

Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner  
3rd Sunday of Easter 18 April 2021

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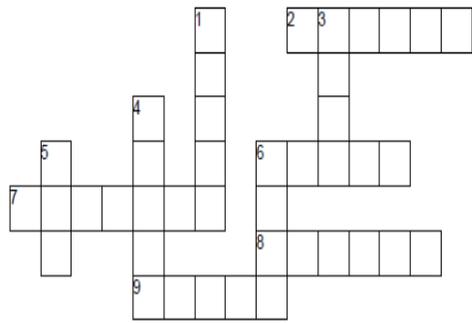
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BONES	HANDS	PEACE	SUFFER
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GHOST	FEET	RISE	DOUBTS

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Jesus Appears to the Disciples  
Luke 24:36-48



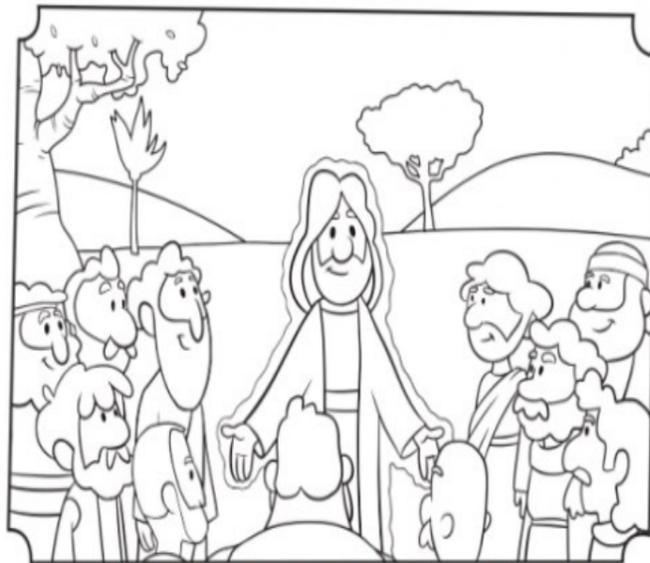
ACROSS

- To deliver a sermon
- The soft outer parts of the body; skin
- Countries; territories where groups of people live
- To feel pain
- to handle or feel something with your fingers

DOWN

- What the skeleton is made of
- To return from death
- A dead person appearing in a bodily form
- To take in food through the mouth
- An animal that lives in the water

RISE	NATIONS	FISH	SUFFER	BONES
TOUCH	EAT	FLESH	PREACH	GHOST



Jesus visited His disciples after He rose from the dead. He blessed them and went up into Heaven. Luke 24:36-53



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

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**WEEKDAY MASS** Tuesday-Friday 8.00am  
**WEEKEND MASS** Saturday Vigil 6pm  
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

**RECONCILIATION** Saturday 4.30-5.30pm  
**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** 19th May 2021 7.30pm  
**BAPTISMS** 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

Third Sunday of Easter Year B — 18 April 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/LOL7Hills/>

REMINDER

KEEP COVID SAFE

We must continue to:

**MASKS**

Masks are strongly advised, but optional

**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 150 people, please proceed to Hall.

**MARKED SEATING**

Please sit behind the WHITE TAPE or in family designated areas.



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, Milroy Gunewardena, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Anslan Lawrence, Angelina Lee, Spencer Leon, Carmenu M, Gerard Marcello, Marie Marchand, Maria V, Mark McGilligan, 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, Pummalin Sumcad, 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:** Penelope Zubaida Benjamin, Joe Camilleri, Catherine Chandra, Aloyseon Corera, Gaudencia Mendoza, Mary Mifsud, Danidee Nailat, Roza Nalongo, Rosa Ngan, Nelson Ngan, Christopher Nordista, Adiodato Palmos, Josefina Roque, Alberto Vasquez.

**Anniversaries:** Sam Borg, John Cini, Cini & Mangion families, Philomena Corera, Marc & Rosine La Fleur, Thomas Morrissey, Paul Mula, Jose Reyes, Estilita Riveral, Shirley Sexton, Tony Vassallo.

**Remembrance:** Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Bishop Bede Heather, Bonosa, Nasario, Dionisio & Ofelia Enfesta, Joe Falzon, Jean, Elise & Karl Garrick, Sharon & John Lawrence, Felina Apolinario Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary & Muscat family, Fr Mick O'Callaghanm, Lee Pisch, 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**  
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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19*

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate, after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me! (R.)

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him. (R.)

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord. (R.)

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once, for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety. (R.)

## SECOND READING

*A reading from the first letter of St John 2:1-5*

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us; make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 24:35-48*

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

## 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.**



## Pope at Audience: Church is the house and school of prayer

Continuing his catechesis on Christian prayer at the weekly General Audience in the Vatican, Pope Francis explains that prayer belongs to the very essence of the Church, without which she cannot carry out her evangelising mission and service to others.

*By Robin Gomes*

In his Catechesis at Wednesday's [General Audience](#), the Pope explained how the Church is a great school of prayer. As children, he said, we learn our first prayers on the laps of grandparents and parents, who also give their advice inspired by the Gospel. Later, the experience of faith and prayer is deepened through encounters with other witnesses and teachers of prayer, such as in the life of a parish and every Christian community which is marked by liturgical and community prayer.

### Prayer and difficulties of life

"The garment of faith," the Pope said, "is not starched, but develops with us." It is not rigid, it grows, even through moments of crisis and resurrection. And "you cannot grow without moments of crisis, because crisis makes you grow."

He continued, "And the breath of faith is prayer: we grow in faith inasmuch as we learn to pray." After certain moments in life, we become aware that without faith we could not have made it through and that our strength was prayer. We realize that not only personal prayer, but also that of our brothers, sisters and the community, whom we requested, also accompanied and supported us."

### Community and prayer

The Pope explained, "This is also why communities and groups dedicated to prayer flourish in the Church. Monasteries, convents, hermitages often become centres of spiritual light, small oases in which intense prayer is shared and fraternal communion is constructed day by day." The Pope said, "They are cells that are vital not only for the ecclesial fabric, but that of society itself." In this regard, he recalled the role of monasticism in the birth and growth of European civilization as well as other cultures. "Praying and working in community keeps the world going. It is a motor."

"Everything in the Church," the Pope continued, "originates in prayer and everything grows thanks to prayer." He pointed out that certain groups while carrying out reforms and changes in the Church, put great effort in terms of organization and the media but prayer is sometimes missing. "Prayer," the Pope said, "is what opens the door to the Holy Spirit, which is what inspires us to go forward." He continued, "Changes in the Church without prayer are not Church changes, they are group changes. And when the Enemy wants to fight the Church, he does so, first of all, by trying to dry up its sources, by preventing it from praying, and [inducing it to] make these other proposals." When prayer ceases, he said, "the Church realizes it has become like an empty shell, lost its bearings and no longer has its source of warmth and love."

### Prayer - oil for the lamp of faith

The Pope pointed out that holy women and men also have problems in their lives, and often face opposition. "But their strength is prayer" through which they nourish the flame of their faith, like oil used for lamps. Thus, they move ahead walking in faith and hope, "not with the weapons of money and power, or of the media and the like, but with the weapon of prayer."

### Evangelization and service

"In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus poses a dramatic question that always makes us reflect," the Pope said: "When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on earth?" Or, the Pope asked, "will He only find organizations, like a group of 'faith entrepreneurs,' all well organized, doing charity and many things?" That, he said, is why Jesus insists on the "need to pray with perseverance without getting tired." Hence, "the lamp of faith will always be lit on earth as long as there is the oil of prayer."

The Pope said it is prayer that carries forward our prayer and our poor, weak, sinful life with certainty. Therefore, Christians should ask themselves whether they pray and how they pray. "Do I pray like a parrot or from the heart? Do I pray feeling part of the Church and praying for its needs, or do I pray a little according to my needs, letting my ideas become prayer," the Pope asked. "This is pagan prayer, not Christian prayer," he said.

The essential task of the Church, then, is to pray and to teach how to pray, transmitting "the lamp of faith and the oil of prayer from generation to generation." Without the light of this lamp, he said evangelization would not be possible and we would not be able to draw near and serve our brothers and sisters. "For this reason," the Pope said, "the Church, as the house and school of communion, is the house and school of prayer."

## 'Open to amazement, ready to go against the tide.'

By Andrea Monda from L'Osservatore Romano

"The women thought they would find a body to anoint; instead they found an empty tomb. They went to mourn the dead; instead they heard a proclamation of life". The beginning of the Pope's homily during the Easter Vigil places us before the fact that in life there is an abundance, a "something more" that always takes us by surprise, if we are attentive, if we are, to state it more precisely, vigilant.

Vigil, vigilance: if we assumed this posture before the daily opening of the "spectacle" of life, then we would realize that Borges was right when he wrote in his short story "The Wait" that: "there is not a day, not even in jail or in the hospital, which does not bring surprises, which is not a translucent network of minimal surprises". The entire homily of the Holy Father at the Easter Vigil celebration is an invitation to let ourselves be surprised by the creative love of God who always "opens new doors when you least expect it, he urges you not to indulge in nostalgia for the past or cynicism about the present. Even if you feel that all is lost, please, let yourself be open to amazement at the newness Jesus brings: he will surely surprise you".

In the minds of the women, Jesus is a body to be anointed, a deceased friend to be remembered. God responds with the victory of life over death, with the announcement of the best, most beautiful and truest news imaginable. The truth is that, as Pope Francis has been saying for eight years and repeated in his homily: "He never ceases to go ahead of us: in the cross of suffering, desolation and death, and in the glory of a life that rises again, a history that changes, a hope that is reborn. In these dark months of the pandemic, let us listen to the Risen Lord as he invites us to begin anew and never lose hope". Jesus Christ is always first, the Pope says, he goes before us, he always precedes us; and when we arrive, he is already waiting for us. It is the opposite of what people often end up doing: struggling to excel and then not waiting for others who remain behind, but crushing them, exploiting them or rejecting them out of a thirst for domination. Instead, Jesus is a traveling companion, he walks with you and if his stride is longer and he overtakes you, he stops and waits for you. He is ready to bet on you, even if you failed in your first attempt, "he walks beside you each day, in every situation you are experiencing, in every trial you have to endure, in your deepest hopes and dreams". Perhaps when you think and let yourself be taken by your lucubrations, he looks at you somewhat amazed, with love, ("man thinks, God laughs", says an old Jewish adage) because he knows, and he tells you that "reality always overcomes ideas", but he is always ready to encourage you, to tell you not to be afraid but to keep that childlike spirit ever open to amazement. An American poet, Mary Oliver, sensed that the secret of life is contained in this sense of vigilance and wonder and in her poem, "Instructions for Living a Life", she recommends three attitudes: "Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it". That is what happens at the tomb to the women who were walking, weighed down by their thoughts of death: they are overwhelmed by amazement and they immediately recount that extraordinary experience.

And thus "new paths" open; they go against the tide, just as the disciples of Emmaus would do, running back to Jerusalem, as the Magi did at the beginning of the Gospel, returning to their homeland "by another way". If it is true that the ways of Lord are not our ways, so must it be for a Christian regarding the ways of the world, which are those of resignation, of "regret" and of "nostalgia"; they are those who, in search of an excuse, think that the world does not change and can never change. Not so the Christian who opens his heart with amazement to the message of Easter and thus is driven almost naturally to go against the tide.

It is not surprising then that the morning after that homily of the Easter Vigil, Pope Francis stated, in the *Urbi et Orbi* message, the words that caught the attention of the whole world regarding the scandal of a society which, amid the pandemic that is destroying human life and the economies of entire countries, rather than committing itself to sharing vaccines, continues to spend incredibly large sums of money to increase military arsenals. No, we cannot be amazed at this.

## Pope: St Teresa of Avila shows importance of women in Church and society

Pope Francis marks the 50th anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Teresa of Ávila as a Doctor of the Church, and stresses her importance even today (13 April), especially in highlighting the role of women in the Church and in society.

By Vatican News staff writer

Opening his message to Archbishop Gil Tamayo of Ávila, Spain, Pope Francis noted that St Teresa was the first woman to become a Doctor of the Church.

He said the title was a recognition of the "precious teaching that God has transmitted to us through her writings and the testimony of her life."

Fifty years ago, on 27 September 1970, Pope St Paul VI conferred the title of Doctor of the Church on St. Teresa of Ávila.

The Catholic University of Ávila, which is dedicated to the Spanish mystic, is celebrating this historic anniversary with an international congress entitled "Exceptional woman," as Pope Paul VI described her himself. It runs until 15 April.

### Courageous witness, able to break down walls

Saint Teresa was born in 1515 and died in 1582. Pope Francis wrote in his message that even now, nearly half a millenium since her death, wrote that "the flame that Jesus lit in Teresa continues to shine in this world, always in need of courageous witnesses, capable of breaking down any wall, whether physical, existential or cultural."

He also cited her intelligence and tenacity, which she joined to "a sensitivity to beauty and a spiritual motherhood toward all those who approached her work."

The Pope added that she was an example of the "extraordinary role that women have played throughout history in the Church and in society."

### A message for those seeking purification

Saint Teresa of Ávila still speaks to us today, thanks to her writings.

Pope Francis noted that her message and example are for everyone, "for those who feel the call to religious life," but also "for all those who wish to progress on the path of purification from all worldliness, which leads to union with God, to the lofty abodes of the interior castle."

"Having her as a friend companion and guide in our earthly pilgrimage confers security and tranquility," he said.

The Pope concluded his message by recalling Teresa's great devotion to St. Joseph and by encouraging all the faithful to continue to look deeper into her message and teachings.



## FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Recently when some of our parishioners had the opportunity for a physical attendance of Mass, their verbal reaction was almost similar, that 'It's quite different to a live-streamed Mass I had.'

I haven't asked anyone to single out the different factor(s) they meant to say, but I would presume that it was mainly about this point, that because they were able to enjoy a physical interaction with the congregation, and especially to receive Holy Communion at a normal Mass, the kind of experience they could never enjoy with any live-streamed Mass, though we always have access to spiritual Holy Communion.

The experience of receiving the Body of Christ in a physical way, perhaps, helps us connect better with the moment the two disciples on the way to Emmaus named as 'the breaking of break', the moment that helped to open their minds and hearts to recognize the Risen Lord, despite their inability to identify him for their entire trip during the day. It was the moment when their unknown companion sat at the table with them, then he took up the bread, said the blessing, broke it and gave it to them. It was exactly the gesture Jesus once did at the Last Supper at the night before he was crucified and died on the cross, and instructed them to keep doing it in memory of him, the gesture Jesus' followers took up and helped develop over the years into what we know proudly call the Eucharist, including the two main parts: liturgy of the word where we are nourished by God's living words, and liturgy of the Eucharist where we receive the Body and Blood of Christ as our spiritual food.

Following the disciples' testimony concerning his appearance to them, Jesus once again appeared to all the disciples present at the meeting as a sign of verification for what they said about him.

By showing the disciples his wounded hands and side, and eating a piece of grilled fish given by them, and opening their minds to understand what the scriptures take about him, he seemed to convey this dual message (1) that it was him, their Master who truly resurrected from the dead and no one else, and (2) that he is the Savior of the world the scriptures had predicted, consequently they should have the peace of mind to believe in him and the confidence to carry out their mission, summed up in just a very few words the end of the Gospel, that 'You are witnesses to this,' meaning they are commanded to spread the message about his teaching, his Passion and Resurrection to the end of the world as insiders, those who were privileged to hear him with their own ears, and witness his death and appearance after resurrection with their own eyes. This same mission is now entrusted to us, followers of the Risen Christ in the world today.

As we celebrate the Eucharist this Sunday, let us ask the Lord to open our minds and hearts, so that we may be able both to understand his teachings better, and to make him proud by means of words and actions inspired by them.

Have a Eucharist-focused week,  
Fr Henry

## PARISH NEWS...

### PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

We began the meeting with a prayer, followed by a reflection upon the article entitled Careerism written by Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, CSsR, dealing with the issue of careerism in the Church, the one Pope Francis identifies as the Church's leprosy for which has disfigured the beauty of the vocation of priests and bishops, and ruined their relationship with the people they are called to serve.

In concrete terms, ecclesial careerism is about individual clergy pursuing advancement, power prestige and their own venal desires, instead of a life of discipleship inspired and commanded by Jesus. Though the Pope has taken some actions to fix this ecclesial defect, such as upgrading the Seminary Formation program, restricting the bestowal of Church titles like 'monsignor', and uncoupling the nomination of cardinals from traditional seats, more, however, has to be done by the whole Church including the hierarchy and the laity.

Our parishioners, I guess, can start to take some share in this crusade initiated by the Pope instead of cheering for his brave effort as spectators, because we all are parts of the Church. As usual, various parish groups kept the Council in touch with our parish life through their monthly reports, and the report from the Over 50s this month particularly drew our attention regarding to increased pressure or suffering lot of senior members of our Parish have to go through, such as falling over, suffering breaks, and home-confinement. Please remember especially member of our Over 50s in your prayer today and days ahead.



### PROJECT COMPASSION

All those who are going to contribute to Project Compassion this year are encouraged to return boxes with their contributions as soon as possible. Either to Mass or to the Parish office mon-Fri 9-2pm.

Thank you

### MATT'S POINT (2nd Collection) Please take note of Donation amount change. \$5. and \$10.

Our Parish now has a 'tap donation point' device to make it easier for our faith family to give an offertory gift to help sustain our liturgical, sacramental, pastoral and charitable ministries.

MATT'S POINT enables us as a Parish to accept cashless donations which are automatically deposited into our bank. Safe and easy, 'Matt's Point' allows people to give an offertory gift of support, without anyone needing to handle cash.

Our device has been pre-set with a gift amount of **\$5. and \$10.** If you wish to give more, please tap the device multiple times to increase your giving.

Your gift will nurture the spiritual vitality of our Parish and ensure we can continue to provide Christian pastoral care that brings hope to our community.



## FROM POPE FRANCIS

### CHAPTER FOUR: AN ECCLESIAL DREAM—continued

69. "The history of the Church shows that Christianity does not have simply one cultural expression", and "we would not do justice to the logic of the incarnation if we thought of Christianity as monocultural and monotonous". There is a risk that evangelizers who come to a particular area may think that they must not only communicate the Gospel but also the culture in which they grew up, failing to realize that it is not essential "to impose a specific cultural form, no matter how beautiful or ancient it may be". What is needed is courageous openness to the novelty of the Spirit, who is always able to create something new with the inexhaustible riches of Jesus Christ. Indeed, "inculturation commits the Church to a difficult but necessary journey". True, "this is always a slow process and that we can be overly fearful", ending up as "mere onlookers as the Church gradually stagnates". But let us be fearless; let us not clip the wings of the Holy Spirit.

#### Paths of inculturation in the Amazon region

70. For the Church to achieve a renewed inculturation of the Gospel in the Amazon region, she needs to listen to its ancestral wisdom, listen once more to the voice of its elders, recognize the values present in the way of life of the original communities, and recover the rich stories of its peoples. In the Amazon region, we have inherited great riches from the pre-Columbian cultures. These include "openness to the action of God, a sense of gratitude for the fruits of the earth, the sacred character of human life and esteem for the family, a sense of solidarity and shared responsibility in common work, the importance of worship, belief in a life beyond this earth, and many other values". 71. In this regard, the indigenous peoples of the Amazon Region express the authentic quality of life as "good living". This involves personal, familial, communal and cosmic harmony and finds expression in a communitarian approach to existence, the ability to find joy and fulfillment in an austere and simple life, and a responsible care of nature that preserves resources for future generations. The aboriginal peoples give us the example of a joyful sobriety and in this sense, "they have much to teach us". They know how to be content with little; they enjoy God's little gifts without accumulating great possessions; they do not destroy things needlessly; they care for ecosystems and they recognize that the earth, while serving as a generous source of support for their life, also has a maternal dimension that evokes respect and tender love. All these things should be valued and taken up in the process of evangelization. 72. While working for them and with them, we are called "to be their friends, to listen to them, to speak for them and to embrace the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them". Those who live in cities need to appreciate this wisdom and to allow themselves to be "re-educated" in the face of frenzied consumerism and urban isolation. The Church herself can be a means of



## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Pastoral Ministry Network Oceania Webinar:

**20 April** The Pastoral Ministry Network, formerly NAPPA, is hosting an online Oceania webinar on 'Parishes and Schools: One Community in Christ' on Tuesday 20 April from 11am to 12.15pm AEST. The webinar will be sharing best practice, challenges and initiatives in how parishes and schools collaborate in living out the mission of Jesus Christ. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/oceaniawebinarapril20>

### Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth Prayer Companion Program

Are you thinking about your future life as a woman? Are you searching for God's Will? The Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth are offering a prayer companion program beginning Friday 23 April at 7pm. You can request a sister to pray for you every day through the intercession of our Mother Foundress. To sign up, or for more information, please contact Sr Paula on 0449 656 406 or [vocationscsfn@gmail.com](mailto:vocationscsfn@gmail.com)

**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](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### Positions Vacant:

- Young Christian Students Worker (full-time) – Parramatta Young Christian Workers – Applications close Monday 30 April

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### Dr Laurie Woods Gospel Study Series

CCD is pleased to offer a Study of the Gospel of St John with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays – 23 and 30 April and 7, 14 and 21 May. These sessions, held from 9.30am to 2pm, will open our eyes to the depth of this Gospel and its application to everyday life, and are open to all. Please register with Maree at [maree.collis@parracatholic.org](mailto:maree.collis@parracatholic.org) or phone (02) 8838 3486.

### St Bernadette's Lalor Park Wednesday Evening Devotions

St Bernadette's Parish, Lalor Park, is hosting weekly devotions to Mary Immaculate and St Bernadette every Wednesday evening at 7pm, followed by Mass at 7.30pm. All are welcome. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 9672 4037 or [admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au](mailto:admin@stbernadetteslalorpark.org.au)



**Family Assistance 1800 606 724**  
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm

Anyone who is experiencing financial hardship may benefit from the service. Emergency relief may be given in the form of food parcels, food vouchers, and assistance with utility bills, clothing, furniture and referral. The assistance given is based on the assessment conducted by our volunteer members at the time of the home visit. Domestic Violence - Alert 1800 737732 [https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find\\_Help/NSW/](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/NSW/)

### 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,



### 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.*

APRIL 2021		
19	School Term 2 begins	
22	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
22	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
25	Anzac Day	
26	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm

17/18 April 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am James Dinning	
Ministers	Vigil: Marinela Simic, Rosey Soares 8am: Fennie Balatbat, Suzy Nemorin 9.30am: Barbara Chandler, Dawn Manamperi	
Readers	Vigil: Catherine Rodrigues, Jemma Sarmiento 8am: Benno Motha, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Helen Kotopau, Adrian Walker	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Lucas Laus, Jayden Rambukwella, VOLUNTEER 8am: Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg, VOLUNTEER 9.30am Celestino Katopau, Oliana Katopau, Rachel Lobo	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church cleaning	15 April	Chuck & Karen Baquial
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso, VOLUNTEER 8am: Rita Paolini, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain, Lena Falzon	

24/25 April 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil: Helen Gonzales, Charmain Jansz 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Carole Brooks, Paul Gow	
Readers	Vigil: Crystal Menezes, Stefanie Menezes 8am: Priya Joachim, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Megan Michael	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello, Dominic Sant 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am Rynan Michael, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy	
Flowers	Annette & Mary B	
Church cleaning	24 April	Helen & Dennis Gonzales, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Johnson Rozario, Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici, Ram Ugre 8am: Joyce Hillbrick, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Maria Michael, VOLUNTEER	