Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time



of Lourdes

Feast Day

2021



Our Lady of Lourdes is a name for the Virgin Mary.

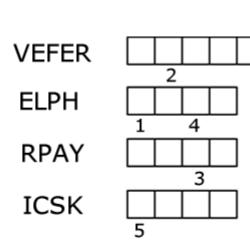
She is believed to have appeared near Lourdes, France. The first appearance was on 11 February 1858. It was seen by Bernadette Soubirous, a 14 year old peasant.

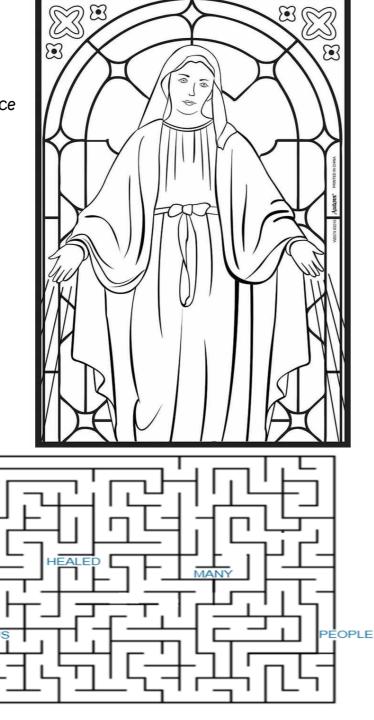


-SAINTS FUN FACTS by John Sheppard

St. Bernadette was born in Lourdes, France. As a child gathering firewood, the Blessed Mother appeared to her seventeen times. Bernadette was urged to pray for sinners and to build a chapel on the site. Bernadette dug into the mud and a spring developed. Many healings have been attributed to this water. As she got older, Bernadette became a nun and passed away at age 35.









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5th Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B • 7 February 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): <u>https://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/</u>



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.

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday:9am - 3.00pmDescription9622 2920Parish Website:www.olol7hills.com.auParish School:Our Lady of Lourdes8869 6800Principal:Ms Keiran ByrnesParish Church:7 Grantham Rd, Seven Hills 2147

RECONCILIATION Saturday 4.30-5.30pm BAPTISMAL PREPARATION 3rd March 2021 7.30pm Baptisms 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

Let us Pray for the Sick

Chula Abey, Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, David Benjamin, John Bourke, Lina Cabaero, Louisa Corera, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Louisa Corera, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Lola Doyle, Ronald Gomez, Milroy Gunewardena, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Anslen Lawrence, Angelina Lee, Spencer Leon, Carmenu M, Gerard Marcello, Maria V, Mark McGilligan, Mary Mifsud, Blago & Dragica Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Anna Mun, Ananda Nayana, 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 Blackford, Digno C Fernandez, Mala Fernando, Michelle Mackin, Gemma Panique .

Anniversaries: Charlie Borg, Rosario & Renato Cabasa, Cecilia Ceccatina, John Cini, Barbara Dodd, Rose Fernandes, E & Shelia Franklin, Charlie Gravina, Paul Mula, Nina & Vincenzo Paolini, Sashin Patrick, Semmangahas Serna, Helen Tanti, Paul and Maryanne Vella.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Josephine & Angelo Camellieri, Bonosa Enfesta, R Jesuthasan, Sharon & John Lawrence, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary and Muscat family, Roseline Ratnam, Jim & Alison Vella.

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 <u>NAME</u> and <u>ENVELOPE NUMBER</u> 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 book of Job 7:1-4, 6-7

Job began to speak: Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good; sing to our God for he is loving: to him our praise is due. (R.) The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles, he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds. He fixes the number of the stars; he calls each one by its name. (R.)

Our Lord is great and almighty; his wisdom can never be measured. The Lord raises the lowly; he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 1:29-39

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother -in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.



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.

"To Heal the World": The Pope's Catechesis on the Pandemic

By Debora Donnini

In *To Heal the World* Pope Francis offers an invitation to join him on a "pilgrimage" inspired by the Gospel, with the theological virtues of faith, hope and charity as "beacons". It is a journey that will help us to deal with the crisis which has highlighted our vulnerabilities, so that it may become an opportunity to build a more just world where we care of one another. It is in this spirit that Cardinal Peter K. Turkson, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development, authored the book's preface. The volume presents the words of Pope Francis on the coronavirus pandemic spoken during his general audiences from August 5, 2020 to September 23, 2020. The purpose of the publication published by LEV can be found in the Pope's own words pronounced at the conclusion of the general audience on August 5: "It is my desire that every-one reflect and work together, as followers of Jesus who heals, to construct a better world, full of hope for future generations". **Healing and consolation**

Cardinal Turkson recalls the days of greatest suffering for Italy due to Covid-19 between March 21 and 26. He also remembers March 27 when Pope Francis held a special moment of prayer in front of an empty St. Peter's Square during the lockdown. The photos captured of that prayer vigil, Cardinal Turkson note, recall that of the "suffering servant" of Isaiah who bears the despair and pain of the world. His words on the international crisis expressed the world's "collective anxiety" but also recalled the image of the "high priest" who represents the human family before God, seeking healing and consolation in the face of bewilderment.

Crises as a time to begin again

The task of someone who consoles others is explained in the Wednesday catechesis dedicated precisely to healing a world shaken by the pandemic. Cardinal Turkson points out that during the pontificates of Benedict XVI and Pope Francis, the world has gone through three crises: the financial crisis of 2008-2009 and the "current twin crises of climate change and Covid-19." These crises also present challenges to make changes for the better. As Benedict XVI challenged in 2008, a crisis becomes an opportunity for "new approaches" and exhorts us to face difficulties with confidence rather than with resignation. **Ways to deal with the crisis proposed by Francis**

The preface then highlights the nine Wednesday discourses of that period. They indicate that the way out of the crisis for a better world is "a common endeavor". It proceeds from the introductory catechesis that presents Jesus as the healer, to the second one on healing relationships in a world where everyone is truly interconnected. His discourses touch the root of social injustice, the importance of the preferential option for the poor, healing social pandemics and countering attitudes of indifference. They also recall the universal destination of goods and how inequality is the result of unequal economic growth. Central to this journey are solidarity and empowering local people, as well as the call to put oneself at the service of building a "civilization of love" that promotes the common good at all levels. Thought is also given to the relationship with creation that must be safeguarded. It's a new path that cannot be separated from keeping our gaze fixed on Jesus "our healer" who sends us out as those who console others.

At the conclusion of each of the Pope's discourses, the book encourages readers to follow this path, offering points to help face the journey, by asking questions about on a personal, family and community level, looking at various themes and concrete actions to be taken.

Pope Francis' comment following the death of Edwin, a homeless Nigerian at St Peter's Square in Rome less than a month ago.

'This past 20 January, a few metres from Saint Peter's Square, a 46-year-old homeless Nigerian man named Edwin was found dead due to the cold. His story joins that of many other homeless people who have recently died in Rome under the same tragic circumstances. Let us pray for Edwin. Let us be admonished by what Saint Gregory the Great said, who before the death of a mendicant due to the cold, stated that that day Mass would not be celebrated because it was like Good Friday. Let us think of Edwin. Let us think of what this 46-year-old man felt, in the cold, ignored by everyone, abandoned, even by us. Let us pray for him.'

Pope's prayer intention for February: For women who are victims of violence

The Pope Video for February has been published, with the prayer intention that Francis is entrusting to the entire Catholic Church through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. It is a powerful message against the violence that millions of women suffer daily: "psychological violence, verbal violence, physical violence, sexual violence." For Pope Francis, these abuses are "acts of cowardice and a degradation of all humanity." Consequently, he asks us to pray for the victims, "that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded by all."

This month's Pope Video seeks to make the drama of this issue visible also through narration with images. Thanks to the collaboration of Hermes Mangialardo—an Italian creative who has won international prizes and is a professor of animation design-the video represents, through animated illustrations, the story of a woman who is the victim of violence, who finds courage to escape from the tunnel of abuse thanks to her own strength and to the help of the community.

Violence against women, in numbers

"It's shocking how many women are beaten, insulted, and raped," says the Holy Father in The Pope Video. Indeed, the statistics compiled by UN Women, updated in November of 2020, are stunning: each day, 137 women are killed by members of their own family; adult women make up nearly half of the victims of human trafficking identified worldwide; and globally, one in three women have experienced physical or sexual violence at some point (and 15 million adolescent girls worldwide aged 15 to 19 have experienced forced sexual relations). What's more, last year there was the aggravating factor of the pandemic: the restriction of movement, social isolation and economic insecurity made women globally even more vulnerable to violence in private environments.

In his February message, the Pope asks for society to protect these victims. Although at least 155 countries have approved domestic violence laws and 140 have legislation regarding workplace sexual harassment, to give two examples, this does not mean that these laws always conform with international norms and recommendations, nor that they are applied and enforced





PRAYER OF PETITION

O Jesus, your name means 'Savior.' Be my Savior, dear Lord. Your adorable name is the joy of heaven, the terror of hell, the consolation of the afflicted, and the solid basis for my unlimited confidence. Through this glorious name, mercifully grant all the petitions that I make in this prayer.

FROM FR. HENRY DUC



Welcome back to our weekly bulletin after a month-long break, and thank you all for your patience. Let us commence the first bulletin of 2021 with a story about the art world. Perhaps some of us might have heard the name of a street artist called Banksy who despite his (her?) anonymity has suddenly shot to global stardom thanks to his iconic works focusing particularly on social justice themes. I particularly love one of his works called Forgive Us Our Trespasses, obviously a reference to the Lord's Prayer depicting the scene of a young boy kneeling down for a prayer in a church with a spray can lying

next to him and on top of him was a magnificent stained-glass window. The image reminds me so much of my young days in the parish junior youth group, where I was taught to start the day with the Morning Offering prayer, and I has continued to treasure it till this day. In the Gospel this Sunday, the evangelist once again gives us a glimpse into a working day of Jesus, packed with works both pastoral and healing, such as visiting Simon's family and helping his mother-in-law to shake off a fever, and curing lot of people suffered from various illnesses.

Physically speaking, Jesus had to be very tired after such a hectic day, and had still managed to get up early in the morning. He rose up early not for a cup of coffee or tea like many of us would, he, however, chose to carry out something very special, something providing him spiritual nourishment, that was to go to a lonely place, and stay there for a chat with his Father. Simon and other Apostles obviously paid no attention to the prayer side of their Master's life, they were rather more concerned with his healing works, which might had brought both him and them fame and recognition. I guess they could have been rather disappointed, when Jesus asked them to leave the place and move on to a new location. Let us pray today that we may be able to be inspired by Jesus' example by starting the day in prayer. Let us ask our beloved Jesus to help us to make prayer the center of our daily activities and the means to keep us closely connected with Him, the source of all grace and blessings.

Have a prayer-oriented week. Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

ALTAR SERVER ROBES: 40 altar server robes need to be washed and ironed. This weekend volunteers are needed to take one or more robes home and return them to the Church by the following weekend. The robes are located in the cupboards in the back sacristy where the servers get dressed. Your help in this annual washing is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

LOURDES OVER 50's meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 11th February from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. Covid-19 restrictions apply. Please bring your own packed lunch to comply with current restrictions. Visitors or new members most welcome.

PARISH PASTORAL MEETING

Our first Parish Pastoral Meeting this year will be on Wednesday 10 February, and all members of the Parish Council are invited to attend the meeting in the Parish Meeting Room at 7.30PM.

Little 'black' books for LENT and Little 'white' book for

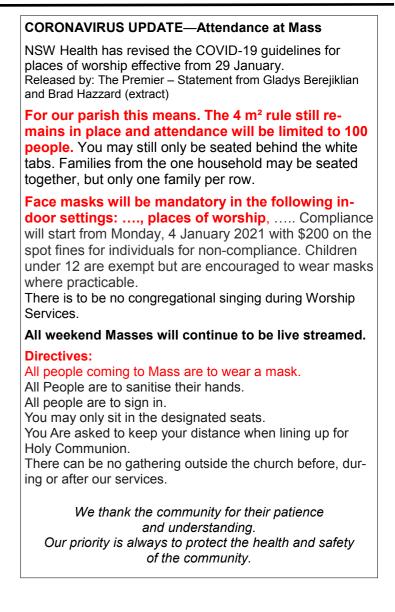
Easter season are on order. Spend some quiet time with the Lord as you explore the depths of Scripture and deepen your relationship with Christ. Keep an eye out, as they should be arriving soon....

Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion program for 2021 has begun. The second meeting is on Wednesday 10th February at 6:30pm with a repeat on Saturday 13th February at 4:30pm.

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

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

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FROM POPE FRANCIS

CHAPTER THREE—**Ecological education and habits**



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

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.*

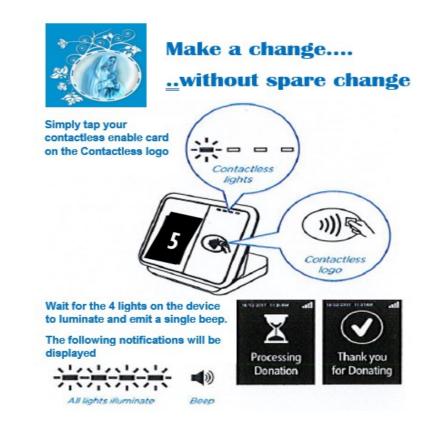
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	FEBRUARY 2021	
9	SRE Meeting	12.00
10	2 nd Reconciliation Meeting	6.30pm
10	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
11	Christ community Prayer Group	9.00am
11	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
11	Our Lady of Lourdes Feast Day	
11	Over 50s Meeting	10.30am
13	2 nd Reconciliation Meeting (repeat)	
17	Ash Wednesday	

MATT'S POINT

Collecting small change has become less effective due to the shift towards card payments and a reduction in the use of cash. 'Matt's Point' (Donation Point Tap) provides OLOL with on going support which has been vital to keep our Parish going strong.

The name '**Matt's Point'** reminds us of the life and call of St Matthew, one of the twelve Apostles in the New Testament (cf. Mt 9.9-13).

Matt's Point makes it easier to donate a fixed amount of \$5.00, just by tapping a contactless credit or debit card, smartphone or wearable, giving the opportunity to accept donations electronically and securely.



6/7 February 2021				
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Ramzee Michael			
Ministers	Vigil: Helen Gonzales, Gemma Sarmiento 8am: SUB REQ, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Anna Bellissimo, Kamela Huihui			
Readers	Vigil: Alison Punch, Noreen Rosario 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Benno Motha 9.30am: Laura Bellissimo, Megan Michael			
Altar Servers	Vigil: Lucas Laus, Dominic Sant 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am Rynan Michael, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy			
Flowers	Fenty & Gaby			
Church cleaning	11 Feb	Chuck & Karen Baquial		
Welcomers	Vigil: VOLUNTEERS 8am: Annette Peatman VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Maria Michael, VOLUNTEER			



DIOCESAN NEWS

Welcome to The Well

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

Pastoral Ministry Network Oceania Webinar: 16 February

The Pastoral Ministry Network, formerly NAPPA, is hosting an online Oceania webinar on 'Faithful Stewards of God's Grace' on Tuesday 16 February 2021 from 11am to 12.15pm (AEDT). The webinar, focusing on the 2018 document of the same name affirms and celebrates the role of the laity in our Church. To register, visit <u>tinyurl.com/</u> <u>oceaniawebinarfeb16</u>

Institute for Mission 2021 formation programs – sign up today

Interested or already involved in your parish community initiatives? Looking to explore key themes of the Catholic tradition? Express your interest today in the Institute for Mission's Reflective Ministry and Themes of Faith programs for your life and faith enrichment. They are 100% free and begin in early March in an online format. For more information, contact Sr Grace on 9296 6369 or <u>grace.roclawska@ifm.org.au</u> or Donnie on 0432042140 or <u>donnie.velasco@ifm.org.au</u>

Young Adult Faith Formation: 7 February

Young Adult faith formation sessions recommence on Sunday 7 February at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy Rd Minchinbury, at 7pm. Seminarian Adam Carlow will speak and lead discussion on the Church teachings concerning Mary, Mother of the Church. We encourage all adults 18-35 to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

13/14 February 2021						
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Eugene Miu 9.30am Noel Emmanual					
Ministers	Vigil: Benno Motha, Marinela Simic 8am: Ernie Gartner, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Barbara Chandler, Paul Gow					
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Flowers	Priya, Claudette					
Church cleaning	20 Feb	Helen & Dennis Gonzales, Novelo Payalaga, Adrian Pinto, Johnson Rozario, Maricel Santos				
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre, Judith Deloso 8am: Suzy Nemorin, Rita Paolini 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain, Lena Falzon					