

Our Lady of Lourdes
Children's Corner
The Epiphany of the Lord
Matthew 2:1-12

The puzzle is based on Matthew 2:1-12 (NIV).

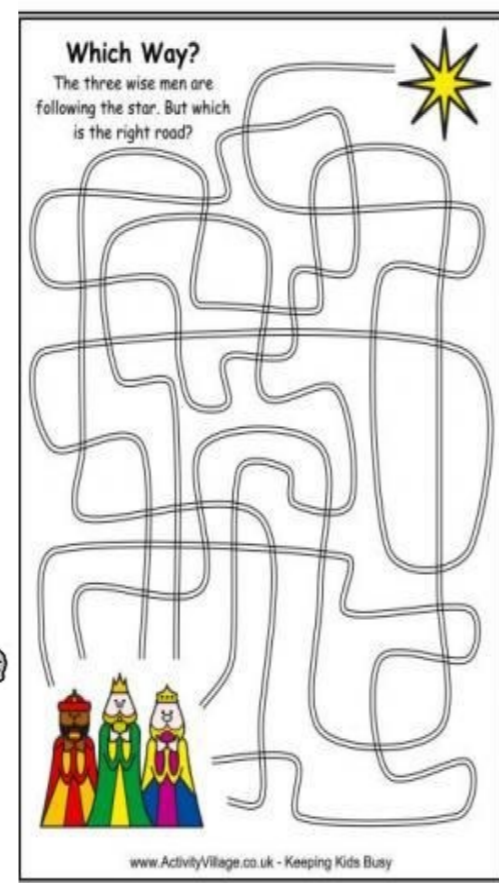
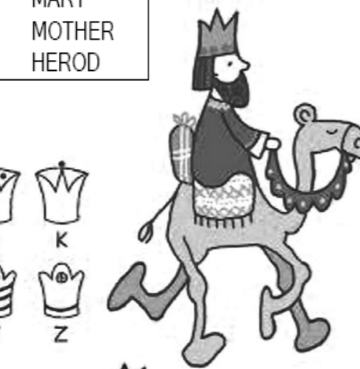
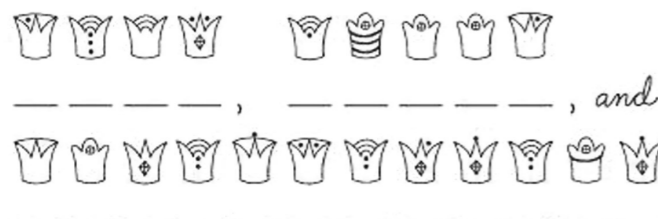
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BONUS: Use the same decoder to figure out what gifts the kings brought.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS
"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

Parish Priest: Fr Henry Huu Duc Tran
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WEEKDAY MASS Tuesday-Friday 8.00am
WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

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Parish Website: www.olol7hills.com.au
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Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes
Parish Church: 7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147
RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30-5.30pm
BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 20th January 2021 7.30pm
Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

The Epiphany of the Lord Year B - 3 January 2021

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/>

REMINDER

KEEP COVID SAFE

We must continue to:



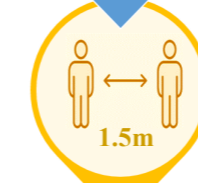
MASKS

Wearing of Masks is strongly advised.



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, Lola Doyle, Ronald Gomez, Milroy Gunewardena, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Anslan Lawrence, Angelina Lee, Spencer Leon, 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 Tipaldo, Natalie 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: Ralph Bradford, Bonosa Enfesto, Marissa Gantuango, Garetan Motha, Rev. Fr. Edgar Palmos, Verna Soris.

Anniversaries: Fredy Alphonse, Lionel Bosen, Cini Family, Leon & Mireille D'mmerez, Ivan Elisher, John Falzon, MA Fernando, Barbara Loria, Mangion family, Pauline Meilak, Thelma Morrissey, Anton Motha, Paula Mula, Stephen & Louis Mula, Aurora Nonato, Fr Bill O'Connor, Jesus Opulencia, Jose Reyes, Laureano Reyes, Tony Vassallo, Jim & Alison Vella.

Remembrance: Maria Almodavar, France Angseesing, Camen Attard, Sam Borg, Rita De Silva, Dennis Clarke, Nazario Ofelia & Dionisio Enfesta, Maria Fusco, Pauline Meilak, Max Mogridge, Lourda Motha, Mary and Muscat family, Roseline Ratnam.

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

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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 60:1-6

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. (R.)

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
We have ssn his star in the East; and have come to adore the Lord.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

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.



Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. In him, we never see frustration but only trust. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust. Our world today needs fathers. It has no use for tyrants who would domineer others as a means of compensating for their own needs. It rejects those who confuse authority with authoritarianism, service with servility, discussion with oppression, charity with a welfare mentality, power with destruction. Every true vocation is born of the gift of oneself, which is the fruit of mature sacrifice. The priesthood and consecrated life likewise require this kind of maturity. Whatever our vocation, whether to marriage, celibacy or virginity, our gift of self will not come to fulfilment if it stops at sacrifice; were that the case, instead of becoming a sign of the beauty and joy of love, the gift of self would risk being an expression of unhappiness, sadness and frustration.

When fathers refuse to live the lives of their children for them, new and unexpected vistas open up. Every child is the bearer of a unique mystery that can only be brought to light with the help of a father who respects that child's freedom. A father who realizes that he is most a father and educator at the point when he becomes "useless", when he sees that his child has become independent and can walk the paths of life unaccompanied. When he becomes like Joseph, who always knew that his child was not his own but had merely been entrusted to his care. In the end, this is what Jesus would have us understand when he says: "Call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven" (Mt 23:9). In every exercise of our fatherhood, we should always keep in mind that it has nothing to do with possession, but is rather a "sign" pointing to a greater fatherhood. In a way, we are all like Joseph: a shadow of the heavenly Father, who "makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust" (Mt 5:45). And a shadow that follows his Son.

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"Get up, take the child and his mother" (Mt 2:13), God told Saint Joseph. The aim of this Apostolic Letter is to increase our love for this great saint, to encourage us to implore his intercession and to imitate his virtues and his zeal. Indeed, the proper mission of the saints is not only to obtain miracles and graces, but to intercede for us before God, like Abraham and Moses, and like Jesus, the "one mediator" (1 Tim 2:5), who is our "advocate" with the Father (1 Jn 2:1) and who "always lives to make intercession for [us]" (Heb 7:25; cf. Rom 8:34). The saints help all the faithful "to strive for the holiness and the perfection of their particular state of life". Their lives are concrete proof that it is possible to put the Gospel into practice. Jesus told us: "Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart" (Mt 11:29). The lives of the saints too are examples to be imitated. Saint Paul explicitly says this: "Be imitators of me!" (1 Cor 4:16). By his eloquent silence, Saint Joseph says the same. Before the example of so many holy men and women, Saint Augustine asked himself: "What they could do, can you not also do?" And so he drew closer to his definitive conversion, when he could exclaim: "Late have I loved you, Beauty ever ancient, ever new!" We need only ask Saint Joseph for the grace of graces: our conversion. Let us now make our prayer to him:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

[Given in Rome, at Saint John Lateran, on 8 December, Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the year 2020, the eighth of my Pontificate.]



.Year of St. Joseph Apostolic letter of Pope Francis Patris Corde
ON THE 150th ANNIVERSARY OF THE PROCLAMATION OF SAINT JOSEPH AS PATRON OF
THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH (continued)

6. A working father

An aspect of Saint Joseph that has been emphasized from the time of the first social Encyclical, Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum Novarum*, is his relation to work. Saint Joseph was a carpenter who earned an honest living to provide for his family. From him, Jesus learned the value, the dignity and the joy of what it means to eat bread that is the fruit of one's own labour.

In our own day, when employment has once more become a burning social issue, and unemployment at times reaches record levels even in nations that for decades have enjoyed a certain degree of prosperity, there is a renewed need to appreciate the importance of dignified work, of which Saint Joseph is an exemplary patron. Work is a means of participating in the work of salvation, an opportunity to hasten the coming of the Kingdom, to develop our talents and abilities, and to put them at the service of society and fraternal communion. It becomes an opportunity for the fulfilment not only of oneself, but also of that primary cell of society which is the family. A family without work is particularly vulnerable to difficulties, tensions, estrangement and even break-up. How can we speak of human dignity without working to ensure that everyone is able to earn a decent living? Working persons, whatever their job may be, are cooperating with God himself, and in some way become creators of the world around us. The crisis of our time, which is economic, social, cultural and spiritual, can serve as a summons for all of us to rediscover the value, the importance and necessity of work for bringing about a new "normal" from which no one is excluded. Saint Joseph's work reminds us that God himself, in becoming man, did not disdain work. The loss of employment that affects so many of our brothers and sisters, and has increased as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, should serve as a summons to review our priorities. Let us implore Saint Joseph the Worker to help us find ways to express our firm conviction that no young person, no person at all, no family should be without work!

7. A father in the shadows

The Polish writer Jan Dobraczyński, in his book *The Shadow of the Father*, tells the story of Saint Joseph's life in the form of a novel. He uses the evocative image of a shadow to define Joseph. In his relationship to Jesus, Joseph was the earthly shadow of the heavenly Father: he watched over him and protected him, never leaving him to go his own way. We can think of Moses' words to Israel: "In the wilderness... you saw how the Lord your God carried you, just as one carries a child, all the way that you travelled" (*Deut* 1:31). In a similar way, Joseph acted as a father for his whole life.

Fathers are not born, but made. A man does not become a father simply by bringing a child into the world, but by taking up the responsibility to care for that child. Whenever a man accepts responsibility for the life of another, in some way he becomes a father to that person.

Children today often seem orphans, lacking fathers. The Church too needs fathers. Saint Paul's words to the Corinthians remain timely: "Though you have countless guides in Christ, you do not have many fathers" (*1 Cor* 4:15). Every priest or bishop should be able to add, with the Apostle: "I became your father in Christ Jesus through the Gospel" (*ibid.*). Paul likewise calls the Galatians: "My little children, with whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you!" (*4:19*).

Being a father entails introducing children to life and reality. Not holding them back, being overprotective or possessive, but rather making them capable of deciding for themselves, enjoying freedom and exploring new possibilities. Perhaps for this reason, Joseph is traditionally called a "most chaste" father. That title is not simply a sign of affection, but the summation of an attitude that is the opposite of possessiveness. Chastity is freedom from possessiveness in every sphere of one's life. Only when love is chaste, is it truly love. A possessive love ultimately becomes dangerous: it imprisons, constricts and makes for misery. God himself loved humanity with a chaste love; he left us free even to go astray and set ourselves against him. The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself, but focused instead on the lives of Mary and Jesus.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

During my years under the communist government, I spent most of my time either in the seminary or in a parish, especially the period when the seminary was ordered to shut down. For nine years, I had to come back to my village in every three months to renew my Travel Pass, and present it to the local government where I was staying. Without such a document, I was treated as an illegal resident and put both myself and my host in lot of troubles with the local authority.

According to Luke in his popular Christmas story, Mary and Joseph had to travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem, which was about 120 kms due to the emperor's order, and ended in having the baby Jesus in a manger wrapped in swaddling clothes and surrounded by the shepherds and their animals responding to

the angel's call.

It's worthy to note the message from the angel, for it obviously aimed to go beyond the shepherds' circle to reach the whole world, 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace to all who enjoy his favor,' in other world, the angel seemed to convey this message that the Son of God was born to bring salvation and peace to all peoples on earth, not to any particular group of people.

This universal aspect of Jesus' nativity and mission was first heeded by the shepherds living nearby, and then found its way to reach the Wise Men, who came from afar and followed the light of the star to pay tribute to the Infant King of kings.

This occasion is marked by the feast of the Epiphany, which originated from a Greek word meaning manifestation. From a nutshell, this feast aims to highlight Jesus' manifestation of himself to the entire world represented by the Wise Men.

Traditionally they were thought as a group of three noble men based on the offering gifts they brought along with them, and named as Caspar, Balthasar and Melchior. Sometimes, theologians have even managed to think of their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh as symbols of Jesus' kingship of earth, his divinity and death.

As we celebrate this traditional feast and reflect upon its multidimensional symbol, let us pray for his grace to open our eyes, our minds and our hearts in this New Year both to recognize and welcome his presence in our world today, whether in the Eucharist we celebrate, his life-giving word we embrace or his people we meet, especially his dearest sisters and brothers living desperate lives nearly or far away.

Have a blessed week and a grace-filled New Year.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR GREETINGS

What a year for us to remember. Anyway, let us praise and thank God for giving us the opportunity to celebrate Christmas, knowing that a lot of people all over the world won't have the opportunity. May the child Jesus keep you and your families safe under his protection and confident in his love..

Have a blessed Christmas and a grace-filled New Year,
Fr Henry.

PARISH BULLETINS BREAK

For practical reasons, there will be no Parish bulletins in the next four weeks in January 2021, and during this period our weekend rosters are going to be displayed at the rear of the church and also make available on our website.

Most of our staff will take the holidays they are much deserved, and the good news is the parish priest will still be around and active as usual.

2021Ministry Roster are now available. You can find a copy at the back of the church or on the OLOL Parish website. If you require more copies, please contact the Parish office. secretary@lol7hills.com.au

HOME WORSHIP PHOTOS As previously mentioned we are going to have an exhibition in the future to showcase the photos and items to highlight our community worship during the lockdown. Please take photos of your prayer space at home and share them with the parish later on .

PARISH OFFICE HOURS The Parish Office will be closed between Christmas and New Year. We wish you a wonderful Christmas and many blessings and a warm welcome for 2021. During January, the office hours will be reduced due to the holiday period. If you require assistance, please call 9622 2920 and leave a voicemail message.

These messages are checked daily and we will endeavour to assist you as soon as possible. Thank You.

MATT'S POINT IS READY TO USE!

A word of thanks to those who helped in the process of naming and installing the unit, The name 'Matt's Points' reminds us of the life and call of St Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles in the New Testament (cf. Mt 9.9-13).

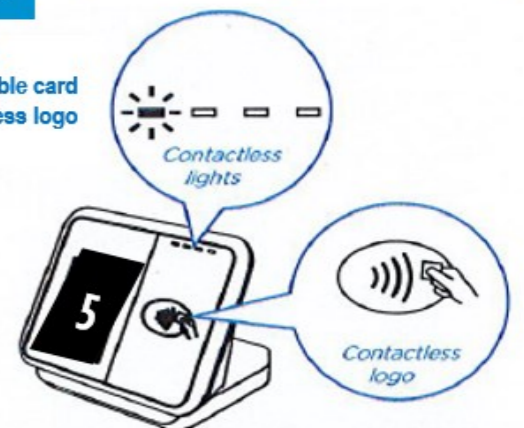
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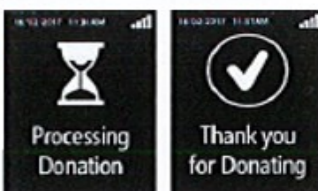
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displayed



All lights illuminate

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FROM POPE FRANCIS

CHAPTER FOUR— *An Ecclesial Dream – Social and spiritual inculturation*



75. Given the situation of poverty and neglect experienced by so many inhabitants of the Amazon region, inculturation will necessarily have a markedly social cast, accompanied by a resolute defence of human rights; in this way it will reveal the face of Christ, who “wished with special tenderness to be identified with the weak and the poor”. Indeed, “from the heart of the Gospel we see the profound connection between evangelization and human advancement”. For Christian communities, this entails a clear commitment to the justice of God’s kingdom through work for the advancement of those who have been “discarded”. It follows that a suitable training of pastoral workers in the Church’s social doctrine is most important.

76. At the same time, the inculturation of the Gospel in the Amazon region must better integrate the social and the spiritual, so that the poor do not have to look outside the Church for a spirituality that responds to their deepest yearnings. This does not mean an alienating and individualistic religiosity that would silence social demands for a more dignified life, but neither does it mean ignoring the transcendent and spiritual dimension, as if material development alone were sufficient for human beings. We are thus called not merely to join those two things, but to connect them at a deeper level. In this way, we will reveal the true beauty of the Gospel, which fully humanizes, integrally dignifies persons and peoples, and brings fulfilment to every heart and the whole of life.

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

2/3 January 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: VOLUNTEER 8am: Eugene Miu 9.30am Ian Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Laura Bellissimo 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Sarah Lenthall, Ramzee Michael	
Readers	Vigil: Alison Punch, VOLUNTEER 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Christina Diaz, Megan Michael	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexander Bateman-Paul, Chrisha Gonzales, Lewis Savic 8am: Erika Naing, Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing 9.30am Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Rynan Michael	
Flowers	Fenty & Gaby	
Church cleaning	14 Jan 2020	Cathy Hutchings, Melvyn Fernandes
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Dioso, Ram Ugre 8am: Rita Paolini, Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Maria Michael, VOLUNTEER	

9/10 January 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Kilifi Huihui	
Ministers	Vigil: Erika Hien, Charmain Jansz 8am: Edith Gartner, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Paul Gow, Dawn Manamperi	
Readers	Vigil: Benno Motha, Marinela Simic 8am: Priya Joachim, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Kamela Huihui, Adrian Walker	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Yxaak Dino, Chrisha Gonzales, Caitlyn Ram-bukwella 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am Eric Da, Victor Da, Daniel Tenn.	
Flowers	Priya & Claudette	
Church cleaning	14 Jan 2020	Cathy Hutchings, Melvyn Fernandes
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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. You won't be thrown in at the deep end. Many people start as a classroom helper. You will receive quality training in the curriculum and in classroom management and can focus on sharing the gift of faith.

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)			

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 Catholic Care'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



BISHOP VINCENT'S 2020 CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Bishop Vincent's 2020 Christmas message can be viewed online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLi8IZtSXdo> or www.parracatholic.org

OTHER VIDEOS:

God's Plan for Mary (adults) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BGreLI-tBEM>

ADVENTures with Mum and Dad (children, young parents and families) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tHLfn_Sr1sU

Christmas Through the Eyes of Kindergarten (children and families) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mrXS7vUpl8A>

Come All Ye Faithful (children, families and adults) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O9bV84OaQxU>

ALL VIDEOS COMBINED

Christmas 2020 video (which is the above five videos combined) - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6LjvKwvqrE4>



Sacramental Program Dates for 2021...

SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of First Reconciliation Program will take place in Term 1 for children in Years 3 & above who have been baptised.

Enrolment Mass Sunday 31st January 9.30am

Registration forms are at the rear of the church, or please email the Parish office secreatry@olol7hills.com.au

The first meeting begins Wednesday 3rd February 2021 for parents only, with a repeat on Saturday 6th February 2021. Please see our website for the full dates.

Sacrament of First Reconciliation will be celebrated on either: Wednesday 17th March or Wednesday 24th March

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

This Program will commence in Term 3 for children in Years 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Penance.

Meetings will begin in August 2021

Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in September 2021

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

This Program will commence in Term 3 for children in Years 5 & above who have made their First Holy Communion. Please keep an eye on the Parish website for dates when they have been confirmed.

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.



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.