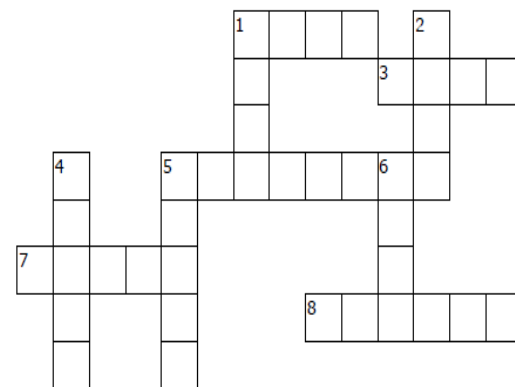
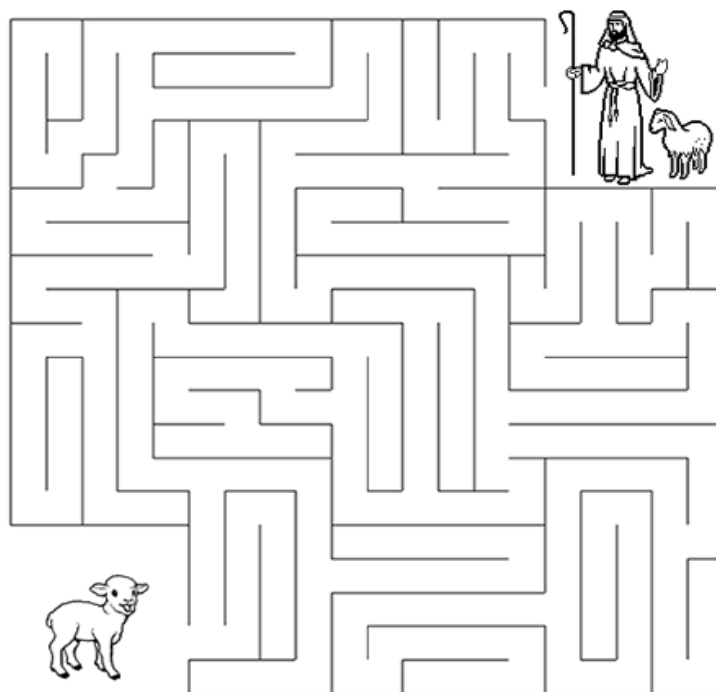


Help the sheep find his way to the shepherd.



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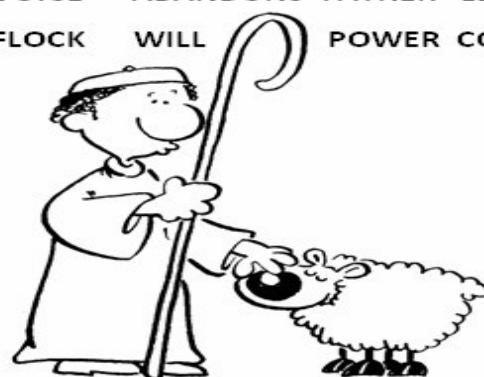
1. The period from birth to death
3. A wild animal that look like a dog and hunts in a pack
5. One who takes care of the sheep
7. What we use to speak
8. To hear or pay attention to something

DOWN

1. A strong feeling of affection
2. The opposite of bad
4. A group of sheep herded together
5. Woolly animals which are similar to goats
6. Goes faster than walking

SHEPHERD	GOOD	LIFE	SHEEP	WOLF
FLOCK	RUNS	VOICE	LISTEN	LOVE

GOOD SHEPHERD SHEEP WOLF
VOICE ABANDONS FATHER LEAD
FLOCK WILL POWER COMMAND



"I am the Good Shepherd;
I know my Sheep
and my Sheep
know me"



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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

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year B — 25 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/>

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KEEP COVID SAFE

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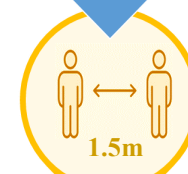
MASKS

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.

IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING **ANY FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS** PLEASE STAY HOME AS THE MASS IS STILL AVAILABLE ON LIVE-STREAM THROUGH OUR OLOL FACEBOOK PAGE.

PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO THE CHURCH SAFE.

Let us Pray for the Sick



Chula Abey, Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, David Benjamin, John Bourke, Lina Cabaero, Barrie Chamberlain, Gabriel Chung, Myrna G Cruz, Paul Daniel, Ronald Gomez, Milroy Gunewardena, Anthony Janicska, Wendy & Klaus, Anslan Lawrence, Angelina Lee, Spencer Leon, Cynthia Lopez, Carmenu M, Gerard Marcello, Marie Marchand, Maria V, Mark McGilligan, Blago & Dragica Milicevic, Laurel Morris, Anna Mun, Ananda Nayana, Patricia Ore, 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: Rachel Ampo, Celilia Apwra, Penelope Zubaida Benjamin, Joe Camilleri, Catherine Chandra, Aloyseon Corera, Elias Fortaleza, Gaudencia Mendoza, Mary Mifsud, Danidee Nailat, Roza Nalongo, Rosa & Nelson Ngan, Christopher Nordista, Adiodato Palmos, Josefina Roque, Alberto Vasquez.

Anniversaries: Simeon & Valentina Carlos, John Cini, Cini & Mangion families, Zoltan Gartner, Marc & Rosine La Fleur, Nicanor & Tomasa Maepayo, Anton Motha, Paul Mula, Jose Reyes, Estilita Riveral, Shirley Sexton, Tony Vassallo.

Remembrance: Roy, Mary & Des Barney, 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, Roseline Ratnam, Jose Sanchez..

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.
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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: ‘Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfectly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men:
it is better to take refuge in the Lord

I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.
The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Blessed in the name of the Lord
is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord;
I will thank you for you have given answer
and you are my saviour.

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God’s children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 10:11-18

Jesus said:
‘I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep. The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep. I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep. And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock and one shepherd. The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.’



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 Francis: Prayer made St Teresa of Avila an exceptional woman By Lydia O’Kane

In a video message to participants taking part in an International Congress commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the proclamation of St. Teresa of Ávila as a Doctor of the Church, Pope Francis spoke of how prayer made this great Saint an “exceptional woman”. The Congress, which began on Monday, April 12, at the St Teresa of Ávila Catholic University, closes on Thursday, April 15.

The Pope said that St Teresa was outstanding in many ways. However, he underlined, “it should not be forgotten that her recognized relevance in these dimensions is nothing more than the consequence of what was important to her: her encounter with the Lord, her ‘determined determination,’ as she says, to persevere in her union with Him through prayer, her firm intention to carry out the mission entrusted to her by the Lord, to whom she offered herself with simplicity.”

St. Teresa’s boldness, creativity and excellence as a reformer, said Pope Francis, “are the fruit of the interior presence of the Lord.”

Recalling the universal call to holiness spoken of by the Second Vatican Council, the Pope said, it is “not only for some ‘specialists of the divine’, but it is the vocation of all believers.”

Uniqueness of the Saints

“Union with Christ, which mystics like St. Teresa experience in a special way by pure grace, we receive through Baptism,” he said.

“The saints stimulate and motivate us, but it is not for us to literally try to copy them; holiness cannot be copied, because even that could lead us away from the unique and different path that the Lord has for each one of us.”

“What is important,” the Pope added, “is that each believer discerns his own way, each one of us has his own way of holiness, of encounter with the Lord.”

Union through charity

Pope Francis recalled that St. Teresa herself warned her nuns that prayer is “not to experience extraordinary things, but to unite us to Christ. And the sign that this union is real are works of charity.”

Path of Prayer

The Pope stressed that “St. Teresa teaches us that the path of prayer that made her an exceptional woman, and a person of reference through the centuries, is open to all who humbly open themselves to the action of the Spirit in their lives.”

Such a path, he said, “is not open to those who consider themselves pure and perfect, the Cathars of all centuries, but to those who are aware of their sins.”

“Prayer made St. Teresa an exceptional woman, a creative and innovative woman,” emphasized Pope Francis.

“From prayer she discovered the ideal of fraternity that she wanted to make a reality in the convents she founded.”

Faithful friends of God

In his video message, Pope Francis said that like the Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa, we live in hard times that require “faithful friends of God.”

He emphasized that “the great temptation is to give in to disillusionment, to resignation, to the dismal and unfounded presage that everything will go wrong.”

Some people, he said, “frightened by these thoughts, tend to shut themselves away, to take refuge in little things.”

Giving an example of this, the Pope recalled a convent where all the nuns took refuge in “little things” because they were all enclosed in little things, “as a refuge, in selfish projects that do not build up the community, but rather destroy it.”

On the other hand, Pope Francis continued, “prayer opens us up, allows us to taste that God is great, that He is beyond the horizon, that God is good, that He loves us and that history has not escaped from His hands.”

God gives us fullness and joy

We can be encouraged to do great things, stressed the Pope, “because we know that we are favoured by God. And together with Him, we are capable of reaching any challenge, because in reality it is only His company that our heart desires and that gives us the fullness and joy for which we have been created.”

Concluding his video message, Pope Francis invited participants to pray St Teresa’s prayer:

“Let nothing disturb you, let nothing frighten you; all things pass away, God does not change. Patience, all things come to pass. He who has God lacks nothing. God alone is enough.”

‘Pope Francis at Regina Coeli: Christianity is relationship, care and joy. *By Linda Bordoni*

Pope Francis on Sunday reappeared at the window of his study in the Apostolic Palace overlooking St. Peter’s Square to greet the faithful and recite the Regina Coeli prayer. It’s the first time since 14 March that he has made direct contact with the people in the Square in accordance with the Italian government’s decrees to curb the spread of the coronavirus pandemic. The Pope reflected on the Gospel according to Luke (Lk 24) which tells of how the Resurrected Jesus presents himself in the midst of the group of disciples in the Cenacle in Jerusalem and greets them saying: “Peace to you!” The disciples, he said, are frightened and believe “that they saw a spirit”. Then Jesus shows them his bodily wounds and says: “See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me”, and to convince them, he asks for food and eats it before their astonished eyes. The Pope explained that three very tangible verbs characterize this Gospel passage: they are *looking*, *touching* and *eating*. He said these are all verbs that reflect our individual and community life and describe actions that “can give joy to a true encounter with the living Jesus.”

Looking: the first step against indifference

Jesus, the Pope continued, says “See my hands and my feet” and this tells us that “*looking* is not only seeing, it is more; it also involves intention, will.” “For this reason, it is one of the verbs of love. A mother and father look at their child; lovers look at each other; a good doctor looks at the patient carefully.... *Looking* is a first step against indifference, against the temptation to turn the face before the difficulties and sufferings of others,” he said.

Touching: closeness, contact, the sharing of life

Touching is also a verb of love, in fact the Pope explained, love calls for closeness, contact, the sharing of life. He said that “by inviting the disciples to touch him, to verify that he is not a spirit, Jesus indicates to them and to us that the relationship with him and with our brothers and sisters cannot remain “at a distance”, at the level of a gaze.” The Good Samaritan he continued, “did not limit himself to looking at that man whom he found half dead along the road: he bent down, treated his wounds, loaded him on his mount and took him to the inn.” It is the same with Jesus, the Holy Father continued: “loving him means entering a vital, tangible communion with Him.

Eating: nourishment necessary to live

The third verb, *to eat*, the Pope said, “clearly expresses our humanity in its most natural indigence, that is, our need to nourish ourselves in order to live.” He reflected on when we eat together, with family or friends, it “also becomes an expression of love, of communion, of celebration.” “How often the Gospels present us Jesus who experiences this convivial dimension! Even as the Risen One, with his disciples. To the point that the Eucharistic Banquet has become the emblematic sign of the Christian community,” he noted.

A living relationship with Jesus

Pope Francis concluded his catechesis explaining that this Gospel passage tells us that Jesus is not a “spirit”, but a living Person: “Being Christian is not first of all a doctrine or a moral ideal; it is the living relationship with Him, with the Risen Lord: we look at him, we touch him, we are nourished by Him and, transformed by his Love, we look at, touch and nourish others as brothers and sisters.”

Pope happy to be back in the Square

After issuing an appeal for peace in Eastern Ukraine and recalling a group of Italian cistercian monks who were beatified on Saturday, Pope Francis expressed his joy to be back in the Square in the presence of the faithful. "Thanks to God we can once again meet in this Square for our Sunday and Festive appointments," he said. "I must tell you," he continued: "I miss the Square when I have to pray the Angelus in the Library... I am happy! Thanks to God and thanks to you all for your presence!"

Pope Francis at audience: vocal prayer is a sure way speak with God **By Christopher Wells**

Prayer, Pope Francis said at his General Audience on Wednesday, “is dialogue with God; and every creature, in a certain sense, engages in dialogue with God.” For human beings, he continued, “prayer becomes *word*, invocation, hymn, poetry... The divine Word is made flesh, and in the flesh of every person the word returns to God in prayer.”

The importance of words

The Holy Father’s catechesis began with a reflection on words, which not only proceed from us, but also “to some extent shape us.” In the Bible, words bring everything to light, ensuring that “nothing human is excluded, censored.” That, said Pope Francis, “is why Sacred Scripture teaches us to pray, sometimes even with bold words.” The human authors of the Bible are intent upon showing humanity as it really is, to the point even of including “harsh expressions against enemies... words that belong to human reality and which find their way into the Sacred Scriptures.” They are included, the Pope explained, “to testify to us that if, in the face of violence, there are no words to make bad feelings harmless, to channel them so they do no harm, then the world would be overwhelmed.”

The surest way to pray to God

Pope Francis notes that “the first human prayer is always a vocal recitation. The lips always move first.” While recognizing that prayer does not consist in simply repeating words without meaning, he nonetheless insisted that vocal prayer is the “surest” means of speaking with God. Feelings, he said, can be uncertain and unpredictable, as can the graces that come from prayer. At times, the mysterious “prayer of the heart” can be lacking. Vocal prayer, however, “can always be practiced” and is necessary, even when our feelings are confused.

Whispered prayer

“We should all have the humility of certain elderly people who, in church... recite softly the prayers they learned as children,” Pope Francis said. “That prayer does not disturb the silence, but testifies to their fidelity to the duty of prayer practised throughout their lives, without fail.” These “practitioners of humble prayer,” he said, “are often the great intercessors of our parishes.” They too, like all of us, sometimes face dark nights, and “empty moments.” But, the Pope said, “one can always remain faithful to vocal prayer.” Therefore, Pope Francis concluded, “we must not despise vocal prayer,” which is the only “sure” way “to direct to God the questions He wants to hear.”



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Growing up in the rural area in the South-West of the Mekong delta, I never had the opportunity to ever see a sheep, though there were plenty of cows and water buffalos around, so I came to know what the sheep look like based on photos and movies, especially at Christmas times and Vocation Sunday, when the sheep and shepherd topic took the central stage in our liturgy and worship. It was quite strange that my friends and I never questioned such a gap between our real life and the one presented to us in the Scriptures, though much later on, I once saw a painting executed by a Vietnamese artist depicting the Nativity scene in which the baby Jesus was surrounded by Mary, Joseph and water-buffalo keepers with their animals, instead of shepherds, and all of course dressed up in Vietnamese costumes. Obviously it was the artistic response to the Vatican II Council’s call to localize Jesus’ message and vernacularize the Holy Mass, meaning to translate them from Latin into local languages whatever they are. Talking about sheep and shepherd, I hope you remember back quite a number of years ago, our Emeritus Pope Benedict XVI used the passage of the Gospel we have for this Sunday as the platform to launch his fierce criticism against certain Church celebrities trying to make a career out of their vocation, and as a result, they have done more harm than good for the Church. The Pope had no reluctance to call them false shepherds, for they managed to sneak into the ecclesial sheepfold to cause divisions and troubles, instead of unity and visions as expected. Not long after that the truth came out about the Marcial Maciel Degollado scandal sadly involved not just ordinary people, but lot of clergy in the Legionaires of Christ founded by Marcial him, and also other Child Abuse reports, and the Pontiff had to call it a day at the end. Traditionally we dedicate this Sunday to pray for Church vocations, especially religious and priestly vocation, Jesus, as we know, often used the title ‘the good shepherd’ to define himself, and the Gospel today gives us a good example of that. According to Jesus, the good shepherd has to reflect these two qualities: (1) number one, the courage to sacrifice even his own life for his sheep, and (2) number two, an ability to relate to the sheep in the way that he know them and they, in return, listen to him and show him their respect with no coercion or imposition. Inspired by Jesus’ thought in today’s Gospel and the Church’s intention this Sunday, let us also pray for those who are called to lead all Church communities whether at home as mums and dads, or in parishes and dioceses as priests and bishops, cardinals and the Holy Father, that Christ, the Good Shepherd, will grant them his grace and support to help them fulfil their call to lead the flock entrusted to them by Finally, on the note of self-sacrifice of the shepherd, I would to draw your attention to those who were so generous to sacrifice their lives fighting for justice and freedom in our land and beyond ours on this Anzac Day. Let us remember them in our prayer today, and pray that the Lord our God reward them many fold for the good works they had done for others. God in the way He has shown them through his own life. Let us entrust our week ahead in the guiding hands of the Good Shepherd. Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

Glenbrook Parish Women’s Retreat: 12 June

St Finbar’s Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a women’s retreat filled with peace, prayerfulness, adoration, Mass, Reconciliation, guest speakers and praise and worship. It will be held at the parish on 12 June from 8.30am to 8.30pm. Registration is \$60, and with places limited, register now at <https://forms.gle/KkBaTAvm1qkYYCzm8>. For enquiries, email be-loved2021info@gmail.com

Christ Community Prayer Group Thursday 9am in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome

LEGION OF MARY: Meeting Thursdays 1.30pm. All welcome.

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*

Introduction to Safeguarding Training

The Diocese of Parramatta is launching new online Safeguarding training for all parish staff and volunteers. Zoom sessions to introduce the training will be held 2pm-3pm on April 28 or May 5. More information to follow or email Sonia Fingleton at the Diocese at Sonia.fingleton@parracatholic.org

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

72. The Church herself can be a means of assisting this cultural retrieval through a precious synthesis with the preaching of the Gospel. She can also become a sign and means of charity, inasmuch as urban communities must be missionary not only to those in their midst but also to the poor who, driven by dire need, arrive from the interior and are welcomed. In the same way, these communities can stay close to young migrants and help them integrate into the city without falling prey to its networks of depravity. All these forms of ecclesial outreach, born of love, are valuable contributions to a process of inculturation. 73. Inculturation elevates and fulfills. Certainly, we should esteem the indigenous mysticism that sees the interconnection and interdependence of the whole of creation, the mysticism of gratuitousness that loves life as a gift, the mysticism of a sacred wonder before nature and all its forms of life. At the same time, though, we are called to turn this relationship with God present in the cosmos into an increasingly personal relationship with a "Thou" who sustains our lives and wants to give them a meaning, a "Thou" who knows us and loves us:

"Shadows float from me, dead wood. But the star is born without reproach over the expert hands of this child, that conquer the waters and the night. It has to be enough for me to know that you know me completely, from before my days".

74. Similarly, a relationship with Jesus Christ, true God and true man, liberator and redeemer, is not inimical to the markedly cosmic worldview that characterizes the indigenous peoples, since he is also the Risen Lord who permeates all things. In Christian experience, "all the creatures of the material universe find their true meaning in the incarnate Word, for the Son of God has incorporated in his person part of the material world, planting in it a seed of definitive transformation". [106] He is present in a glorious and mysterious way in the river, the trees, the fish and the wind, as the Lord who reigns in creation without ever losing his transfigured wounds, while in the Eucharist he takes up the elements of this world and confers on all things the meaning of the paschal gift.

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



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SATURDAY SESSIONS
GROW & SHARE FAITH

Watch the presentation & join in the online conversation Saturday 9.15am or Monday 7.15pm

24TH & 26TH APRIL 2021
BISHOP ROBERT BARRON
CATHOLICS, MEDIA MOBS, AND THE CULTURE OF CONTEMPT

REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL TO ACCESS LINKS DIOCESE of PARRAMATTA

Join with others as we create community online to share and grow faith, each week with Saturday Sessions.

This Week

Bishop Robert Barron:
"Catholics, Media Mobs, and the Culture of Contempt"
(Approx. 30 minutes)

Register in advance to receive the video link. Watch the video and then join in the conversation by joining in one of the conversation sessions:

Monday 26th April, 7.15pm – Register in advance at <https://tinyurl.com/SS26042021>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting and the links to the presentation.

Revisit any of the previous Saturday Sessions at www.thewell.org.au

Coming Up:

1st & 3rd May: Fr Mike Schmitz | What's a Sign from God (and What Isn't)

To read more about Saturday Sessions visit: <https://catholicoutlook.org/saturday-sessions-is-returning-for-2021/?fbclid=IwAR0GNY2Y09ZCKjm2Noxf6POldH64y4zZ0Ta4Ru2tjoQ5yZg007FTHEGd-0>



Volunteer Bookkeeper Position: assisting poverty reduction (15 hours per week).

Palms Australia is a Catholic agency who recruits, prepares, sends and supports qualified and experienced Australians to assist communities in Asia, Africa and the Pacific seeking to reduce poverty. This is a great opportunity to make a difference from within their Petersham North office, where a small wonderful and hospitable Palms Australia team will make you feel very welcome.

If you know your way around accounting processes, and either looking for experience, or a meaningful retirement, Executive Director, Roger O'Halloran, would love to hear from you. roger@palms.org.au or 9560 5333 in business hours.

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	
25	Anzac Day	
26	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
28	Parish Office retreat day— Office Closed	
29	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
29	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
29	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm

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	28 April	Sue Abela, Jessies Borg, Anne McNally
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici, Ram Ugre 8am: Joyce Hillbrick, 9.30am: Maria Michael,	

1/2 May 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: Derek Soares 8am: Eugene Miu 9.30am: Ian Epondulan	
Ministers	Vigil: Jemma Sarmiento, Rosey Soares 8am: Anne McNally, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Anna Bellissimo, Sarah Lenthall	
Readers	Vigil: Benno Motha, Catherine Rodrigues 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Priya Joachim 9.30am: Laura Bellissimo, Crystal Menezes	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Caron Cyril, Jesseline Franco, Edwin Grover 8am: Amelia Herczeg, Joshua Herczeg, 9.30am: Rynan Michael, Rachel Lobo,	
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby and Flo	
Church cleaning	5 May	Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spiteri, Suzi Nemorin
Welcomers	Vigil: Annette Peatman, 8am: Suzy Nemorin, 9.30am: Maria Michael	