am: Rita Paolini, Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Maria Michael, Lena Falzon | |