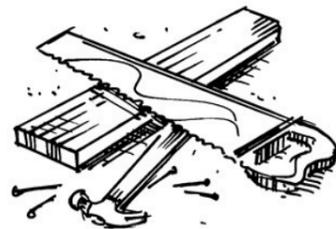
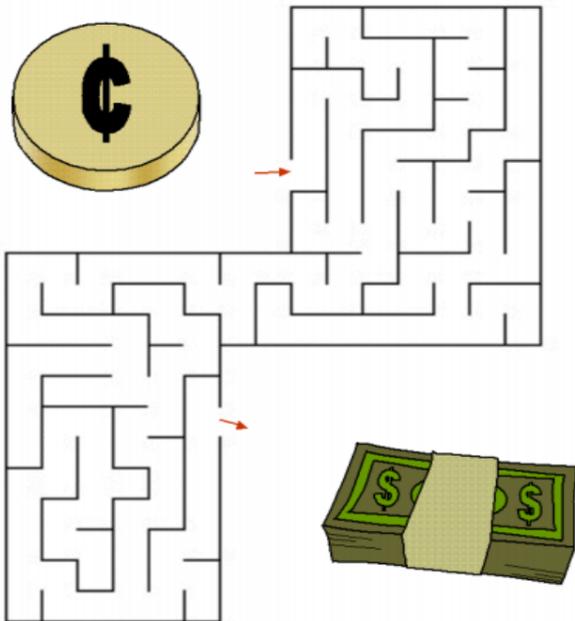


Parable of the Talents Maze

Help the servant take his one talent and use it to gain more talents.



The Parable of the Talents

Use your talent — do not hide your talent.

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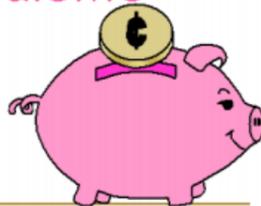
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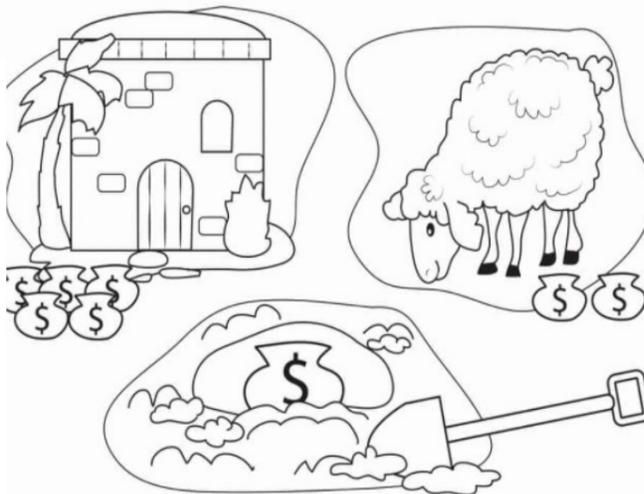
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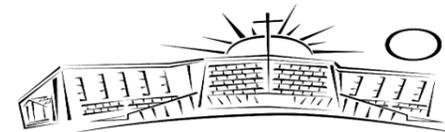
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The Parable of the Talents



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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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

33rd Sunday of Ordinary Time Year A • 15 November 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/>

REMINDER

KEEP COVID SAFE

By Law, we must continue to:



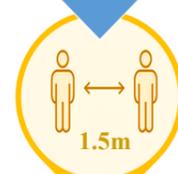
MASKS

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.

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.

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



Let us Pray for the Sick



Chula Abey, Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, David Benjamin, John Bourke, Lina Cabaero, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Ronald Gomez, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Gerard Marcello, Maria V, Mark McGilligan, Mary Mifsud, Blago Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Anna Mun, Patricia Oreo, Lekisha Grace Panlilio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Wiranjan Peiris, Salome Pillay, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Rose Stambouliah, 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: Leticia Benedicto, Leonard Collins, Fr Manuel Gatt, Violeta Ocampo Nuque, Thecla Peroumal, Stephen Pisch, Ilumunada Rondario, Bungon Sangchalouy, Josette Sultana, Carmen Valena, Lakshman Wijesekera.

Anniversaries: Michelle Azzopardi, Carolina 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.

IN-PERSON BANK DEPOSIT (at a Bank Institute/Branch) Seven Hills Catholic Church

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Acc Id # - 00901486
AGENT # - 660

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Proverbs 31:10-13. 30-31

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband’s heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Happy are those who fear the Lord.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. *(R.)*

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. *(R.)*

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life. *(R.)*

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 5:1-6

You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about ‘times and seasons’, since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, ‘How quiet and peaceful it is’ that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it.

But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord: my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.” Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

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.**

....CONT. McCarrick Report: a sorrowful page the Church is learning from

By Andrea Tornielli

Pope John Paul II’s first decision

In this regard, it is important to highlight the initial decision made by Pope John Paul II. The Pope, in fact, asked the Nuncio to verify the basis of these accusations. Once again, the written investigation does not contain any concrete proof – in fact, three of the four bishops from New Jersey who were consulted provided information which the *Report* reveals to have been “not accurate and incomplete”. Even though the Pope had known McCarrick since 1976, having met him during his trip to the United States, he accepted the proposal of the then Apostolic Nuncio in the United States, Gabriel Montalvo, and of the then prefect of the Congregation of Bishops, Giovanni Battista Re, to drop him as a candidate. They argued that even in the absence of specific details, the risk should not be taken of transferring the prelate to Washington. They believed that the accusations, even though they were considered groundless, could resurface and cause embarrassment and scandal. McCarrick, therefore, seemed destined to remain in Newark.

McCarrick’s letter to the Pope

Something happened that radically changed the course of events. McCarrick himself, after having evidently become aware both that he was a candidate, and of the reservations in his regard, wrote to then Bishop Stanislaw Dziwisz, personal secretary to the Polish Pontiff on August 6, 2000. McCarrick declared himself innocent and swore that he had “never had sexual relations with any person, male or female, young or old, cleric or lay”. Pope John Paul II read the letter and was convinced that the American Archbishop was telling the truth and that the negative “rumors” were precisely that – solely rumors that were unfounded, or at least unproven. It was, therefore, Pope John Paul II, acting through specific directions imparted to then-Secretary of State Angelo Sodano, who established that McCarrick should be reinstated on the shortlist of candidates. And it was he who, in the end, chose McCarrick for the see of Washington. In accordance with the testimonies cited in the *Report*, to better understand the context of that period, it may be useful also to recall that during the years when he was an Archbishop in Poland, Pope John Paul II had witnessed the use of false accusations on the part of the regime to discredit priests and bishops.

Pope Benedict’s decision

Furthermore, at the time of his appointment as Archbishop of Washington, no victim – adult or minor – had as yet made contact with the Holy See or with the Nuncio in the United States to present an accusation regarding any improper behavior attributed to the Archbishop. Moreover, nothing inappropriate about McCarrick’s behavior was reported during his years as Archbishop in Washington. When, in 2005, accusations of harassment and abuse toward adults began to surface once again, the new pope, Benedict XVI, rapidly asked for the resignation of the American cardinal to whom he had recently granted a two-year extension of his mandate. In 2006, McCarrick left his position as head of the Archdiocese of Washington, becoming its Archbishop emeritus. The *Report* demonstrates that in this period, Archbishop Carlo Maria Viganò, in his capacity as delegate for Papal Representatives, had reported information about McCarrick’s possible involvement with adults that had arrived from the nunciature to his superiors in the Secretary of State, highlighting its seriousness. But, while he raised the alarm, he too understood that there were no proven facts. Cardinal Secretary of State Tarcisio Bertone presented the matter directly to Pope Benedict XVI. In that context, in the absence of victims who were minors, and since the person concerned was a cardinal who had already retired from office, Pope Benedict XVI did not open a formal canonical process to investigate McCarrick.

Recommendations, not sanctions

In the years that followed, notwithstanding the indications McCarrick received from the Congregation for Bishops to lead a more quiet and reserved life and to decline frequent appearances in public, the cardinal continued to move about, traveling from one part of the globe to the other, Rome included, generally with the knowledge and at least tacit approval of the Papal Nuncio. There has been a lot of discussion regarding the true substance of the request McCarrick received from the Holy See to lead a more withdrawn life. From the documents and testimonies now published in the *Report*, it is evident that “sanctions” were never imposed. They were, rather, recommendations, given to him orally in 2006 and then in writing in 2008, without stating that this was an explicit desire on the part of Pope Benedict XVI. They were recommendations that presupposed McCarrick’s good will and willingness to respect them. The fact that the cardinal remained active, that he continued to travel, and that he accomplished various missions in different countries (out of which came useful information), even though he had no mandate from the Holy See, shows that his activity was tolerated. Having received in 2012 a new accusation against McCarrick, Viganò, who in the meantime had been appointed nuncio in the United States, received instructions from the Prefect of the Congregation for Bishops to investigate. However, the *Report* shows that he did not carry out all of the investigations that had been asked of him. Furthermore, continuing to follow the same approach used until that moment, he did not take significant steps to limit McCarrick’s activity, or his national and international travels.



Pope renews Church's commitment to eradicate clerical sex abuse

By Vatican News staff writer

Pope Francis on Wednesday referred to the release of the McCarrick Report the day before, and expressed his closeness to all victims of abuse.

Speaking during the weekly General Audience in the Vatican's Apostolic Library, the Pope also said that following "the Report on the painful case of former cardinal Theodore McCarrick" he renews "the commitment of the Church to eradicate this evil". After pronouncing these words, he paused for a moment of silent prayer.

The McCarrick Report, composed of 461 pages of documents and testimonies, is an exhaustive investigation into the knowledge and decision-making regarding Theodore McCarrick during his career as a priest, bishop and cardinal.

The Report, published by the Secretariat of State on the mandate of Pope Francis, is the result of a two-year investigative process. Speaking upon its release on Tuesday, Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin said the Report "will also have an effect in this respect: in making all those involved in such choices more aware of the weight of their decisions or omissions. These are pages that encourage us to reflect deeply and ask ourselves what more we can do in the future, learning from the painful experiences of the past."

McCarrick Report: a sorrowful page the Church is learning from By Andrea Torielli

At the time of Theodore McCarrick's appointment as Archbishop of Washington in 2000, the Holy See acted on the basis of partial and incomplete information. What has now come to light are omissions, underestimations, and choices that later proved to be wrong, due in part to the fact that, during the assessment process requested by Rome at the time, those questioned did not always disclose all they knew. Until 2017, there had never been any precise accusation regarding sexual abuse or harassment or harm done to a minor. As soon as the first report was received from a victim who was a minor at the time the abuse was committed, Pope Francis reacted promptly regarding the elderly cardinal, who had already retired as head of the archdiocese in 2006, first taking away his red hat and then dismissing him from the clerical state. This is what emerges from the *Report on the Holy See's Institutional Knowledge and Decision-Making Related to Former Cardinal Theodore Edgar McCarrick (1930 to 2017)* published by the Secretariat of State.

A detailed response

The compilation and publication of the *Report* itself, given its extensiveness and content, responds to the request of Pope Francis that decision-making regarding McCarrick be thoroughly investigated and that the results of the investigation be published. The *Report* also represents an act of pastoral care by the Pope for the American Catholic community that was wounded and anguished that McCarrick had been appointed and promoted to high office in the Church. The investigation carried out during these two years was commenced toward the end of summer 2018, during weeks of considerable tension culminating in the denunciation by the former Apostolic Nuncio in Washington, Carlo Maria Viganò, who, in an international media campaign, publicly called for the resignation of the current Pontiff.

Absence of accusations of sexual abuse of minors until 2017

The strength of the *Report* lies not only in its completeness but also in the overview it provides. From this overview, a few key points emerge that are necessary to consider. The first point concerns the mistakes that were made; these have already led to the adoption of new regulations within the Church, to help avoid history repeating itself. A second element is that, until 2017, there had been no specific accusations regarding the sexual abuse of minors committed by McCarrick. It is true that in the 1990s several anonymous letters alluding to minor abuse had been received by cardinals and in the nunciature in Washington, but without providing any details, names or circumstances: these letters were regrettably considered to be not credible because of the lack of concrete elements. The first specific accusation involving a minor was, in fact, that which emerged three years ago, which led to the immediate opening of a canonical process that concluded with the two decisions taken by Pope Francis – the first of which took away the red hat from the Cardinal emeritus and the second that dismissed him from the clerical state. Those who came forward to testify against McCarrick as the canonical process unfolded are to be commended for having allowed their truth to be known and should be thanked for having done so while overcoming the pain of remembering all that they have been through.

Assessment before the Pope's apostolic visit

The *Report* shows that at the time he was first listed as an episcopal candidate (1977), as well as when he was appointed to Metuchen (1981), and then to Newark (1986), none of the people consulted to provide information furnished negative information regarding Theodore McCarrick's moral conduct. The first informal "assessment" of some accusations regarding the then Archbishop of Newark's conduct toward seminarians and priests from his diocese surfaced in the mid-1990s, before Pope John Paul II's visit to that city. It was the Cardinal Archbishop of New York, John O'Connor, who carried out the assessment: he asked others, including American bishops, for information and then concluded that there was no "impediment" to a papal visit to the city in which McCarrick was pastor at that moment.

Cardinal O'Connor's letter

A crucial point in the case is certainly McCarrick's appointment as Archbishop of Washington. During the months in which McCarrick's possible transfer to a see in the United States traditionally led by a cardinal surfaced, notable among the several positive influential opinions regarding his person is a negative one from Cardinal O'Connor. While acknowledging that he did not have first-hand information, the Cardinal explained in a letter, dated October 28, 1999, addressed to the Apostolic Nuncio, that he believed that McCarrick's appointment to a new office would be a mistake: that, in fact, the risk of a serious scandal existed in light of the rumors that McCarrick had in the past shared a bed with young adult men at the rectory and seminarians at a beach house.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

In my first year in the seminary at Manly, my classmates and I were once asked by the Spiritual director of the class to name five weaknesses of ourselves in a spiritual session, and it took all of us just a minute to do it, and then to identify five positive points about ourselves, and it was quite funny that we all got stuck in this part, as we had to spend a long time to complete it despite our familiarity with the 'know-yourself' approach championed by Socrates, the Greek philosopher, whom we were familiar with through our philosophy course. That was obvious that we failed to know enough of ourselves!

And then just recently when Therese, my nearly eight year old niece and I were watching a travel show together, she happened to reiterate something she said to me once before, though I failed to pay attention to it. She said while we both were looking at the footage of an old quarter somewhere in France that, 'I love history. Those houses have lot of history behind them.' I took my hat off her for the ability to be aware of such a strength of hers in such a young age, and was kind of saying to myself, 'Wow! You're doing far better than your uncle at his late twenties, since he really struggled to know what he was good at.'

In the Gospel story this Sunday, Jesus keeps exploring the theme of the Kingdom of God with a focus on the gifts, which God has entrusted to his people to build up his Kingdom.

Significantly, the Kingdom of God, according to Jesus, is beyond our conventional understanding and experience, since it is something half- here and half to come, something people simply are incapable of pointing their finger at and say, 'it's here' or 'it's there.' (cf..Lk 17.20-37)

Jesus continues to use symbolic characters and objects, such as the master, his servants, the talents, and the reckoning day to convey his spiritual message, aimed to remind us that God is generous to us, and he has gratuitously granted upon each of us his grace and gifts, some with five talents, some with two, and some with just one. Our God-given gifts are meant to contribute to the ongoing work of making his Kingdom realized.

We, however, are expected to make the best with the gifts entrusted to us by God, no matter how big or small our gifts are, just like those servants in the Gospel, whom the master expected to make a profit for him from what entrusted to them.

And at the same time, we must avoid the passive approach that the servant with one talent opted for, on the basis that his talent had no worth. He was harshly judged and charged by his master, and so with us on the reckoning day at the end time, unless we try our best to utilise our gifts to prepare for the realization of God's Kingdom through our good works to spread the Good News of Jesus, and to make our world better and better everyday.

Let us ask ourselves today and in the coming week the 'what am I good at?' question, then pray for the wisdom to know our strengths and the generosity to utilise them as helpful tools to build up God's Kingdom by starting to make our families and our community place diffusing Jesus' love and goodness.

Have a 'know-yourself-oriented' week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

An information meeting will be held on **Wednesday 2nd December** at 6.30pm with a repeat of this meeting on **Saturday 5th December** at 4.30pm for any parents wishing to enrol their child to celebrate the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in 2021.**

An information night for parents of children wishing to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation** next year will be held in April.

For more information, please contact Artelle in the parish office on 96222920 or email

Artelle@olol7hills.com.au



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, on the olol7hills website is a link or alternately you can 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 Friday 27th November**, so the roster can be completed and published by Christmas.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Our recent meeting last Wednesday night began with a reflection upon an article called 'Conscience' by Austen Iverleigh, taken from the book entitled 'A Pope Francis Lexicon.' Iverleigh began with Pope Francis' exhortation in his *Amoris Laetitia* (the Joy of Love) encouraging the faithful to form consciences by means of humility, docility, prudence, discernment, a love for the Church and her teaching, and a connection with the virtues of truth and charity demanded by the Gospel, while taking into account our human limitations in responding to the challenge of the Gospel's values. The writer then recalled the teaching of the Vatican II Council about conscience found in one of her key documents called *Gaudium et Spes* (The Joy and Hope), which values conscience as 'the most secret core and sanctuary' of a person, where he 'is alone with God, whose voice echoes in his depths', the position known to many of us as the primacy of conscience.

The Council spent some time to listen to a report from the Deanery Council, and to look at some of the tentative dates for Fr Henry's Silver Jubilee next year, which are either on 30 April and 2 May 2021, or 8 and 10 October 2021 depending on safety permit.

2021 Columban Art Calendar (\$10.00) and The Little Blue Book for Advent (\$2.00) Six-minute reflections on the Sunday Gospels to help you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ. are both available to purchase from the Piety Shop





FROM POPE FRANCIS

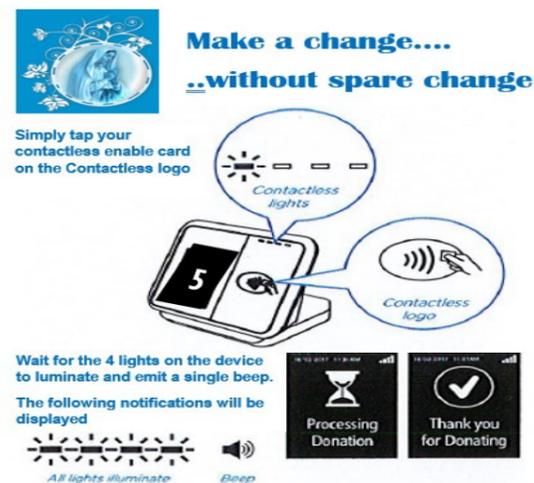
CHAPTER THREE—The prophecy of contemplation

53. Frequently we let our consciences be deadened, since “distractions constantly dull our realization of just how limited and finite our world really is” From a superficial standpoint, we might well think that “things do not look that serious, and the planet could continue as it is for some time. Such evasiveness serves as a license to carrying on with our present lifestyles and models of production and consumption. This is the way human beings contrive to feed their self-destructive vices: trying not to see them, trying not to acknowledge them, delaying the important decisions and pretending that nothing will happen”. 54. In addition, I would also observe that each distinct species has a value in itself, yet “each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost forever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right” 55. From the original peoples, we can learn to *contemplate* the Amazon region and not simply analyze it, and thus appreciate this precious mystery that transcends us. We can *love* it, not simply use it, with the result that love can awaken a deep and sincere interest. Even more, we can *feel intimately a part of it* and not only defend it; then the Amazon region will once more become like a mother to us. For “we do not look at the world from without but from within, conscious of the bonds with which the Father has linked us to all beings” 56. Let us awaken our God-given aesthetic and contemplative sense that so often we let languish. Let us remember that “if someone has not learned to stop and admire something beautiful, we should not be surprised if he or she treats everything as an object to be used and abused without scruple”. On the other hand, if we enter into communion with the forest, our voices will easily blend with its own and become a prayer: “as we rest in the shade of an ancient eucalyptus, our prayer for light joins in the song of the eternal foliage”. This interior conversion will enable us to weep for the Amazon region and to join in its cry to the Lord. 57. Jesus said: “Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God’s sight” (Lk 12:6). God our Father, who created each being in the universe with infinite love, calls us to be his means for hearing the cry of the Amazon region. If we respond to this heartrending plea, it will become clear that the creatures of the Amazon region are not forgotten by our heavenly Father. For Christians, Jesus himself cries out to us from their midst, “because the risen One is mysteriously holding them to himself and directing them towards fullness as their end. The very flowers of the field and the birds which his human eyes contemplated and admired are now imbued with his radiant presence”. For all these reasons, we believers encounter in the Amazon region a theological locus, a space where God himself reveals himself and summons his sons and daughters. **[Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation QUERIDA AMAZONIA—to the people of God and to all**



MATT'S POINT (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:



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.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Welcome to The Well

The Diocese of Parramatta proudly announces its latest initiative – *The Well*. In what can be described as ‘Netflix for Catholics’, *The Well* is a new online platform that provides free, ‘on-demand’ inspiration for families, children, young people and faith communities. Explore fresh offerings every week on topical issues that inform, entertain and challenge. Check it out at www.thewell.org.au

BISHOP'S CHRISTMAS APPEAL

This Christmas, let us unite in demonstrating God's unconditional love and keep families together. Your compassionate gifts and prayers will help CatholicCare's Project Elizabeth to support vulnerable families to build strong, loving relationships. You can help give people the emotional and practical support they need to live their lives in love and joy. Please give generously to the Bishop's Christmas Appeal: yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal

Positions Vacant:

Head of Mission Integration – Caritas Australia

For more details, please visit <https://www.caritas.org.au/about/jobs/positions-vacant>

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 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.

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.*

NOVEMBER 2020		
18	Baptismal Preparation Meeting	7.30pm
19	Christ community Prayer Group	9am
19	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
19	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
23-27	Fr. Henry on Retreat	

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



14 / 15 November 2020	
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am: Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil: SUB REQ Louise La Guidara 8am: SUB REQ 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

21 / 22 November 2020	
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Benno Motha 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Nancy Sharmi, VOLUNTEER
Readers	Vigil: Laura Bellissimo, Marinela Simic 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Rob Simpson, Adrian Walker
Altar Servers	Vigil: Yxaak Dino, Cassandra Laus, Lucas Laus 8am: Thomas Osbourne, Zachary Osbourne 9.30am: Connor Ballment, Ethan Ballment, Riley Ballment, Matthew Shawcross, Alexandra Simpson
Flowers	Priya, Mary B & Annette
Church cleaning	25 November Sue Abela, Jacinta Warner
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre, Judith Deloso 8am: Erika Hien, Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Ernie Gartner, VOLUNTEER