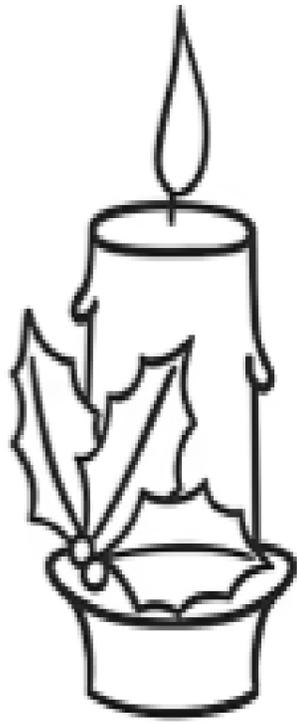


Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner
 The Second Sunday of Advent - Preparing the Way—Mark 1:1-8

*I am the voice of
 one crying out in
 the desert,
 "Prepare the
 way of the Lord,
 make straight
 his paths!"*



Peace



J Z P T V R I V E R T U W T P
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PATHS	RIVER	VOICE	WORTHY	CONFESS
STRAIGHT	WILD	DESERT	PREPARE	SANDALS

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WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday-Friday 8.00am
WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm

RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30-5.30pm
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 20th January 2021 7.30pm



2nd Sunday of Advent
Year B - 6 December 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



Let us Pray for the Sick

Angelina Lee, Chula Abey, Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, David Benjamin, John Bourke, Lina Cabaero, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Therese Do, Ronald Gomez, Milroy Gunewardene, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Lawrence Family, Carmenu M, 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, Lourdes Tibig, Sue Tiplado, Natalia Woodward.

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: Philomena Corera, Mary Grech, Garetan Motha, Lee Francis Pisch, Stephen Pisch, Gladys Pitel, Bungon Sangchalouy, Verna Soris.

Anniversaries: Ivan Elisher, France Angseesing, Carolina Borg, Lionel Bosen, Mary Camenzuli, Cecelia Dagvit, John Falzon, Teodoro Garcia, Martha Joseph, Barbara Loria, Felicidad, Felina & Apolinario Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Patrick Molloy, Paula Mula, Aurora Nonato, Lakshman Perera, Rohan Senanayake, Gabriel Singh, Jim & Alison Vella.

Remembrance: Maria Fusco, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Mary and Muscat family, Gladys Pitel, Roseline Ratnam.

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.

Planned Giving Program
 On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. Current projects being including the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS
BSB: 067 950;
Account Number 000552;
Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.
 (please include your NAME and ENVELOPE NUMBER in the reference description, or write DONATION if you haven't joined the Planned Giving Prog.)

IN-PERSON BANK DEPOSIT (at a Bank Institute/Branch)
Seven Hills Catholic Church
BSB: 062 315
Acc Id # - 00901486
AGENT # - 660
Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah 40:1-5; 9-11

Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Peter 2 3:8-14

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:1-8

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'



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 Francis' December prayer intention: For a life of prayer

In a video message for his December prayer intention, Pope Francis speaks about the power of prayer to change reality and our hearts, and prays that, through a life of prayer, we may nourish our relationship with Jesus Christ.
By Vatican News staff writer

The Pope Video for December, the last one in 2020, has just been released with the prayer intention that Pope Francis is entrusting to all the Catholic Church through the **Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network** (which includes the Eucharistic Youth Movement – EYM).

In a year marked by the global Covid-19 pandemic, the Holy Father shares with us the secret of Jesus' life, "the key for us to be able to enter into dialogue with the Father": prayer.

Through a life of prayer, it is possible to have a personal and profound relationship with Jesus Christ and to change our hearts. Prayer—listening to Jesus, contemplating Jesus, speaking with Him as with a friend—transforms our lives. It is the path to drawing closer to the Father.

The Pope's prayer during the pandemic

The Pope himself is a man of prayer, and The Pope Video bears witness to this with images taken from the most emotive moments of 2020: the prayer service for the pandemic in an empty St. Peter's Square; a pilgrimage of the crucifix of San Marcello in Via del Corso, in the middle of Rome; and moments of recollection before the Byzantine icon of *Salus Populi Romani* at the Roman Basilica of St. Mary Major.

Jesus Christ: a life marked by prayer

For Pope Francis, prayer cannot be reduced to just a space or moment of interior contemplation. "By praying, we change reality. And we change our hearts," he says in The Pope Video.

Prayer always produces a change. "We can do many things, but without prayer, it does not work," he says. In the General Audience on 4 November, he also took advantage of the opportunity to explain Jesus' life of prayer. "During his public life, Jesus constantly availed himself of the power of prayer. The Gospels show this to us when he retired to secluded places to pray. These are sober and discreet observations that allow us only to imagine those prayerful dialogues. They clearly demonstrate, however, that even at times of greater dedication to the poor and the sick, Jesus never neglected his intimate dialogue with the Father."

Prayer as the heart of the Church's mission

Today, the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network connects millions of Catholics around the world from diverse countries, cultures, and social and ecclesial contexts, through prayer: not just through The Pope Video, but also through the prayer platform Click to Pray and the Camino del Corazón, a path of prayer for the mission.

The Pope Video this month concludes with Pope Francis' invitation to prayer, observing a few moments of silence, during the Audience with the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network on its 175th anniversary.

Fr. Frédéric Fornos, S.J., International Director of the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, remembered the occasion: "It was one of the most intense moments of the celebration. The Holy Father presided a long period of prayer, in Paul VI Hall, in an imposing climate of silence and recollection with more than 5,000 people. And there, he left it very clear that prayer and the mission of the Church are indissolubly united. The mission of the Church is at the service of the challenges of the world, and this is not possible without prayer. Francis summarized it quite simply: 'The heart of the mission of the Church is prayer.' For many, prayer is reduced to a peaceful time or one of reflection, but for those who discover its depth, it's the heart's respiration. Prayer opens us to Love, which has a face: Jesus Christ, who leads us to the Father. Often, its fruits and its fecundity aren't immediately visible. Like the seed in the dirt, it takes time... but its fecundity is immense, as the Gospel says: it produces thirty-, sixty-, and even a hundred-fold (Mk 4:20). Prayer is essential for the mission of the Church. Let us pray that our personal relationship with Jesus may always be nourished by the Word of God and by a life of prayer."

DECEMBER: FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER

The heart of the Church's mission is prayer.

Prayer is the key for us to be able to enter into dialogue with the Father.

Every time we read a short passage from the Gospel we hear Jesus speaking to us.

We have a conversation with Jesus.

We listen to Jesus and we reply.

And this is prayer.

By praying, we change reality.

And we change our hearts.

Our heart changes when we pray.

We can do many things, but without prayer, it does not work.

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

In silence, everyone, each one in heartfelt prayer.

Pope Francis: The Zairean Rite is a 'promising model' for the Amazon

Pope Francis praises the Zairean Rite in a preface he wrote for a new book published by the Vatican Publishing House.
By Paul Samasumo - Vatican City

The liturgy must touch the hearts of local Church members says Pope Francis in a preface he penned for a book that was launched on Tuesday afternoon and published with the title, in Italian, **Pope Francis and the Roman Missal of the Dioceses of Zaire**. The book is edited by Sr. Rita Mboshu Kongo, a Congolese religious sister based in Rome.

Pope Francis' celebration of Mass according to the Zairean Rite

The launch of the book comes exactly one year after Pope Francis celebrated a special Mass for the Congolese community based in Rome, Italy. The Mass was celebrated according to the Zairean Rite used by Dioceses in the Democratic Republic of Congo, on 1 December 2019, in the Basilica of St Peter. The Mass commemorated the 25th anniversary of the Congolese Catholic Chaplaincy in Rome.

Only Inculturated Rite of the Latin Church

The Zairean Rite is "until now the only inculturated rite of the Latin Church approved after the Second Vatican Council" and "this process of liturgical inculturation in Congo is an invitation to enhance the different gifts of the Holy Spirit, which are a richness for all humanity," writes Pope Francis in the preface to the new book.

The Zairean Rite

The Zairean Mass (Rite zaïrois in French) or the *Roman Missal for the Dioceses of Zaire* is a variation of the Mass of the Roman Catholic Church as we know it. In everyday speak, the Mass is sometimes referred to as "Congolese Mass."

This liturgical rite fits into Congolese culture and takes into consideration the African way of life and of celebrating solemn occasions.

The Rite encourages participation and engagement of the congregation. There is constant back and forth between the assembly and the principal celebrant. Among other liturgical rituals and gestures, engagement of the faithful, gathered in Church, takes the form of liturgical dance. Congregants move gracefully in Church as an expression both of their faith and joy.

Cultural vibrancy and spirituality

Pope Francis notes that the Zairean Rite is particularly unique for its cultural vibrancy and spirituality. He says liturgical inculturation in the DRC is an invitation for all to enhance the different gifts of the Holy Spirit, which constitute a richness for humankind.

"Animated by religious songs with an African rhythm, the sound of drums and other musical instruments constitute real progress in the rooting of the Christian message in the Congolese soul. It is a joyful celebration. It is a true place of encounter with Jesus. They live what we have written: 'The joy of the Gospel fills our hearts and our hearts,'" Pope Francis observes as he makes a passing reference to his document, "Evangelii gaudium."

A model for an Amazonian Rite

The book, "*Pope Francis and the 'Roman Missal for the Dioceses of Zaire*," has as its subtitle, "*-a promising rite for other cultures*." The Holy Father suggests that the Zairean Rite could be a model for an Amazonian rite.

"The Zairean Rite suggests a promising way also for the possible elaboration of an Amazonian Rite," said Pope Francis. He was optimistic that this could be done "without upsetting the nature of the Roman Missal, to guarantee continuity with the ancient and universal tradition of the Church."

An invitation for Inculturated Liturgies

The Pope quotes from his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation, *Querida Amazonia*, released on 2 February 2020.

"Let's remember what we explicitly said in the (document) *Querida Amazonia*. 'It means that we can take up into the liturgy many elements proper to the experience of indigenous peoples in their contact with nature, and respect native forms of expression in song, dance, rituals, gestures and symbols. The Second Vatican Council called for this effort to inculturate the liturgy among indigenous peoples; over fifty years have passed, and we still have far to go along these lines,'" Pope Francis added. The editor of the new book, Sr. Kongo, is a Religious of the Daughters of Mary, the Most Holy, Co-Redemptrix. She is a Professor of Spiritual Theology at the Pontificia Università Urbaniana in Rome. The book consists of contributions from Maurizio Gronchi, Jean-Pierre Sieme Lasoul, Oliver Ndondo and Silvina Perez.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Recently someone in the parish just reminisced with me about how fast this year seems to be, and how innocent and unprepared we were in the beginning of the year for the deadly assault of Coronavirus. The person literally confessed that 'my friends and I had casually joked about the virus when we shared a few bottles of Corona beer,' and my confession, in return, was the admission that 'I did organize a Lunar New Year celebration for a large group of people, and we were still eating and drinking just like normal.' All in all, we were quite unaware of the looming danger of Covid-19 and like the rest of the world perhaps, we were caught totally unprepared for such a tsunami of pandemic.

Due to our unpreparedness for Covid-19, we have been warned that it might take our country a long time to recover and it could be much worse to the under-developed world.

This new experience would be spiritually productive, when translated to a religious dimension. Imagine what would happen to one's spiritual life, if the person keeps taking no care of it, neglecting it and having no plan or preparation for it, what would the person turn to be and where to end up? Spiritually speaking, this could be much scarier and more devastating than any virus, since this is dealing with the issue of his/her eternity.

During this Church time of the year so called Advent, the word, which has kept the central stage in our Church life and activities, would be 'preparation', because the aim of Advent is exhorting us to prepare ourselves for the threefold coming of the Lord through Christmas, death and the Parousia.

Last week, we were asked to stay ever prepared like servants waiting for the unexpected return of their master from an away trip, and this week we are invited to listen and respond to John the Baptist's call of old asking or even challenging people in his time to 'prepare a way for the Lord' by making 'his paths straight,' obviously meaning to changing their wicked and sinful way of life into something good and new, ready for a worthy reception of the coming of the Son of God., whether which is the commemoration of Christmas, or the departure from this world, or the Parousia.

Let us be more mindful of the word 'preparation' today and on the coming days as we approaching closer and closer to Christmas, and pray for the wisdom to know exactly what changes we need to bring to our lives, so that we can get ourselves ready for the Day of the Lord.

Have a wisdom-filled week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

ADVENT THANK YOU

Just a big word of thank you to all our volunteers who helped to set up the crib, the Christmas Trees, the Advent Wreath, and the banners last week.

CHURCH CLEANING: extra help is urgently needed to help with the church vacuuming for 2021 for about one hour from 8.45 am for the 2nd Thursday in the month and especially the 4th Wednesday in the month where it is now down to one person doing it. Please contact Mary Jordan if you can help on 0447 676 371.



PIETY SHOP

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 \$7.00 and the 2021 Columban Art Calendar (\$10.00)



CHRISTMAS MASSES - Can you help?

There is a sign up sheet at the back of the church from this weekend for anyone who would like to serve at one of our Christmas Masses. Please add your name to the sheet if you would like to be involved.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES & BOOKINGS

24th Dec 6.00pm Family / Children's Mass
24th Dec 9.00pm Christmas Mass
24th Dec Midnight Mass
25th Dec 8.00am Mass
25th Dec 9.30am Mass



Christmas Masses will be celebrated in the Church and live streamed. to your home. To reserve a seat please contact the Parish Office, by phone only 9622 2920

The first 100 reservations for each Mass will be allocated to the Church then to the Parish hall where Mass will also be live streamed.

PRAYER TO JESUS, TRUE GOD

O Jesus, you are the Son of God. Hence, not only do you resolve our problems and respond to our aspirations. You also do so with unexpected fullness. As the Son sent to us by the Father, you are the God who comes to meet us and manifests for us the God whom we seek in groping fashion. You are the revelation of God for us, the full, perfect, and definitive revelation, God in person. In you the God who is far off becomes the God who is near, the God-with-us, our companion on life's journey. You alone, O Lord, are the way, the truth, and the life, the Messiah, and the Son of the Living God. Amen. Lord of hopefulness, hear our prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



FROM POPE FRANCIS

CHAPTER FOUR— *An Ecclesial Dream –continued*



65. Any project for growth in the Christian life needs to be centred continually on this message, for “all Christian formation consists of entering more deeply into the kerygma”. The fundamental response to this message, when it leads to a personal encounter with the Lord, is fraternal charity, “the new commandment, the first and the greatest of the commandments, and the one that best identifies us as Christ’s disciples”. Indeed, the kerygma and fraternal charity constitute the great synthesis of the whole content of the Gospel, to be proclaimed unceasingly in the Amazon region. That is what shaped the lives of the great evangelizers of Latin America, like Saint Turibius of Mogrovejo or Saint Joseph of Anchieta.

Inculturation

66. As she perseveres in the preaching of the kerygma, the Church also needs to grow in the Amazon region. In doing so, she constantly reshapes her identity through listening and dialogue with the people, the realities and the history of the lands in which she finds herself. In this way, she is able to engage increasingly in a necessary process of inculturation that rejects nothing of the goodness that already exists in Amazonian cultures, but brings it to fulfilment in the light of the Gospel. Nor does she scorn the richness of Christian wisdom handed down through the centuries, presuming to ignore the history in which God has worked in many ways. For the Church has a varied face, “not only in terms of space... but also of time”. Here we see the authentic Tradition of the Church, which is not a static deposit or a museum piece, but the root of a constantly growing tree. This millennial Tradition bears witness to God’s work in the midst of his people and “is called to keep the flame alive rather than to guard its ashes”.

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



Pope Francis’ Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

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

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

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

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

Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

5 / 6 December 2020	
Acolytes	Vigil: Ernie Gartner 8am: James Dinning 9.30am Ian Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil: Benno Motha, VOLUNTEER 8am: Eugene Miu, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Noel Emmanuel, Ramzee Michael
Readers	Vigil: Stefanie Menezes, Jemma Sarmiento 8am: Priya Joachim, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Ryan Epondulan, Megan Michael
Altar Servers	Vigil: Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil, Majerin Pieris 8am: Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello 9.30am Chloe Attard, Eric Da, Victor Da, Rachel Lobo, Rynan Michael
Flowers	Fenty & Gaby
Church cleaning	10 December Tongan Choir
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre, Jusith Deloso 8am: Rita Paolini, Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Maria Michael, Helen Gonzales

12 / 13 December 2020	
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil: Charmain Jansz, Rosey Soares 8am: Erika Hien, Anne McNally, 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, VOLUNTEER
Readers	Vigil: Marinela Simic, Noreen Rosario 8am: Andrew Millar, Pepito Ferriols 9.30am: Crystal Menezes, VOLUNTEER
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, VOLUNTEER, Jajden Ramukwella 8am: Thomas Osbourne, Zachary Osbourne 9.30am Sofia Culili, Diya D’Souza, Jerard Sarmiento, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy
Flowers	Rosemary
Church cleaning	19 December Helen Gonzales, John Mitchell, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, John-son Rozario, Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: Annette Peatmen, VOLUNTEER 8am: VOLUNTEER, Suzy Nemorin 9.30am: Edith Gartner, VOLUNTEER

VINNIE’S GIFT TAG CHRISTMAS HAMPERS: Parishioners are invited to take a gift tag from the Christmas trees weekend and purchase items for the Christmas Hampers. Please return hampers by Sun 13 Dec to enable members of St Vincent de Paul to deliver hampers before Christmas. If you are unable to make a hamper individual items may be left in the Parish Office or the Vinnie’s Box at the rear of the Church. **(please check the Use by Date)**. No fresh or frozen items are to be included. Thank you.



Rouse Hill Parish Christmas Novena Dawn Masses: From 16 December

This Christmas, Our Lady of the Angels Parish, Rouse Hill will be celebrating a Novena of Dawn Masses (also known as Simbang Gabi) leading up to Christmas. Commencing on 16 December, they will be celebrated at 5.00am. Bookings are required via <https://www.trybooking.com/BMWOD>. For details, please contact the parish on rouse-hill@parracatholic.org or (02) 8883 4063.

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 like Sharen, Dale and baby Jackson 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

Catholic Outlook Magazine Summer 2020/21 Edition
Catholic Outlook Summer edition is out now and free to all parishioners. Read about our amazing HSC students, the new bells of St Patrick’s Cathedral and how the new Vatican Ambassador who originates from Castle Hill is settling in. Plus what the symbols of Advent really mean. Pick up your free copy from your local Catholic Church, Catholic School or Catholic office today.

CHRIST COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP

The last meeting for 2020 will be held Thursday 17th December at 9am in the parish meeting room. The prayer group will resume on Thursday 21st of January at the same time . 9.00am. All welcome.

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

Is God Calling You?

Is God calling you to share your faith with children in our local public schools

An opportunity to do this is available on the following days during school terms.

Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School	Seven Hills North	Seven Hills	Vardys Road	Hills Sports High
Time	10.30-11.30am	11.20am-12.00pm	9.15-9.45am	9.30-10.20am Wk 1
Classes	Primary	Kindergarten - Yr6	Primary	
Time	2.25- 2.55pm (Infants)		10-10.30am (Infants)	10.40-11.30am Wk 2
School	Bert Oldfield Public School	William Rose Special School		
Time	1.55-2.25pm	1.45-2.15pm		
Classes	Primary			
Time	2.25-2.55pm (Infants)			

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