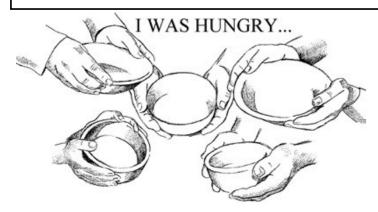
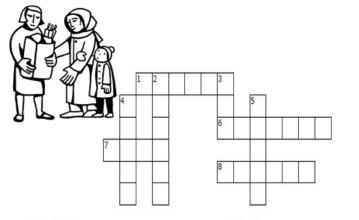
Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



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- 7. A man who rules a country
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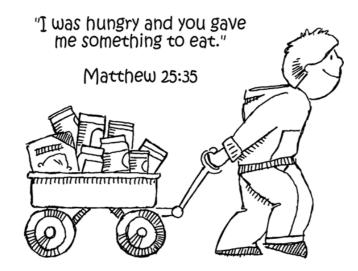
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- 2. To feel a desire or need for food
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- 4. To take in and swallow liquid through the mouth
- 5. To go to spend time with someone

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Unto the least of these Matthew 25:31-46

- 1. A special chair used by a king or queen A. throne B. stool C. recliner D. high chair
- 2. To feel a desire or need for food A. thirsty B. tired C. full D. hungry
- To go to spend time with someone A. vacation B. visit C. journey D. throne
- ___4. A place where people are kept as a punishment A. school B. church C. prison D. home
- The need or desire to drink something, especially water A. hungry B. thirsty C. sleepy D. tired
- To put food into the mouth, chew it, and swallow it A. eat B. drink C. hungry D. sleep
- 7. To take in and swallow liquid through the mouth A. chew B. drink C. eat D. thirsty
- 8. A man who rules a country A. queen B. prince C. king D. princess



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OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay".

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Sunday 8am & 9.30am

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RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30-5.30pm

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 20th January 2021 7.30pm

Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year A - 22 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/OLOL7Hills/





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MASKS

We must continue to:



Please wear your mask to, during & after Mass.



Use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.



social distancing at all times. Including when lining up for Holy Communion.

By Law, EVERYONE must

Please maintain



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 Tipaldo, Natalie Wood-

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: Lee Francis Pisch, Glaadys Pitel, Leticia Benedicto, Fr Manuel Gatt, Mary Grech, Violeta Ocampo Nuque, Thecla Peroumal, Stephen Pisch, Bungon Sangchalouy, Carmen Valena,

Anniversaries: Michelle Azzopardi, Carolina Borg, Lionel Bosen, Mary Camenzuli, 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 Welanggoda.



BOOK OF ETERNAL LIFE IN THE MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

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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Seven Hills Catholic Church

BSB: 062 315

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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

SOLUTION:

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Ezwkiel 34:11-12. 5-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. (R.)

Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. (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.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:20-26. 28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdomof our father David! Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



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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End: Success versus love

Pope Francis then reflected on what Jesus' parable tells us about the end of our own lives.

When our lives are over and the truth is revealed, he said, "the pretense of this world will fade, with its notion that success, power and money give life meaning, whereas love – the love we have given – will be revealed as true riches."

"If we do not want to live life poorly," he said, "let us ask for the grace to see Jesus in the poor, to serve Jesus in the poor."

A recent example of selfless service

Finally, Pope Francis recalled an Italian priest who was killed two months ago while serving the poor.

Fr. Roberto Malgesini was murdered at his parish of Saint Roch (Rocco) in the Italian city of Como. The man who killed him was allegedly a Tunisian migrant with mental problems, whom Fr. Roberto had been assisting.

"This priest was not interested in theories," said Pope Francis. "He simply saw Jesus in the poor and found meaning in life in serving them. He dried their tears with his gentleness, in the name of God who consoles."

The Pope concluded his homily holding up Fr. Roberto as an example of a faithful servant whose life was centered on the poor.

"The *beginning* of his day was prayer, to receive God's gifts. The *centre* of his day was charity, to make the love he had received bear fruit. The *end* was his clear witness to the Gospel."

POPE FRANCIS AT AUDIENCE: MARY A WOMAN OF PRAYER AND MODEL FOR OUR PRAYER

By Vatican News staff writer

Pope Francis greeted the faithful on Wednesday morning, saying: "Today we meet the Virgin Mary as the prayerful woman." Continuing his catechesis on prayer during the weekly General Audience, which is currently streamed live from the Apostolic Library, the Pope upheld Mary as a model for our own life and prayer.

Humble of heart

He recalled her in her youth, "the young girl of Nazareth wrapped in silence, in dialogue with God, who would soon entrust her with a mission."

Although she was already full of grace and immaculate from the moment she was conceived, the Pope said, she knew nothing "of her surprising and extraordinary vocation and the stormy sea she will have to cross."

"One thing is certain," he said. "Mary belongs to a great host of the humble of heart whom the official historians never include in their books, but whom God used to prepare for the coming of His Son."

Waiting for God's will

Pope Francis went on to describe how Mary waited for God to take the reins of her path and guide her, and how she prepared, with great docility, "the grand events in which God takes part in the world."

The Catechism, he said, recalls her constant and caring presence in the benevolent design of the Father throughout the course of Jesus's life.

Mary was praying, Pope Francis recalled, when the Archangel Gabriel brought his message to her in Nazareth: "Her small yet immense 'Here I am,' made all of creation jump for joy at that moment". He said that trusting obedience was preceded throughout salvation history by many other trusting obediences, by so many people who were open to God's will.

An attitude of openness

Pope Francis said there is no better way to pray than to place oneself in an attitude of openness: "Lord, what You want, when You want, and how You want".

He said that this attitude allows many believers to face reality without getting upset when their days are filled with problems, "knowing that in humble love offered in each situation, we become instruments of God's grace."

Prayer, the Pope said, "knows how to calm restlessness, knows how to transform it into availability."

Prayerful acceptance

He recalled the many moments of tremendous trial endured by the Virgin Mary and of how she was accompanied by prayer in every moment of her life, and in every moment of Jesus' life, right up to His death and resurrection.

"If in prayer we understand that each day given by God is a call, our hearts will then widen and we will accept everything. We will learn how to say: 'What You want, Lord. Promise me only that You will be present every step of my way," he said.

Mother of God and Mother of the Church

Mary, the Pope said, prayerfully accompanied the newborn Church and through her openness to the power of the Holy Spirit, the Mother of God thus became the Mother of the Church.

"In the Virgin Mary, natural feminine intuition is exalted by her most singular union with God in prayer. This is why, reading the Gospel, we note that she seems to disappear at times, only to reappear for crucial moments: it was God's voice that guided her heart and her steps where her presence was needed." he said.

A splendid pearl

Saint Luke tells us that Mary "treasured all these things and pondered them in her heart," he continued, explaining, "Everything ends up in her heart so that it might pass through the sieve of prayer and be transfigured by it."

The Mother keeps everything and brings it to her dialogue with God, Pope Francis concluded: "Someone has compared Mary's heart to a pearl of incomparable splendour, formed and smoothed by patient acceptance of God's will through the mysteries of Jesus meditated on in prayer. How beautiful it would be if we too could be a bit like our Mother!"

POPE AT ANGELUS: WE MUST SEE OUR GIFTS FOR GOOD

By Christopher Wells

On the penultimate Sunday of the liturgical year, Pope Francis reflected on the Parable of the Talents in St Matthew's Gospel. Jesus shares this parable in His discourse on the end times, immediately before His Passion, death, and resurrection.

To each according to their ability

The parable describes three servants entrusted with large sums of money by their master, who goes away on a journey. In the parable, Pope Francis noted, the master gives to each of the servants "according to their ability."

"The Lord does so with all of us," the Pope explained. God "knows us well. He knows we are not all equal and does not wish to favour any one to the detriment of others, but He entrusts capital to each one according to his or her abilities."

When the master returns and the servants are called to give an account of the money entrusted to them, two present "the good fruits of their efforts," and are praised by the master. The third, however, who had hidden his talent, is condemned by the master and cast out of his household.

Using our gifts for good

"This parable," the Pope said, "applies to everyone but, as always, to Christians in particular."

He added that it is particularly relevant today, on the World Day of the Poor, when the Church urges everyone to stretch forth our hands to the poor.

We are all given different abilities – and "these gifts need to be used to do good in this life, as a service to God and to our brothers and sisters."

Pay attention to the poor

Speaking off-the-cuff, Pope Francis urged everyone to look at the poor, of which there are many.

"There is so much hunger, even in the heart of our cities," he said. "Often we enter into a mindset of indifference: the poor person is there but we look the other way." Instead, he said, "stretch forth your hand to the poor: He is Christ."

Jesus, added the Pope, taught us to speak to the poor. He came for the poor."

Learning considerate love

Once again, Pope Francis pointed to the Blessed Virgin Mary as an example for all of us. She "received a great gift, Jesus Himself, but she did not keep Him to herself. She gave Him to the world," he said.

"May we learn from her to stretch forth our hands to the poor," he concluded.

POPE AT MASS ON WORLD DAY OF POOR: 'THE POOR GUARANTEE US ETERNAL INCOME' By Devin Watkins

The World Day of the Poor was instituted in 2016 by Pope Francis, and is celebrated annually on the 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

This year's occurrence marks its 4th iteration, and is being observed under the theme: "Stretch forth your hand to the poor." Celebrating Mass in St. Peter's Basilica on Sunday to mark the occasion, Pope Francis reflected on the day's Gospel (Mt 25:14-30), in which Jesus recounts a parable about a master who entrusts his servants with talents distributed according to their ability.

The Pope said the parable sheds light on the beginning, center, and end of our own lives.

Beginning: Entrusted with talents

"Everything begins with a great good."

Our lives, said the Pope, began with the grace of God, at which moment we were each entrusted with different talents. "We possess a great wealth that depends not on what we possess but on what we are: the life we have received, the good within us, the indelible beauty God has given us by making us in His image."

'If only...'

Pope Francis also warned against the temptation of only seeing what we lack in life, like a better job or more money. "If only" are illusory words, he said, which keep us from appreciating our talents and putting them to good use.

"The Lord," he said, "asks us to make the most of the present moment, not yearning for the past, but waiting industriously for His return."

Center: Lives of service

Pope Francis went on to reflect on the center of the parable, and our lives: "The work of servants, which is *service*." He said service is what makes our talents bear fruit and gives meaning to our lives. "Those who do not live to serve, serve for little in this life."

The Pope said the Gospel makes clear that faithful servants should take risks.

By not clinging to what they possess, good servants put their talents to good use and are not fearful or overcautious. "For if goodness is not invested, it is lost, and the grandeur of our lives is not measured by how much we save but by the fruit we bear."

He said a life centered on accumulating possessions rather than doing good is empty. "The reason we *have* gifts is so that we can *be* gifts."

Poor bankers

"How then do we serve, as God would have us serve?" asked Pope Francis.

According to Jesus' parable, the master tells the faithless servant who buried his talent that he should have invested his money with the "bankers" in order to earn interest.

Those bankers, said the Pope, are the poor.

"The poor guarantee us an eternal income," he said. "Even now they help us become rich in love. For the worst kind of poverty needing to be combatted is our poverty of love."

The Holy Father added that Christians can multiply our talents by simply holding out our hand to the poor, rather than demanding what we lack.

FROM FR. HENRY DUC



Not long after the First World War, Europe suddenly saw the rise of nationalism and Fascism posing multiple threats to a lot of people and countries, perhaps just as we witness the rise of neo-nationalism and neo-fascism around the world today. It, however, took Pope Pius XI no time to realize the destructive nature of those movements, and countered it with the introduction and promulgation of the feast of Christ the King in 1925, whose purpose was to bring about 'the signal benefits of true liberty, of calm order, of harmony, and of peace' (cf. the Liturgical Year, 177) by reasserting Christ's sovereignty over the entire world including all forms of political governance, as well as all civil organizations.

Initially the feast was celebrated in October, and then moved to in the current position, meaning the end of the liturgical year as we know now, following the liturgical reform brought forth by the Vatican II Council.

Once again this liturgical year is coming to its end this Sunday, and this gives us the opportunity to recall and celebrate the leadership of Jesus based on charity and service, not on power and authority like other forms of worldly leadership.

In the Gospel marking the very last Sunday of the liturgical year, the evangelist presents before our eyes the scene of the Last Judgement, in which, Jesus, the Son of Man as he often referred to himself throughout his saving ministry, will re-appear in his divine glory and sit on the throne in the company of the angels as the ultimate Judge of all peoples.

The Judge Lord is going to settle the account for everyone on earth just as the master did with his servants in the Gospel story last Sunday, and shall give every individual a verdict either an eternal reward or a never ending damnation depending to what people had carried out or failed to do in their lives.

Fortunately Jesus has no intention to withhold any secret regarding to the Last Judgement, and he is so kind to share with us what we need to know about it. Thanks to his revelation we know that his judgement is going to base on the commandment of love, the summit of Jesus' teachings, urging people to lovingly take care of each other, especially the less fortunate, such as the hungry and the thirsty, the stranger and the have-not, the sick and the imprisoned. So, it's entirely up to each of us to decide where we are going to stand on the Judgement Day either on the side of the virtuous or on the side of the unfortunate. Let us ask the Lord to renew and transform our hearts, so that we may become less self-centric, and more generous to the needy around us, those whom He has entrusted to our care. Pray that we shall make Him proud on the Last Day for what we share with Jesus' brothers and sisters today.

Have a charity-filled 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

Artellel@olol7hills.com.au

MINISTERS - NEW ROSTER- Due Next Week

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.

FR HENRY'S ANNUAL RETREAT

As required I will be away from Monday 23 to Friday 27 for my annual retreat, consequently our parish is going to have weekday Communion Services, and please ring our neighboring parishes or contact our Parish office in case of emergency.

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.

PIETY SHOP

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Getting ready for Advent, Christmas and the coming new year 2021 available to purchase from the Piety Shop.

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.

Christmas cards and the 2021 Columban Art Calendar (\$12.00)

FROM POPE FRANCIS

CHAPTER THREE—<u>Ecological education and habits</u>



58. In this regard, we can take one step further and note that an integral ecology cannot be content simply with fine-tuning technical questions or political, juridical and social decisions. The best ecology always has an educational dimension that can encourage the development of new habits in individuals and groups. Sadly, many of those living in the Amazon region have acquired habits typical of the larger cities, where consumerism and the culture of waste are already deeply rooted. A sound and sustainable ecology, one capable of bringing about change, will not develop unless people are changed, unless they are encouraged to opt for another style of life, one less greedy and more serene, more respectful and less anxious, more fraternal.

- <u>59</u>. Indeed, "the emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs things to buy, own and consume. It becomes almost impossible to accept the limits imposed by reality... Our concern cannot be limited merely to the threat of extreme weather events, but must also extend to the catastrophic consequences of social unrest. Obsession with a consumerist lifestyle, above all when few people are capable of maintaining it, can only lead to violence and mutual destruction".
- <u>60</u>. The Church, with her broad spiritual experience, her renewed appreciation of the value of creation, her concern for justice, her option for the poor, her educational tradition and her history of becoming incarnate in so many different cultures throughout the world, also desires to contribute to the protection and growth of the Amazon region.

This leads to the next dream, which I would like to share more directly with the Catholic pastors and faithful. [Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhoration QUERIDA AMAZONIA—to the people of God and to all persons of good will.]

Pope Francis' Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of all People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. *Amen*.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.

Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger,

O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my needs, my troubles, my sufferings; cast on me a look of pity. By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical.

I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession.

Obtain most loving mother, my requests, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

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| 26 | Christ community Prayer Group | 9am |
| 26 | Legion of Mary | 1.30pm |
| 23-27 | Fr. Henry on Retreat | |
| 29 | First Sunday of Advent | |

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.olo17hills.org.au

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPERS Tags for Christmas hampers will be available from next Sunday.

DIOCESAN NEWS

Central Deanery Youth Mass and Celebration - Sunday 29 Nov 5:30-8:30pm

The 12 parishes of the Central Deanery invite all especially the youth to join in celebrating this annual Mass at St Patrick's Church, Mary, Queen of the Family Parish, 51-59 Allawah Street, Blacktown celebrated by the Dean, Fr Paul Marshall and con-celebrants, followed by food and fellowship in the school grounds. More info at: https://

www.facebook.com/events/409833630194606 or contact lan Epondulan: 0401161264

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

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Join me and people all around the world and Expect the Unexpected!

Sign up for a free daily email devotional that will guide you on a life-changing journey through Advent.

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

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

Donate to Caritas' Asia Emergency Appeal

Caritas Australia's thoughts and prayers are with the people of the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia, who have been devastated by unprecedented flooding. Homes have been destroyed and hundreds of thousands of people are fleeing to evacuation centres, where the risks of spreading COVID-19 are high. With your help, Caritas can provide vital support to those affected by this and other disasters. Donate today at www.caritas.org.au or by calling 1800 024 413

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.

Social Justice Group: Next meeting on Zoom 8th December 12:30 - 2pm.

Saturday Sessions: 11am-12:15pm via Zoom. Sharing faith with a community online. Enjoy a video or reading preparation before the session and then join in discussion online. Contact Lisa Bright Lisa.Bright@parracatholic.org to register.

Upcoming Sessions:

on Climate Change

28th November: LIVE event with Fr Tom Ryan – The Sanctuary of Conscience – Fr Tom will be available to answer questions on the place of conscience in our life and faith.

5th December: Pope Francis – Our Moral Imperative to Act

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| Acolytes | Vigil: Derek Soares 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Kilifi Huihui | |
| Ministers | Vigil: Louise La Guidara, Rosey Soares 8am: Anne McNally, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Paul Gow, VOLUNTEER | |
| Readers | Vigil: Catherine Rodgrigues, Alison Punch 8am: Maricel Santos, Bob McNally 9.30am: Mercy Aqino, Kamela Huihui | |
| Altar Servers | Vigil: Alex La Guidara, VOLUNTEERS 8am: Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg, VOL- UNTEER 9.30am Chrisha Gonzales, Karuniya Marutha- nayagam, Ethan Neish, Jayda-Leigh Neish, Daniel Tenn | |
| Flowers | Angela & Claudette | |
| Church cleaning | 2 December Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spiteri, Anna Bellissiomo, Suzy Nemorin | |
| Welcomers | Vigil: Annette Peatmen, Mary Bonnici 8am: Rita Paolini, Suzy Nemorin 9.30am: Maria Michael, Helen Gonzales | |

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