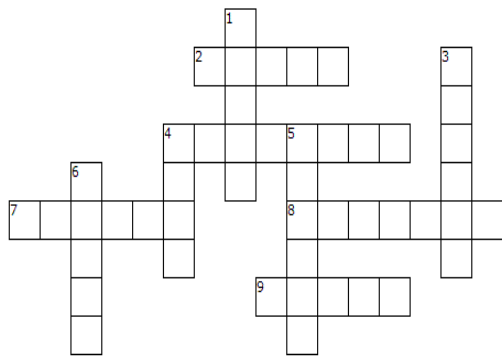


## Jesus Heals a Woman



### ACROSS

- To put the fingers lightly on something
- Losing blood from a cut or a sore
- To be cured or restored to health
- The things you wear to cover your body
- A human adult female

### DOWN

- Physical strength or force
- To experience physical or mental pain
- The main, physical part of a person
- A person who treats people who are sick or injured
- To believe in something you cannot see

FAITH	BLEEDING	SUFFER	BODY	WOMAN
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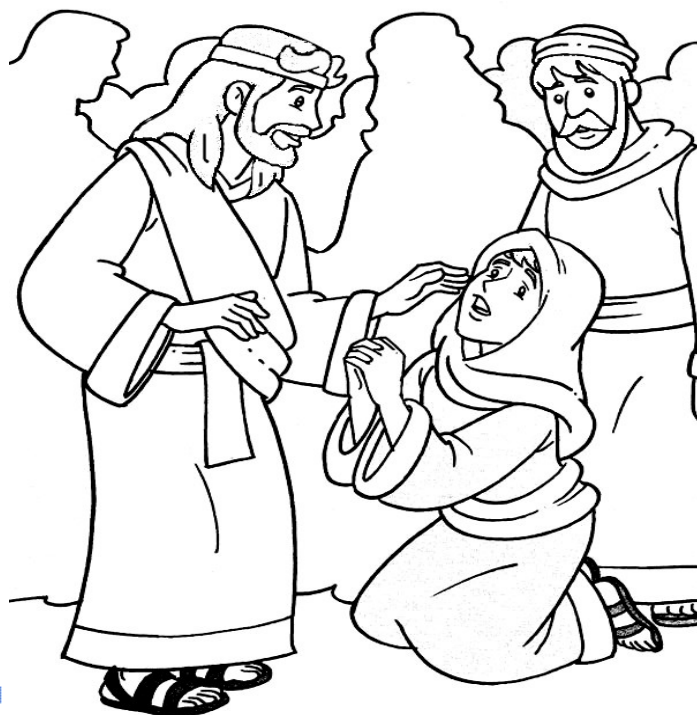
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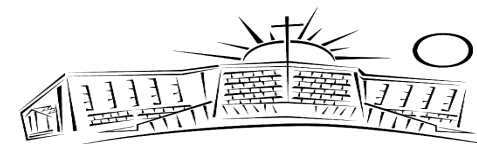
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DOCTOR	FAITH	TOUCH	SUFFER	CLOTHES
WOMAN	BODY	BLEEDING	HEALED	POWER



"If I just touch his clothes,  
I will be healed."  
Mark 5:28



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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**WEEKDAY MASS** Tuesday-Friday 8.00am  
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Sunday 8am & 9.30am

**RECONCILIATION** Saturday 4.30-5.30pm  
**BAPTISMAL PREPARATION** 21st July 2021 7.30pm  
**BAPTISMS** 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am

## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

•Year B—27 June 2021•

All are welcome to join us for **Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills, Sydney, NSW, Australia Facebook LIVE-STREAM WEEKEND MASSES** celebrated by Fr. Henry Huu Duc Tran on **Saturdays 6PM (Vigil), Sundays: 8AM, 9:30AM**  
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## REMINDER

### KEEP COVID SAFE

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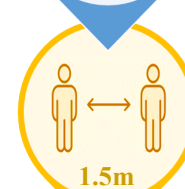
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**SANITISE**

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 100 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, Sandra Roseworn, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Joan Spillane, 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 Ambrose, Romuldo Austra Snr, Emma Bellissimo, Armando Catania, Aloyseon Corera, Charles Do, Sean Durkan, Nilesh Evans, Cruz Fernandez, Rodora Garcia, Teresita Garganteil, Travis Gerreyn, Robert Gray, Jeffrey Hunter, 'Raj' Selvam Iru-dayaraj, Shanil Jayatilake, Apolinar Jorge, Noly Diaz Limbawan, Modesta Lorenzo, Mary Mifsud, Rene Montecarlo, Rogelio Moscaya sn, Nancy Mulholland, Gaspar Naluis, Bernardo Naringahon, Neil Nuevaespana, Custodio Palms Jr, Rena Rose Pinto, Dale Rohe, Mary Said, Peter Van Giao Nguyen, Francisco Nievaes, Virgilio Noveros, Melchor Miranda Usman, Domingo Villarta.

**Anniversaries:** Cecil Beed, Attilio Cavallaro, Philomena Corera, Maria Thuc Trinh Dang, Alejandra Y. Dayrit, Sam De Pattista, Rita De Silva, Marcel Diab, Teodoro Garcia, Tarcisco "Archie" & Helen Gatt, Saviour Steve Gauci, Brian Jordan, Alice & Joseph George, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Sheena Landagan, Salvatore, Luigi & Lorenzo op. Loria, Antonio, Alberto, Francesco & Giuseppe Mancina, Beryl McKertich, Albert Moroney, Anton Motha, Paul Mula, Mary Muscat, Eamon O'Sullivan, Lakshman Perera, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondario, Alexis & Chantal Sauzier, Floriana Serna, Mary Silva, Pauline Soares, Peter Van Nhon Tran.

**Remembrance:** France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Sam Borg, Dayrit family, Ngan Siu Eng, Rose Fernandes, Michael Gachia, Sharon & John Lawrence, Apolinaro & Felina Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Joe and Anne Menezes, 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

**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.

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*Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Wisdom 1:13-15,; 2:23-24

Death was not God’s doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world’s created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying. Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil’s envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink  
into the grave. (R.)

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment: his favour through life.  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing,  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with death and brought us life through his Gospel.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, ‘My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.’ Jesus went with him and a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him. Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she had spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. ‘If I can touch even his clothes,’ she had told herself ‘I shall be well again.’ And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, ‘Who touched my clothes?’ His disciples said to him, ‘You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, “Who touched me?”’ But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. ‘My daughter,’ he said ‘your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.’ While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, ‘Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?’ But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, ‘Do not be afraid; only have faith.’ And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official’s house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, ‘Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.’ But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child’s father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, ‘Taliitha, kum!’ which means, ‘little girl, I tell you to get up.’ The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.



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. Amen

Cont.... POPE FRANCIS TO THE ELDERLY: GOD SENDS HIS ANGELS TO CONSOLE YOUR LONELINESS.

The vocation of the elderly

The Holy Father went to recall the words of Jesus to the disciples when he asked them to “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Mt 28:19-20)  
Addressing these words to the elderly, he highlighted that this helps them better understand that they have the vocation “to preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young, and to care for the little ones” irrespective of their age, if they are alone or have a family, if they work or not or if they are grandparents or not. The Pope underlined that there is no retirement age from the work of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down traditions to grandchildren.  
Further encouraging the elderly to “set out and undertake something new” in spite of the doubts and questions they might have, he reminded them that Jesus himself heard a similar question when Nicodemus asked him “how can a man be born when he is old” (Jn 3:4)  
It can happen, “if we open our hearts to the working of the Holy Spirit, who blows where he wills. The Holy Spirit whose freedom is such that goes wherever, and does whatever he wills,” the Pope said.

Emerging from the crisis

Reflecting on collective efforts to put an end to the pandemic, Pope Francis stressed that we will not emerge from the present crises as we were before, but either better and worse. He noted that “no one is saved alone” and we are all indebted to one another because “we are all brothers and sisters.”  
In this regard, he went on to insist that the elderly “are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow” where, together with their children and grandchildren, “will live once the storm has subsided.”  
The Pope insisted that all of us must “take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies” and the elderly, better than anyone else, can help to set up three of the pillars that support “this new edifice,” which include dreams, memory and prayer.

Dreams, memory and prayer

Recalling the words of Prophet Joel, “Your old men shall dream *dreams*, and your young men will have visions” (Joel 3:1), Pope Francis said that the future of the world depends on the covenant between young and old because “who, if not the young, can take the dreams of the elderly and make them come true?”  
For this to happen, “it is necessary that we continue to dream,” said the Pope. “Our dreams of justice, of peace, of solidarity, can make it possible for our young people to have new visions; in this way, together, we can build the future.”  
Explaining further, the Pope said that “dreams are intertwined with memory.” The Pope then turned his thoughts to the painful memory of war and the importance of helping the young to learn the value of peace. He stressed that those among the elderly that experienced the suffering of war must pass on the message because keeping memory alive and sharing it with others is a true mission for every elderly person.  
“Without memory, however, we will never be able to build; without a foundation, we can never build a house. Never. And the foundation of life is memory,” he said.  
Finally, Pope Francis spoke on prayer, recalling Pope Benedict XVI’s words: “the prayer of the elderly can protect the world, helping it perhaps more effectively than the frenetic activity of many others.”  
He reminded the elderly that their prayer is “a very precious resource; a deep breath that the Church and the world urgently need” that “inspires in everyone the serene trust that we will soon come to shore” especially in these times “as we continue to sail in the same boat across the stormy sea of the pandemic.”  
Concluding, the Holy Father held up the example of Blessed Charles de Foucauld to the elderly, explaining that the story of his life “shows how it is possible, even in the solitude of one’s own desert, to intercede for the poor of the whole world and to become, in truth, a universal brother or sister.” He, therefore, asked the Lord that through his example, “all of us may open our hearts in sensitivity to the sufferings of the poor and intercede for their needs.”  
“May each of us learn to repeat to all, and especially to the young, the words of consolation we have heard spoken to us to-day: “I am with you always”! keep moving forward! May the Lord grant you his blessing,” the Pope said.



POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: HAVE FAITH AND NEVER TIRE SEEKING THE LORD

By Vatican News staff writer

Pope Francis focused his reflections on the Sunday Gospel episode recounting when Jesus calmed the high winds and waves threatening the boat crossing with His disciples. The alarmed disciples awakened Jesus, who was asleep in the stern, to ask Him to help them.

The Pope likened the disciples’ experience of fear and bewilderment to the trials of our own lives, when we too cry out to the Lord, asking why He seems to be silent and not doing anything. Sometimes we feel we might be sinking when dealing with unemployment or health problems or at the mercy of unrelenting waves of anxiety with no safe harbor in sight, the Pope observed. At times we “risk losing sight of the most important thing”: that “Jesus is there, and He shares with His own all that is happening”, even if He is sleeping or seems out of sight. This is something that surprises us, but also tests our faith. The Pope said the Lord is always there and “waits for us to engage Him, to invoke Him, to put Him at the centre of what we are experiencing”; and we must not only believe in God, but be present to Him and even “raise our voice with Him, cry out to Him”. He recalled the tragic images we have seen of migrants struggling at sea crying out for help to be saved, a prayer to God.

It is helpful to reflect on our own lives and the winds we are facing and the waves that are troubling our navigation, the Pope advised. We need to share this with the Lord and “tell Him everything”, since He wants us to find shelter, consolation and support from the “unexpected waves of life”. The disciples’ waking and speaking to Jesus is the approach we should follow, the Pope said, and this faith helps us see that “alone we are unable to stay afloat”. Like sailors navigate looking to the stars in the sky, we too need to look to the Lord.

Knowing that we depend fully on the Lord and His grace is basic to faith, Pope Francis said, and we need to be aware of the temptation of thinking we can manage on our own without disturbing God. Instead, when we cry out to God, “He can work wonders in us”, the Pope assured his listeners, and “the gentle and extraordinary power of prayer” can work miracles in conclusion, Pope Francis said the question Jesus asked His disciples, “Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?” is directed to us also, especially when we are frozen and focused only on the problem, and not turning our hearts and putting our trust to the Lord, or “to wake Him only in a moment of need”. We need to “ask for the grace of a faith that never tires of seeking the Lord, of knocking at the door of His heart”, he said.

Pope Francis concluded his remarks with the prayer that the Virgin Mary’s constant trust in God might “reawaken in us the basic need of entrusting ourselves to Him each day”.

POPE FRANCIS TO THE ELDERLY: GOD SENDS HIS ANGELS TO CONSOLE YOUR LONELINESS.

By Fr. Benedict Mayaki, SJ

Pope Francis on Tuesday released a message for the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly ahead of the date of the celebration which is scheduled for 25 July. The theme chosen by the Pope for the inaugural commemoration is “I am with you always” (Mt 28: 30).

The Holy Father addressed the theme from the Gospel of Matthew to all Grandparents and the elderly, reminding them that this is the promise the Lord made to his disciples before he ascended into heaven.

“The whole Church is close to you – to us – and cares about you, loves you and does not want to leave you alone!” the Pope said, identifying with the elderly, as one of them.

Comfort amid the pandemic

The Pope’s message comes amid the challenging times of the Covid-19 pandemic that has affected everyone, especially elderly people. Many, Pope Francis noted, “fell ill, others died or experienced the death of spouses or loved ones, while others found themselves isolated and alone for long periods.”

“The Lord is aware of all that we have been through in this time,” the Pope said, “He is close to those who felt isolated and alone, feelings that became more acute during the pandemic.” Illustrating this, he recounted the story of St. Joachim, the grandfather of Jesus, who, according to tradition, was consoled by a messenger of the Lord when he felt estranged from those around him.

The Lord sends angels, messengers through His words

Even at the darkest moments, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us that He is with us always, the Pope assured.

These angels, he continued, will at times have the face of our grandchildren, while at other times, “the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us.”

At the same time, the Lord also “sends us messengers through his words, which are always at hand” the Pope noted, inviting the elderly to “try to read a page of the Gospel every day, to pray with the psalms, to read the prophets.” He added that “the Scriptures will also help us to understand what the Lord is asking of our lives today. For at every hour of the day, and in every season of life, he continues to send labourers into his vineyard.”



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

My sister has a painting of St Mary of the Cross, McKillop in her house, a smaller version compared to the one we have in our church, and my mother is very fond of the saint, for it has been a daily ritual for her to come over to literally touch St Mary in the morning when she got up and again when she went to bed. She has even turned my niece and nephew into the two young fans of the saint by routinely touching the painting and asking for her blessing before they go to school and before bed time.

Obviously my Mum is not alone in physically expressing her veneration to the saints, since I realized that quite a few parishioners have been doing similar things in our parish by going around to touch the statues of

the Sacred Heart, of Our Lady, of St Joseph and even the tabernacle either before or after Mass.

Such a physical expression of veneration in our Church tradition appears to remind me of what happened in the Gospel account this Sunday, a highlight of two more miracles: the first to heal the woman from her twelve- year- long haemorrhage, and the second to bring the little daughter of the synagogue official back to life from death.

It’s interesting to follow the footsteps of the woman and her line of argument in the story. Though quite aware of Jesus’ reputation as a miracle worker, she had no courage to ask him to perform a miracle on her, and chose the other way, pretending to touch his cloak accidentally as one of the crowds pushing and jostling around him.

She seemed to entertain the thought that if Jesus really possessed the supernatural power, a touch of his cloak would heal her illness. She then went ahead with the plan, and the result was beyond her wildest imagination. Her health trouble had gone instantly, but not quietly, since Jesus was well aware of what had happened, that ‘power had gone out from him’ as Mark told us, and turned around looking for the culprit despite the disciples’ explanation of an accidental touch. The woman had to come forward for a public admission of what she managed to do, and in response, Jesus gently acknowledged her faith as the deciding factor to help restore her full health.

While Jesus was still in his conversation with people after the miracle, he was updated with the news that the girl whom he was invited to heal, was actually dead, and the family saw no need to bother him anymore, for they appeared to think that it was beyond him to bring the dead back to life, since no one has ever done it before.

In response to their doubt and uncertainty, Jesus made this statement, ‘do not be afraid; only have faith.’ He then carefully selected Peter, James and John out of the group of the Twelve to go with him to the house of the deceased girl, where all the mourning, weeping and wailing were taking place uncontrollably.

Jesus’ response to such an emotional eruption obviously surprised the mourners at first, for he made it clear to them that ‘the child is not dead, but asleep.’ All they could do in response to his statement was to have a laugh at him, perhaps symbolizing their doubt, their disbelief, or even their disapproval.

Jesus went on to prove his point about the girl falling asleep by taking her hand in front of her parents and the disciples, and ordering her to get up. ‘Little girl, I tell you to get up,’ he actually said those words to her, and the dead girl did exactly what he commanded her to do.

We know that these miracles did help to showcase Jesus’ extraordinary power to overcome human sickness and death, symbolic signs of the presence of devils and sins. Through them, Jesus’ claim as the Son of God is verified in a spectacular fashion, and the disciples and the crowds came to believe in him.

One part of the Gospel, however, I invite you to focus on particularly, which is the words ‘the child is not dead, but asleep’ Jesus said to the mourners upon his arrival to the scene. Here he seemed to remind the crowds that what they considered as dead, was just a rest in God’s sight, not a big deal! His words call to our mind the truth a lot of Scriptural writers have said about the gulf between God’s thought and men’s, and time and time again, we have been reminded that God’s thought is always above and beyond ours.

Let us ask the Lord for his grace to help strengthen our faith in him as the Son of the Almighty God, and also for the wisdom to know that God’s way is beyond our way, consequently we may become humbler before the Master of our world who continues to fill with mysteries, especially during this time of the Pandemic.

Have a faith-filled week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

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.

**NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES** are now available to collect from the rear of the Church. If you require a (non-tax deductible) receipt for the year ending June 2021, please leave your name on the form at the rear of the Church or contact the Parish Office. These will be available for collection at the end of July.

We thank all parishioners for their ongoing generosity in supporting our Parish.

If you would like to be part of the Planned Giving Program, forms are available at the entrance door or by contacting the Parish Office. Contributions can be made through;

- Parish envelopes
- Parish envelopes (online) using credit card
- weekly or monthly contributions from your credit card by direct debit (the preferred option)





## FROM POPE FRANCIS

### CHAPTER FOUR: The strength and gift of women—continued

**102.** We must keep encouraging those simple and straightforward gifts that enabled women in the Amazon region to play so active a role in society, even though communities now face many new and unprecedented threats. The present situation requires us to encourage the emergence of other forms of service and charisms that are proper to women and responsive to the specific needs of the peoples of the Amazon region at this moment in history.

**103.** In a synodal Church, those women who in fact have a central part to play in Amazonian communities should have access to positions, including ecclesial services, that do not entail Holy Orders and that can better signify the role that is theirs. Here it should be noted that these services entail stability, public recognition and a commission from the bishop. This would also allow women to have a real and effective impact on the organization, the most important decisions and the direction of communities, while continuing to do so in a way that reflects their womanhood.

[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.*

	July 2021	
1	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
1	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
5	St Vincent de Paul Meeting	7.00pm
8	Lourdes over 50's	10.30am
9	Young Adults Group	7pm

#### 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](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)



## PARISH NEWS...

### MINISTRY ROSTER FOR JULY—JANUARY 2022

is available at the back of the Church or can be viewed on the Ministry Scheduler Pro website. More parishioners are needed for various Ministry positions. If you are interested in serving as a Reader, Acolyte or a Minister, please contact the Parish office 9622 2920

### LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE 2021

"The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will be running a second time in August. This is formation for anyone interested in serving in the Liturgical Ministries of Readers, Extraordinary Ministers and ministers at the Altar (ie Acolyte) of Communion and Communion to the Sick and Dying. Enrolment forms are at the entrance and rear of the church. If you would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on 8838 3456 or [anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org](mailto:anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org); or refer to link to download the August 2021 enrolment form: <https://officeforworship.org.au>"

### THANK YOU FOR THE EAST TIMOR FLOOD APPEAL

Apart from a total of \$3,206.80 was transferred to Fr Luan Le, co-ordinator of the appeal, another top up shall be presented to him as he comes to con-celebrate our 9.30am Sunday Mass this week.

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.



**TAI CHI & QIGONG** Will resume Wednesday 14 July which is the first week of next school term. In the Parish Meeting Room, at 9.00am.

This is a gentle form of exercise that can help maintain strength, flexibility and balance. It helps reduce stress and anxiety. Be sure to tell your friends and family, who want to try Tai Chi. All welcome.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### 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 [an-tiphon1@gmail.com](mailto:an-tiphon1@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>

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

### CYP LIFTED Retreat "Stay with Us": 2 – 4 July

Young adults of our diocese are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta at this year's annual retreat. Take some time away from the busyness of everyday life. Get ready for a weekend of new friendships, great food, solid talks and times of quiet and prayer. For 18- to 35-year-olds, \$100 per person. Register at [parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat](http://parracatholic.org/cyp-lifted-retreat)

26/27 June 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil: Stefanie Menezes, Crystal Menezes 8am: Faylene Kennedy, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Paul Gow, Adrian Walker	
Readers	Vigil: Noreen Do Rosario, Alison Punch 8am: Benno Motha, Erika Hien 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Noel Emmanuel	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Edwin Grover, Jesseline Franco, Caron Cyril 8am: Zachary Osborne, Thomas Osborne, VOLUNTEER 9.30am Daniel Tenn, Jerard Sarmiento, Rachael Lobo (cancelled, due to Covid)	
Morning Tea		
Flowers	Annette and Mary B	
Church cleaning	3 July	Judith Deloso, Michelle Touma, Adrian Walker
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici 8am: Rita Paolini 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain, Lena Falzon	

3/4 July 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Fayelene Kennedy	
Ministers	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario, Helen Gonzales 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Priya Joachim 9.30am: Anna Bellissimo, Sarah Lenthall	
Readers	Vigil: Noreen Do Rosario, Alison Punch 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Laura Bellissimo, Megan Michael	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexander Bateman-Paul, Noah Ebb, Chrisha Gonzales 8am: Erika Naing, Jaylen Naing, Riley Naing 9.30am Makayla Dalmati, Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Lewis Savic	
Morning Tea	Young Adults	
Flowers	Gaby, Fenty & Mimi	
Church cleaning	7 July	Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spitieri, Suzi Nemorin
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso, Ram Ugure 8am: Joyce Hillbrick, Rita Paolini 9.30am: Maria Michael, VOLUNTEER	