

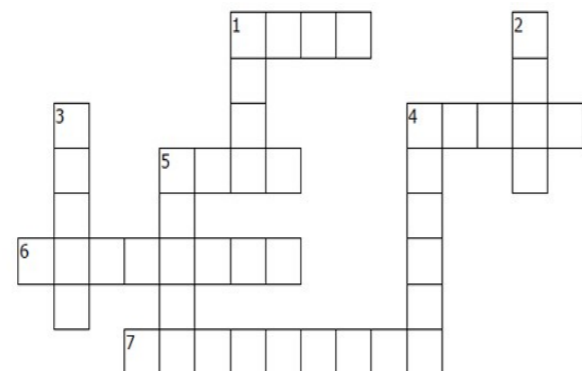
Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner Pentecost Sunday



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Unscramble each word and then place the numbered letters in the numbered boxes at the bottom to reveal the "Final Answer."
(Find clues in Acts Chapter 2)



ACROSS

- A destructive burning
- Something that can be heard
- Something that is pure and good, such as God's Word
- Means of communication used by the people of a particular country
- The day the Holy Spirit came upon the apostles

DOWN

- Make something to be full
- Blowing air, especially that which would move the leaves on a tree
- To say words, to use the voice
- A being that cannot be seen, like a ghost
- A building which people live in

FILL	HOUSE	SPEAK	WIND	LANGUAGE
SOUND	SPIRIT	PENTECOST	HOLY	FIRE

The Work of the Holy Spirit Maze

But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. (John 16:13)



The Day of Pentecost

All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Acts 2:4 (NIV)

Based on Acts 2:1-21



The Day of Pentecost—Acts 2



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DAY	HOLY	SOUND	SPIRIT	SPEAK



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WEEKEND MASS Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9.30am

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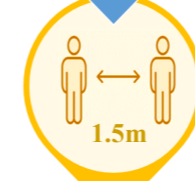
MASKS

Masks are optional, but strongly advised.



SANITISE

Use hand sanitizer upon entry and exit.



DISTANCE

Please maintain social distancing at all times. Including when lining up for Holy Communion.



SIGN IN

By Law, EVERYONE must SIGN IN. If the church has reached the MAX. capacity of 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, Melvin Fernandes, 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 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: Pamela Cythina Ambrose, Miriam Bussetill, Aloyseon Corera, Nilesh Evans, Shani Jayatilake, Noly Diaz Limbawan, Mary Mifsud, Ramon Nismal, Rena Rose Pinto, Dale Rohe, Mary Said.

Anniversaries: Gregorio & Maria Almodovar, T F Augustine, Cecil Beed, Maurice Camenzuli, Nicola Caniglia, Carmela Carbone, Stella Cini, James & Betty Daly, Marcel Diab, Georgina & Mark Falzon, Teresa Francesco, Teodoro Garcia, Heeni Heke (Jinny), Trita Hili, Richard Hope, Giovanni La Rosa, Sheena Landagan, Richard Lin, Rosa Mancina, James McNally, Anton Motha, Paul Mula, Caytan Mula, Leonardo Naldoza, Lakshman Perera, S Susainathan, Lucy Vasquez, Priscila Villanueva, Elena Zoratto.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Sam Borg, Fiu Eng, Michael Gachia, Nguyen Vinh Hien, Sharon & John Lawrence, Felina & Apolinario Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary & Muscat family, Roseline Ratnam, Ngan Siu, Jim & Alison Vella, Natalie 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 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)
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BSB: 062 315

Acc Id # - 00901486

AGENT # - 660

Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome - Jews and proselytes alike - Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, send out your spirit and renew the face of the earth

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. (R.)

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. (R.)

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Galatians 5:16-25

If you are guided by the Spirit you will be in no danger of yielding to self-indulgence, since self-indulgence is the opposite of the Spirit, the Spirit is totally against such a thing, and it is precisely because the two are so opposed that you do not always carry out your good intentions. If you are led by the Spirit, no law can touch you. When self-indulgence is at work the results are obvious: fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility; idolatry and sorcery; feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels; disagreements, factions, envy; drunkenness, orgies and similar things. I warn you now, as I warned you before: those who behave like this will not inherit the kingdom of God. What the Spirit brings is very different: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control. There can be no law against things like that, of course. You cannot belong to Christ Jesus unless you crucify all self-indulgent passions and desire. Since the Spirit is our life, let us be directed by the Spirit.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love,.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:26-27, 16:12-15

Jesus said to his disciples:
‘When the Advocate comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who issues from the Father, he will be my witness. And you too will be witnesses, because you have been with me from the outset. I still have many things to say to you but they would be too much for you now. But when the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth, since he will not be speaking as from himself but will say only what he has learnt; and he will tell you of the things to come. He will glorify me, since all he tells you will be taken from what is mine. Everything the Father has is mine; that is why I said: All he tells you will be taken from what is mine.’



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 APPEALS FOR DAY OF PRAYER FOR CHURCH IN CHINA

By Devin Watkins & Paolo Ondarza

As the Church marks the Day of Prayer for the Church in China, Pope Francis assured Chinese Catholics of the nearness of the universal Church. His remarks came after the prayer of the Regina Coeli on Sunday. “Dearest Catholic brothers and sisters in China, I wish to assure you that the universal Church, of which you are an integral part, shares your hopes and supports you in your trials. She accompanies you with prayer for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit, so that the light and beauty of the Gospel might shine in you as the power of God for the salvation of those who believe.” Catholics in China celebrate the feast of Our Lady, Help of Christians and Patroness of China on Sunday. The Virgin Mary is venerated under this title at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Sheshan in Shanghai. Pope Francis prayed that the Chinese faithful “might be strong in faith and steadfast in fraternal union, joyful witnesses, promoters of charity and hope, and good citizens.”

Day of Prayer of Church in China

In 2007, Pope Benedict XVI wrote a “Letter to Chinese Catholics” and proclaimed a Day of Prayer for the Church in China, which is celebrated every year on 24 May. For the occasion, Pope Benedict wrote a prayer to the Blessed Virgin, asking her to guide the people of God "along the paths of truth and love" so that there might be "in every circumstance a ferment of harmonious coexistence among all." He prayed that Catholics around the world might support "the commitment of those in China who, among their daily labours, continue to believe, hope, and love, so that they might never fear to speak of Jesus to the world and of the world to Jesus." Finally, Pope Benedict implored the Mother of God to "help Catholics to be always credible witnesses of love, remaining united to the Rock of Peter, upon which the Church is built."

Care for Chinese Catholics

Pope Francis has demonstrated particular care for the faithful in China since the beginning of his pontificate. Each year, on the Day of Prayer, the Pope has never failed to express his closeness and affection to all Chinese Catholics. A key moment in diplomatic relations between the Holy See and the People’s Republic of China took place on 22 September 2018, with the signing of the Provisional Agreement. Cardinal Secretary of State Pietro Parolin described the accord as "both a point of arrival on a long road and above all a starting point" for "a new phase of greater collaboration for the good of the Chinese Catholic community and for the harmony of the whole of society." "We must walk together," said Cardinal Parolin in an interview with the Global Times, "because only in this way can we heal the wounds and misunderstandings of the past, to show the world that even from distant positions fruitful agreements can be reached."

Holy See and Chinese government

Pope Francis wrote about the Provisional Agreement in his Message to Chinese Catholics and the Universal Church on 26 September 2018. He called it "the fruit of the extensive and complex institutional dialogue between the Holy See and authorities of the Chinese government, which was inaugurated by Saint John Paul II and continued by Pope Benedict XVI." “It is not a matter of appointing officials for the management of religious matters, but of having authentic Pastors according to the heart of Jesus, committed to work generously in the service of the people of God.” Many initiatives have characterized the relationship between the Holy See and China over the last two years. The Chinese government allowed two Catholic Bishops, Joseph Guo Jincai and John Baptist Yang Xiaoting, to participate in the Synod on Young People which took place in the Vatican in 2018. The government also approved the Episcopal Consecration with Papal Mandate in August 2019 of Anthony Yao Shun and Stephen Xu Hongwei, respectively the Bishop of Jining/Wulanchabu, in Inner Mongolia, and the Coadjutor Bishop of Hanzhong, in the north-western province of Shaanxi.

Expressions of solidarity

Since the beginning of the coronavirus pandemic, there have been mutual expressions of solidarity between the Holy See and China with donations of personal protective equipment aimed at fighting the virus. Many Chinese Catholics have also participated through social media in the celebration of Pope Francis’s daily Masses in the Casa Santa Marta. The journey of dialogue and mutual understanding has helped “build a common future of greater harmony”, as desired by the Holy Father. The journey also includes culture and beauty, represented by an exhibition entitled “Beauty Unites Us: Chinese Art from the Vatican Museums”. The highly symbolic exhibition was organized in Beijing by the Vatican Museums, and took place from 28 May until 14 July 2019 at the Palace Museum of the Forbidden City.

POPE FRANCIS AT REGINA COELI: ASCENSION RECALLS JESUS' CONSTANT PRESENCE AMONG US

By Devin Watkins

The Solemnity of the Ascension was celebrated in the Vatican last Thursday, but Italy and many other countries celebrate the Lord's ascent into Heaven on Sunday. At the Regina Coeli prayer in the Apostolic Library, Pope Francis reflected on the missionary mandate Jesus gave His disciples during their final meeting(Mt 28:16-20). Jesus invests all who follow Him with the mission to all peoples, said the Pope. "The contents of the mission entrusted to the Apostles are these: to proclaim, baptize, and teach how to walk the path traced out by the Master, that is, the Gospel."

Courageous witnesses

Pope Francis said the message of salvation requires Christians to be witnesses, "to explain why we believe." He added that we will surely feel inadequate when faced with such a daunting task, as the Apostles undoubtedly felt before us. But "we must not be discouraged, remembering the words Jesus addressed to them before ascending to Heaven: 'I am with you always, to the very end of the age' ", the Pope said.

Constant, consoling presence

Jesus thus promised to remain with us always, in the constant and consoling presence of the Holy Spirit. "That Spirit, sent by Christ and the Father, works the remission of sins and sanctifies all those who are repentant and open themselves with confidence to His gift." Pope Francis said Jesus's presence among us as the Risen One is revealed "in the Word, in the Sacraments, and in the constant and interior action of the Holy Spirit." "The Feast of the Ascension," he noted, "tells us that Jesus, although He ascended to Heaven to dwell gloriously at the right hand of the Father, is still and is always among us: this is the source of our strength, our perseverance and our joy."

Gentleness and courage

In conclusion, the Pope asked the Virgin Mary to accompany our journey with her maternal protection. "From her may we learn the gentleness and courage to be witnesses in the world of the Risen Lord."

POPE FRANCIS AT GENERL AUDIENCE: OVERCOME DIFFICULTIES IN PRAYER

By Christopher Wells

Speaking at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis identified three difficulties we often experience in prayer: distraction; feelings of dryness or barrenness; and "acedia," a certain listlessness in prayer.

Distractions

Distraction is a common experience, not only in prayer but in all we do. "The human mind finds it difficult to dwell for long on a single thought; we all experience this constant whirlwind of images and illusions in perpetual motion, which accompany us even in our sleep." But if we give into this temptation, said the Pope, we are unable to do anything well. The Pope explained that distractions are not sinful in themselves, but we must nonetheless fight against them. To do so, we must embrace the Gospel virtue of perseverance. We do not know the day or hour in which Jesus will come, and so we must be watchful, striving to concentrate and be attentive to the task at hand.

Aridity

Aridity or "dryness" in prayer – when prayer seems to do no good, and inspires no joy or enthusiasm – is different from distraction in that it doesn't always arise from within us. Sometimes, said Pope Francis, God Himself allows us to experience this spiritual dryness, and at such times we must rely on "pure faith."

Acedia

Acedia, sometimes called sloth, "is a real temptation against prayer, and more generally against Christian life," Pope Francis said. Quoting the catechism, he described it as a form of depression due to "lax ascetical practice, decreasing vigilance, and carelessness of heart." As one of the seven deadly sins, "it is fuelled by conceit, and can lead to the death of the soul."

Perseverance in prayer

In the face of this "succession of enthusiasm and discouragement" in prayer, Pope Francis called on Christians to persevere, to always keep walking. "All the saints have passed through this 'dark valley'," he said, and we should not be scandalised when we hear about their struggles with prayer, "the account of evenings of listless prayer, lived without taste." At those times, the Pope continued, we must learn to remain constant in prayer. "Believers never stop praying!" he insisted. Even if, like Job, we complain and protest against God, "we know that at the end of this time of desolation" God will answer us. "God will gather up even our harshest and most bitter expressions with the love of a Father, and consider them as an act of faith, as a prayer," concluded Pope Francis.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

As part of seminary formation program in Australia, all students are required to study Greek for at least two semesters, perhaps just long enough to help them feel comfortable with text books often containing words from a Greek origin, and the feast of the Pentecost we celebrate this Sunday in the point in case. The word 'pentecost' originally is a Greek one, meaning 'fifty days.' Jewish people was known to celebrate their Pentecost fifty days after the Passover as a thanksgiving to God for the wheat harvest (cf. Tob 2.1). However, Pentecost had a new meaning, for it marks the beginning or birth of the first ever Christian community, the Church, since the moment the Holy Spirit descended as tongues of fire upon the Apostles congregated in a room to commemorate their traditional Pentecost, filled them with unprecedented gifts surprising so many of their contemporary present in Jerusalem then for the feast, and literally transformed them into extraordinary people as reported by the writer of the first reading today. St Paul in the second reading then puts the effort into exploring further the gifts and virtues given by the Holy Spirit, and naming them as 'love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control', which are completely different to what he calls the results of self-indulgence, such as 'fornication, gross indecency and sexual irresponsibility, idolatry and sorcery, feuds and wrangling, jealousy, bad temper and quarrels, disagreements, factions, envy, drunkenness, orgies and similar things.' In the Gospel reading, John the evangelist deals with the questions about the origin and about the role of the Holy Spirit. He makes it very clear that the Holy Spirit is sent to the disciples by God, the Father, and is entrusted with the task of bearing witness to the Son, Jesus Himself through his Church-sanctifying gifts, meaning to make Jesus' believers ever stronger and better in their faith, so that they may be able to partake in the mission to bear witness to the Son of God in the world, too. As we celebrate the feast of the Pentecost today, let us ask the Holy Spirit to renew his gifts in each of us, consequently we may be able to become better witnesses to Jesus in showing love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, trustfulness, gentleness and self-control to all whom we are called to live it, no matter whether it is at home, in the community or the world. Have a blessed week re-filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

LOURDES OVER 50's: for those going to Guardian Funerals Cancer Council Morning Tea on Thursday 27th May the courtesy bus will leave at 10.00am. Please be at the Hall by 9.45 am.

NATIONAL COUNT OF MASS ATTENDANCE

Throughout all the weekends of May, our parish has been invited to take part in the National Mass Count project. This last week, we will be asked to indicate Mass attendance and age group. Please tick your appropriate column. Every person is to sign the register.



Thank you everyone for your patience and co-operation.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS INDUCTION FOR 2021

All children in year 4 and higher are warmly invited to join our Altar Servers ministry training sessions on 6 June after the 9.30 Mass for all children from both Our Lady of Lourdes' and others'.

MATT'S POINT 1st COLLECTION

Please take note of Donation amount change. \$5. and \$10. Our Parish 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.

NEW PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM AND MASS COLLECTIONS There are generally two collections taken up at Mass. The first collection and MATT'S POINT is for the support of clergy in the parish and beyond. Funds are also directed to:

- Clergy Retirement Foundation (in support of sick and retired clergy)
- Priests in parishes where the first collection is insufficient to meet their stipend
- The support of the Archbishop, Vicar General and Chancellor
- Priests in remote dioceses across Australia

The second collection is for the maintenance and growth of our parish's mission. For example:

- Liturgical needs
- Parish sacramental formation and pastoral programs
- Salaries
- Utilities
- Resources
- Maintenance
- Repayment of loans

Your donations are ideally offered through the parish Planned Giving Program, and can be done electronically (the ideal way) or via cash or an envelope system. PLEASE take the time to fill the form out and leave in the church where it will be collected, or alternatively please call the Parish Office with your preferred method - even if you are already on the Planned Giving Program, we are updating the program and envelope numbers. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Our Lady of Lourdes
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FROM POPE FRANCIS

CHAPTER FOUR: Inculturation of Forms of Ministry

85. Inculturation should also be increasingly reflected in an incarnate form of ecclesial organization and ministry. If we are to inculturate spirituality, holiness and the Gospel itself, how can we not consider an inculturation of the ways we structure and carry out ecclesial ministries? The pastoral presence of the Church in the Amazon region is uneven, due in part to the vast expanse of the territory, its many remote places, its broad cultural diversity, its grave social problems, and the preference of some peoples to live in isolation. We cannot remain unconcerned; a specific and courageous response is required of the Church.

86. Efforts need to be made to configure ministry in such a way that it is at the service of a more frequent celebration of the Eucharist, even in the remotest and most isolated communities. At Aparecida, all were asked to heed the lament of the many Amazonian communities “deprived of the Sunday Eucharist for long periods of time”. There is also a need for ministers who can understand Amazonian sensibilities and cultures from within. 87. The way of shaping priestly life and ministry is not monolithic; it develops distinctive traits in different parts of the world. This is why it is important to determine what is most specific to a priest, what cannot be delegated. The answer lies in the sacrament of Holy Orders, which configures him to Christ the priest. The first conclusion, then, is that the exclusive character received in Holy Orders qualifies the priest alone to preside at the Eucharist. That is his particular, principal and non-delegable function. There are those who think that what distinguishes the priest is power, the fact that he is the highest authority in the community. Yet [Saint John Paul II](#) explained that, although the priesthood is considered “hierarchical”, this function is not meant to be superior to the others, but rather is “totally ordered to the holiness of Christ’s members”. When the priest is said to be a sign of “Christ the head”, this refers principally to the fact that Christ is the source of all grace: he is the head of the Church because “he has the power of pouring out grace upon all the members of the Church”.

88. The priest is a sign of that head and wellspring of grace above all when he celebrates the Eucharist, the source and summit of the entire Christian life. That is his great power, a power that can only be received in the sacrament of Holy Orders. For this reason, only the priest can say: “This is *my* body”. There are other words too, that he alone can speak: “I absolve you from your sins”. Because sacramental forgiveness is at the service of a worthy celebration of the Eucharist. These two sacraments lie at the heart of the priest’s exclusive identity.

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

Pope Francis’ Prayer to Mary during the coronavirus pandemic

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm.
You, Salvation of all People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that,
as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. *Amen.*
Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger,



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.

	May 2021	
24	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
26	Reconciliation catch up Meeting	4-5 pm
27	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
27	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
23-27	Fr Henry Vacation	
27	Finance Committee Meeting	8:00pm
29/30	Bishop’s Good Shepherd Appeal	All Masses

DIOCESAN 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 beloved2021info@gmail.com

A HELPING HAND FOR RECENT FLOOD VICTIMS IN EAST TIMOR

Due to a flood caused by torrential rains recently, lot of schools, house, rice fields, livestock, and other country infrastructures in many parts of East Timor were destroyed, including a small mountain village called Hatubesilolo consisting of around 200 families. This is the community our parish had the chance to help install a water tank and pump a few years ago, so that villagers could have access to clean water for their daily necessities. This same community sadly has to face an uphill battle to get food on the table as a result of such a ravaging flood.

Fr Luan Le, a Capuchin priest, who once co-ordinated the past water tank project as priest in residence, is now initiating a relief program to provide rice and instant noodles, two most basic items for local residents. It’s helpful for us to know that a bag of rice costs \$20.00 and a box of noodles \$10.00. Perhaps as a birthday gift to our Timorese brothers and sisters in need on the occasion of our Church birthday, let us have a third collection this weekend. Hope that our generosity to share will help bring comfort to some families over there in their time of need.

BISHOP VINCENT PASTORAL LETTER on the proposed Parental Rights Bill

Bishop Vincent has released a pastoral letter to the pastors, parents and the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on the proposed Parental Rights Bill. The letter can be read here: <https://parracatholic.org/pastoral-letter-to-the-people-of-parramatta-on-the-parental-rights-bill/>

22/23 May 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Noel Emmanuel	
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Laura Bellissimo 8am: Anne McNally, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Sarah Lenthall, Dawn Manamperi	
Readers	Vigil: Benno Motha, Alison Punch 8am: Nina Arambulo, Pepito Ferriols 9.30am: Christina Diaz, Adrian Walker	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Genevieve Estil, Madisen Estil, Caitlyn Rambukwella 8am: Saoirse Costello, Lewis Savic, Sebastian Costello 9.30am Sofia Culili, Diya Dsouza, Jerard Sarmiento	
Morning Tea		
Flowers	Annette & Mary B	
Church cleaning	22 May	Helen & Dennis Gonzales, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Johnson Rozario, Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici, VOLUNTEER 8am: Suzy Nemorin, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain, VOLUNTEER	

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HEART OF CREATION REFLECTION DAY: 23 May

Jesuit and Ignatian Spirituality Australia are hosting a day retreat on the Ignatian understanding of Creation on Sunday 23 May from 9am to 3pm at the Winbourne Function and Retreat Centre, Mulgoa. The retreat will use imagery, story and creative ways to explore our experience of the gift of creation. Registration is \$90, with morning tea provided and BYO lunch. To book, visit <https://jisa.org.au/retreat/2957/> and for more information, contact [in-fo@jisa.org.au](mailto:info@jisa.org.au)

JOURNEY OF FAITH: 28 May – 25 June

You are invited to a short course on spirituality to reflect on your image of God and how God is present in your life as well as to explore faith through the ages, using input, song, ritual and prayer. These sessions, facilitated by Cecilia Zammit, will be **held from 10am to 2pm at the Institute for Mission, Blacktown. BYO lunch and your bible.** Please register with Maree at maree.collis@parracatholic.org or phone (02) 8838 3486.

HELPING THE EDUCATION OF PRIESTS IN ROME

Close to the Pope, and experiencing each day the universality of the Church, thousands of seminarians and priests from all over the world are being educated at Pontifical Universities. The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Foundation in Sydney exists to sponsor candidates to study in Rome. To donate or leave a bequest to the foundation, please visit <http://www.pontifoundation.org.au/> or contact pontiuni.au@gmail.com

GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD

Vaccination against COVID-19 is a morally good thing, providing protection for the person vaccinated and the wider community. Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops have advised that it is morally permissible to receive any vaccine made available. More information is available at <https://www.catholic.org.au/coronavirus>

29/30 May 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil: Crystal Menezes, Marinela Simic 8am: Erika Hien, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Carole Brooks, Paul Gow	
Readers	Vigil: Stefanie Menezes, Jemma Sarmiento 8am: Priya Joachim, Benno Motha 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Megan Michael	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Juan Burgess, Yxaak Dino, Christel Gonzales 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am Chloe Attard, Rachel Lobo, Majerin Pieris	
Morning Tea	Kamela and friends	
Flowers	Team	
Church cleaning	26 May	Sue Abela, Jessie Borg, Anne McNally
Welcomers	Vigil: Annette Peatman, VOLUNTEER 8am: Suzy Nemorin, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Lena Falzon, Maria Michael	