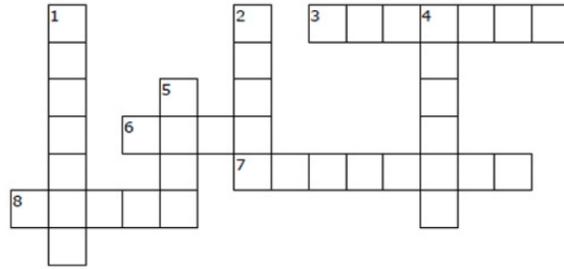


Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner
11th Sunday of Ordinary Time
Parable of the mustard seed. [Mk 4:26-34](#)



ACROSS

- 3. Bigger than any of the others
- 6. A small grain of a plant placed in the ground for growing another plant
- 7. Not as big as any of the others
- 8. A living thing that grows in the ground, usually with leaves or flowers

DOWN

- 1. A story told by Jesus to help explain his teachings
- 2. An animal that has wings and is covered with feathers
- 4. An area where plants are grown
- 5. The place where birds lay eggs or give birth to their young

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PLANTED SMALLEST	MUSTARD PARABLE	KINGDOM BIRDS	NEST LARGEST	PLANTS SEED
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SEED SMALLEST	PARABLE NEST	BIRDS GARDEN	LARGEST PLANT
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The Parable of the Mustard Seed

Again he said, "What shall we say the kingdom of God is like, or what parable shall we use to describe it? It is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth. Yet when planted, it grows and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches that the birds can perch in its shade." Mark 4:30-32 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on Mark 4:30-32

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JESUS	GARDEN	PLANTED	LARGEST	PLANTS
STORY	GROUND	SEED	SMALLEST	KINGDOM



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We must continue to:

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.

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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, 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 Panillio, Roger & Kimberley Payoe, Wiranjan Peiris, Salome Pillay, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Sandra Roseworn, 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, Rosario Arzaga, Emma Bellissimo, Armando Catania, Aloyseon Corera, Charles Do, Sean Durkan, Nilesch Evans, Cruz Fernandez, Teresita G Garganteil, Travis Gerrey, Robert Gray, Jeffrey Hunter, 'Raj' Selvam Irudayaraj, Shanil Jayatilake, Apolinar Jorge, Noly Diaz Limbawan, Modesta Lorenzo, Mary Mifsud, Nancy Mulholland, Lirio Napud, Leonardo Naldoza, Lirio Napud, Ramon Nismal, Neil Nuevaeapana, Custodio Palmos Jr, Rena Rose Pinto, Dale Rohe, Mary Said, Mary Silva, Peter Van Giao Nguyen, Domingo Villarta, Francisco Nievales, Virgilio Noveros.

Anniversaries: Cecil Beed, Maurice Camenzuli, Carmela Carbone, Maria Thuc Trinh Dang, Marcel Diab, Rose Fernandes, Teodoro Garcia, Tarcisco "Archie" & Helen Gatt, Saviour Steve Gauci, Alice & Joseph George, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Sheena Landagan, Salvatore, Luigi & Lorenzo op. Loria, Antonio, Alberto, Francesco & Giuseppe Mancina, Beryl McKertich, Anton Motha, Paul Mula, Caytan Mula, Mary Muscat, Lakshman Perera, Cornelio & Iuminda Rondario, Alexis & Chantal Sauzier, Floriana Serna, Mary Silva, S Susainathan, Peter Van Nhon Tran.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Sam Borg, Dayrit family, Ngan Siu Eng, Michael Gachia, Sharon & John Lawrence, Apolinaro & Felina Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Muscat family, Pineda Family, Roseline Ratnam, Yabut family.

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. Projects completed include 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

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Account Number 000552;
Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.
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PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO THE CHURCH SAFE.

FIRST READING *A reading from the prophet Ezekiel 17:22-24*

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. **(R.)**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **(R.)**

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower;
all who come to him will live forever.
Alleluia!



GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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 spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen**



POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: THE EUCHARIST OF THE BREAD OF SINNERS, NOT THE REWARD OF SAINTS

By Linda Bordoni

On the day Christians in Italy and in other countries celebrate the Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ, *Corpus Christi*, **Pope Francis reflected on the gift of the sacrament of the Eucharist** and invited believers to make their own lives gifts, just as Jesus did.

Speaking to pilgrims gathered in St Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus and to all those following through the media, the Pope reflected on the narrative of the last Supper as recounted in the Gospel of Mark (Mk 14:12-16, 22-26).

"The words and gestures of the Lord touch our hearts: He takes the bread in his hands, pronounces the blessing, breaks it and offers it to the disciples, saying: *Take; this is my body*", the Pope said.

With great simplicity, he continued, Jesus gives us the greatest sacrament in a humble gesture of giving and of sharing.

The greatest thing is to serve

Explaining that at the culmination of his life, Jesus "does not distribute an abundance of bread to feed the crowds, but he breaks himself at the Passover supper with the disciples," and He shows us that that the aim of life lies in self-giving, that "the greatest thing is to serve."

Reflecting on how we find the greatness of God in a piece of bread, "in a fragility that overflows with love and sharing, the Pope highlighted the meaning of the word *Fragility* explaining that at the last supper "Jesus becomes fragile like the bread that is broken and crumbled. But his strength lies precisely therein."

The strength of love that is gives life

"*In the Eucharist fragility is strength*: the strength of the love that becomes small so as to be welcomed and not feared; the strength of the love that is broken and shared so as to nourish and give life; the strength of the love that is split apart so as to join us in unity," he said.

Pope Francis went on to speak also of another strength that stands out in the fragility of the Eucharist: "the strength to love those who make mistakes."

Noting that "It is *on the night he is betrayed* that Jesus gives us the Bread of Life," he reflected on the fact that "He gives us the greatest gift while in his heart he feels the deepest abyss: the disciple who eats with Him, who dips the morsel in the same plate, is betraying Him."

Responding to evil with good

Notwithstanding the suffering caused by betrayal, the Pope said, Jesus reacts to the evil with a greater good: "He responds to Judas' 'no' with the 'yes' of mercy. He does not punish the sinner, but rather gives His life for him."

"When we receive the Eucharist," the Holy Father explained, "Jesus does the same with us: he knows us; he knows that we are sinners and we make many mistakes, but he does not give up joining his life to ours."

Describing the Eucharist, not as the reward of saints, but as *the Bread of sinners*, the Pope said that each time we receive the Bread of Life, the Lord comes to give new meaning to our fragilities.

Urging the faithful never to refrain from sharing their fragilities with Lord, he reminded them that His mercy is not afraid of our miseries.

"And above all he heals us with love from those fragilities that we cannot heal on our own: that of feeling resentment toward those who have hurt us; that of distancing ourselves from others and closing off within ourselves; that of feeling sorry for ourselves and lamenting without finding peace," he said.

The Eucharist joins us with Jesus

The Eucharist, the Pope said, "heals because it joins with Jesus: it makes us assimilate his way of living, his ability to be broken up and given to brothers and sisters, to respond to evil with good."

Concluding his catechesis, Pope Francis said the Lord "gives us the courage to go outside of ourselves and bend down with love toward the fragility of others. As God does with us: This is the logic of the Eucharist: we receive Jesus who loves us and heals our fragilities in order to love others and help them in their fragilities.

And he invoked the Blessed Virgin to help us to embrace the gift of the Eucharist and to make a gift of our life too.

POPE FRANCIS: MAY OUR EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS TRANSFORM THE WORLD

By Vatican News staff writer

Presiding over the Corpus Christi Mass in Saint Peter's Basilica, **Pope Francis in his homily reflected on three images** present in the passage from Mark's Gospel read in the day's liturgy.

The first image is that of **the man carrying a pitcher of water**, the guide who would bring the disciples to the Upper Room. The Pope said this image can be seen as a call to recognize "our thirst for God, to sense our need for Him, to long for His presence and love, to realize that we cannot go it alone, but need the Food and Drink of eternal life to sustain us on our journey." The sad thing is that in modern times, this thirst for God has become weaker, the Pope observed, and the Church today is called "to encounter people and to learn how to recognize and revive their thirst for God and their desire for the Gospel."

The second image the Pope mentioned was that of **the Upper Room** where Jesus and His disciples would celebrate the Passover meal. He noted that it was "a large room for a tiny piece of Bread," symbolizing how "God makes Himself tiny, like a morsel of bread", and why we "need a great heart to be able to recognize, adore and receive Him." The Pope went on to say that we need to open up the spaces of our hearts to break out of ourselves and enter the large space of the Upper Room to experience "the vast expanse of wonder and adoration" of God's humble, boundless, loving presence. That is why adoration represents "the attitude we need in the presence of the Eucharist," he said.

Pope Francis added the Church, too, must be a large room, and not a small, closed space, but instead, "a community with arms wide open, welcoming to all" where everyone can enter. He recalled that "the Eucharist is meant to nourish those who are weary and hungry along the way" and that "a Church of the pure and perfect is a room with no place for anyone."

The last image from today's Gospel recalls **Jesus breaking the Bread**, "the Eucharistic gesture par excellence." Pope Francis called this the "distinctive sign of our faith...where we encounter the Lord who offers Himself so that we can be reborn to new life." Jesus becomes the Lamb offering Himself in sacrifice in order to give us life, he explained, and so "in the Eucharist, we contemplate and worship the God of love." Here we appreciate the Lord's boundless love and gift to us, and that by "celebrating and experiencing the Eucharist" we share in this love, but our hearts must be open to our brothers and sisters by sharing in their sufferings and helping them in their needs. He said our Eucharistic celebrations transform the world in as much as we allow ourselves "to be transformed and to become bread broken for others."

In conclusion, Pope Francis recalled the procession with the Blessed Sacrament, the hallmark of the feast of Corpus Christi, "reminds us that we are called to go out and bring Jesus to others." He encouraged everyone to do so with enthusiasm, "bringing Christ to those we meet in our daily lives," also as a community of believers, a Church that becomes a "large and welcoming room where everyone can enter and meet the Lord."

POPE FRANCIS' WORDS AT THE CORPUS CHRISTI MASS

By Andrea Tornielli

"If wonder and adoration are lacking, there is no road that leads to the Lord. Nor will there be the synod, nothing..." A phrase added off-the-cuff in the homily of the Mass for the feast of Corpus Domini says a lot about how the Pope sees the "process" to be launched for the next synod and for the synodal journeys already underway. And it says everything about the source of any authentic ecclesial journey. Because, as Pope Francis said in the same homily, "We need to break out of our tiny self-enclosed space and enter the large room, the vast expanse of wonder and adoration. That is what we really need! It is what is missing in the many movements we create to meet and reflect together on our pastoral outreach."

In a personal note published in *Civiltà Cattolica* last September, Pope Francis made clear the judgment he had come to concerning a certain way of dealing with the long-standing question of the so-called "viri probati" and the proposal to ordain married men that emerged at the Synod on the Amazon. "There was a discussion... a rich discussion... a well-founded discussion, but no discernment, which is something different from arriving at a good and justified consensus or relative majority. We must understand that the Synod is more than a parliament; and in this specific case it could not escape this dynamic. On this subject it has been a rich, productive and even necessary parliament; but no more than that."

Without wonder (which happens by grace and certainly not by imposition), and without adoration (which is also a consequence that cannot be taken for granted), the Church becomes worldly and ends up taking on political and ideological categories. And thus, the protagonist is no longer the One without whom we can do nothing, but instead the strategies, the tactics, the fire-works of communication marketing, the pressure groups and parties with their respective agendas, which may be opposed to one another but are united by the absence of communion. This concerns a distortion that is in some ways more serious than many other "wounds" and sins, because it empties and dries up from within the dynamics of ecclesial life, so that it is not listening to the Spirit, but our own plans, the efficiency of our structures and our plans for reform that come to the fore. This is a risk the Successor of Peter has long warned against, as he did again recently in his homily for Pentecost, when he recalled that, "The Paraclete affirms the primacy of the whole. There, in the whole, in the community, the Spirit prefers to work and to bring newness. ... Today, if we listen to the Spirit, we will not be concerned with conservatives and progressives, traditionalists and innovators, right and left. When those become our criteria, then the Church has forgotten the Spirit. The Paraclete impels us to unity, to concord, to *the harmony of diversity*. He makes us see ourselves as parts of the same body, brothers and sisters of one another. Let us look to the whole! The enemy wants diversity to become opposition and so he makes them become ideologies."

If wonder and adoration are lacking; if listening to the Spirit and the primacy of the whole are lacking; there will be no synod, the Bishop of Rome said on Sunday. At best, there will be a good Parliament.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

Very recently, I have been to a clergy meeting where ordained ministers were expected to attend, but quite a few failed to show up for various excuses, legitimate and yet avoidable.

At the end, someone made the point meant to put pressure on those absent to make future meetings their number one priority, no matter what. I supported the idea, and also pleaded the group to tone down the language to the level of an encouraging exhortation, instead of an authoritative demand, which might kill off any good intention in people.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus gives us a very good example in helping convert people without offending them by means of the two parables of the grain seed and the mustard one, as a dual response to the question from his audience about what the Kingdom of God is about.

According Biblical scholars, apart from highlighting (1) the hand of the Divine behind the strong, steady and ever growth of the Kingdom of God in the world, and (2) its global dimension, meaning it opens to embrace people of all nations, not just the Jews as they had claimed, these two parables also served another strategic purpose, which was to turn.

His listeners away from their self-serving view, claiming the messiah as the one sent by God to deliver the people of Israel from the Roman empire and bring forth the Kingdom or reign of God, a world similar to what it was like before the fall of humanity.

It's significant to keep in mind the way Jesus talked about how the birds came to seek shelter under the big branches of what it used to be a tiny mustard seed. He opted for the expression 'the birds of the air' to indicate all kinds of birds, instead of go for any particular one, like sparrows, for instance. Through his use of inclusive language here, Jesus obviously aimed to emphasize the universal aspect of God's Kingdom and his Church, which includes everyone from every corner of the world.

Today, let us give praise and thanks to the Lord for sheltering us under the protective branch of the Church, and pray that we may be able to appreciate such a special privilege, and express our appreciation through our charity both to God and others around us.

Have a charity-oriented week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

THANK YOU FOR THE EAST TIMOR FLOOD APPEAL

A total of \$2,650.00 was transferred to Fr Luan Le, co-ordinator of the appeal, and on his behalf, I would like to thank all our parishioners, school children and their families for your generous to help raise funds for people in the Hatubesilolo community in East Timor, who have been facing the shortage of food due to the recent flood in their local area.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

For this meeting, we started with the Gospel passage of Matthew highlighting Jesus' message about making our prayers short and straight to the point before teaching the famous prayer namely the Our Father, followed by some discussion on the article called Prayer by Bishop Daniel Flores, focusing on Pope Francis' ministry showing us by his own example that prayer, in fact, is a response to the real Jesus.

As usual, there were reports from the Over 50s, the Deanery Council representative, the Sacramental program, and the Finance Committee. Our Council also made the decision to resume preparations for Fr Henry's Silver Jubilee, which will be **Friday 29 (Dinner night) and Sunday 31 October (Family day)** this year. Please keep these dates in your diary and more information about it will be made available in coming days.

CHRIST COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP Thursday 9am in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome

LEGION OF MARY Thursday 1pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome



TAI CHI & QIGONG WILL BE BACK IN JULY.
Watch this space for more details to come.

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.

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TOONGABBIE LEGAL CENTRE (TLC)

TLC is conducting its annual raffle to support its work of providing a free legal service to those most in need in our communities. There are great prizes, \$2 per ticket (\$20 per book). Volunteers from TLC are selling tickets this weekend. Please support this worthy cause. The raffle will be drawn on 19 June. Thank you. We invite those who wish to volunteer with TLC – Forms will be distributed at the Church.

PRAYER OF PETITION

O Jesus, grant to me and those I love as well as to all the faithful the grace of eternal salvation through your holy name.

Bestow on us a most ardent love for you that will imprint your sacred name upon our hearts.

May it be always in our minds and frequently on our lips, that it may be our defense in temptation, our refuge in danger, and our consolation and support in the hour of our death.

Amen.



FROM POPE FRANCIS

CHAPTER FOUR: Communities filled with life (continued)

95. Many consecrated persons have devoted their energies and a good part of their lives in service to the Kingdom of God in Amazonia. The consecrated life, as capable of dialogue, synthesis, incarnation and prophecy, has a special place in this diverse and harmonious configuration of the Church in the Amazon region. But it needs a new impetus to inculturation, one that would combine creativity, missionary boldness, sensitivity and the strength typical of community life.

96. Base communities, when able to combine the defence of social rights with missionary proclamation and spirituality, have been authentic experiences of synodality in the Church's journey of evangelization in the Amazon region. In many cases they "have helped form Christians committed to their faith, disciples and missionaries of the Lord, as is attested by the generous commitment of so many of their members, even to the point of shedding their blood".

97. I encourage the growth of the collaborative efforts being made through the Pan Amazonian Ecclesial Network and other associations to implement the proposal of Aparecida to "establish a collaborative ministry among the local churches of the various South American countries in the Amazon basin, with differentiated priorities". This applies particularly to relations between Churches located on the borders between nations.

98. Finally, I would note that we cannot always plan projects with stable communities in mind, because the Amazonian region sees a great deal of internal mobility, constant and frequently pendular migration; "the region has effectively become a migration corridor". "Transhumance in the Amazon has not been well understood or sufficiently examined from the pastoral standpoint". Consequently, thought should be given to itinerant missionary teams and "support provided for the presence and mobility of consecrated men and women closest to those who are most impoverished and excluded". This is also a challenge for our urban communities, which ought to come up with creative and generous ways, especially on the outskirts, to be close and welcoming to families and young people who arrive from the interior.

[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.

Table with 3 columns: Date, Event, Time. June 2021. 14 Queen's Birthday—Public holiday (Parish office closed), 17 Christ Community Prayer Group (9.00am), 17 Legion of Mary (1.30pm), 21 St Vincent de Paul Meeting (7.00pm), 24 Finance Committee meeting (8.00pm).

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR PARISH WEBSITE LATELY?? Our parish website is updated regularly with news and upcoming events - everything from youth news to social justice to Live-stream Mass times, bulletins, and much more - a great way to stay up to date with what's on in our parish! Visit www.olol7hills.org.au

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PASTORAL MINISTRY NETWORK OCEANIA WEBINAR: 22 June The Pastoral Ministry Network, formerly NAPPA, is hosting an online Oceania webinar on 'Being People of Invitation: Creative ways to connect, invite and engage' on Tuesday 22 June from 11am to 12.15pm AEST. The webinar will be sharing best practice, in our baptismal call to connect and invite others to share in the Good News. To register, visit https://tinyurl.com/BeingPeopleofInvitation22june

KANIMBLA STRING QUARTET CONCERT AT ST FINBAR'S: 27 June On Sunday 27 June at 2pm, St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, proudly welcomes Kanimbla String Quartet, a string quartet based in the Blue Mountains. They enjoy performing a wide range of music, from classical repertoire to modern compositions, including local upcoming composers. Light refreshments will follow the concert. Entry is \$20 cash only per adults, with accompanying children free. All are very welcome.

PASSION FOR THE EARTH RETREAT 6 - 8 July You are invited to attend a Laudato Si' camp for adults at the Wooglemai Environmental Education Centre in Oakdale, NSW, from 6 to 8 July. The program explores the way to Ecological Conversion, drawing on the Theology and Science of the changes emerging from Pope Francis' teachings. The retreat is \$95 for adults and \$75 for students. For a camp brochure or enquiries, please contact Br Frank Richardson fms on 0429 595 231 or antiphon1@gmail.com



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ST VINCENT PALLOTTI SCHOLARSHIP TRUST The St Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust offers scholarships to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and Applications Forms are available on our website https://pallottine.org.au/scholarships/st-vincent-pallotti-scholar-shipfor-lay-ministry.html. Applications close 30 July 2021.

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

DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE ONE DAY WORSHIP PILGRIMAGE: 27 June The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is holding a one-day worship pilgrimage on Sunday 27 June from 9am to 4pm. The retreat will include praise and worship, adoration, Way of the Cross and Mass. Bookings are required with limited numbers available. Please call (02) 4372 1598 or email drcre-treayrego@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Visit www.divineretreatcentre.org.au for more information.

- POSITIONS VACANT:
• Private Secretary to the Bishop of Parramatta – Applications close Monday 14 June
• Secretary to the Vicars General – Applications close Monday 14 June
• Parish Secretary (part-time) – Sacred Heart Parish, Luddenham-Warragamba – Applications close Tuesday 15 June

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