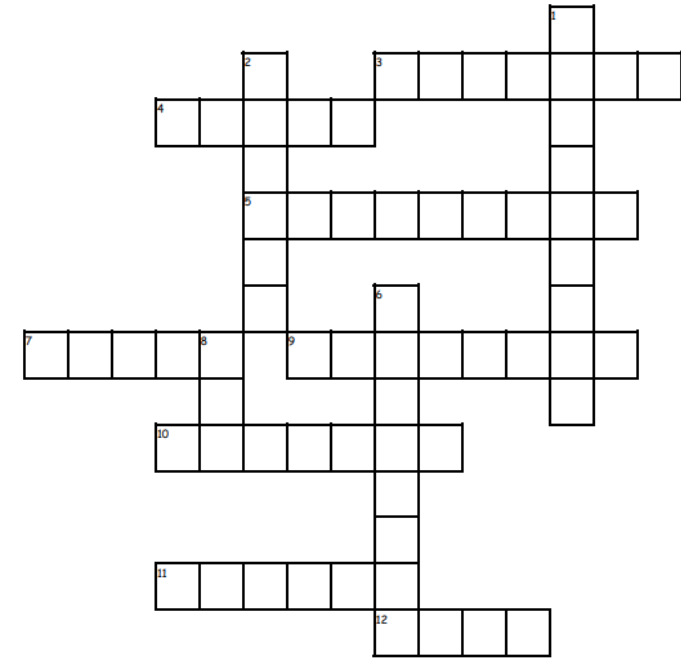


CROSSWORD
A prophet is not welcome in their hometown

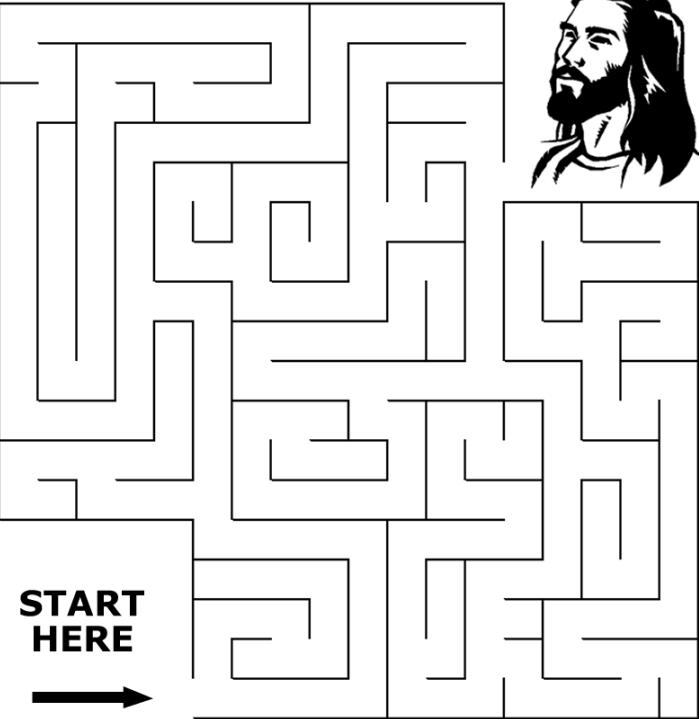


- Across
- 3: the sacred day of the week for Jewish people
4: the people of Jesus' hometown did not have _____ in him
5: Jesus' closest friends and followers were called his _____
7: Jesus healed the sick by placing these on them
9: Jesus could not work any _____ in his hometown
10: the people felt this way about what Jesus was doing
11: Jesus did this in the Jewish meeting place
12: unwell

- Down
- 1: someone who makes things out of wood
2: the people wanted to know where Jesus got the _____ and power to work miracles
6: Jesus said, '_____ are honoured by everyone except the people of their hometown'
8: the opposite of daughter



P X S O S I C K S O L M N O T
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Try to find these words:

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| carpenter | Sabbath |
| disciples | sick |
| faith | son |
| hands | taught |
| miracles | unhappy |
| prophets | wisdom |



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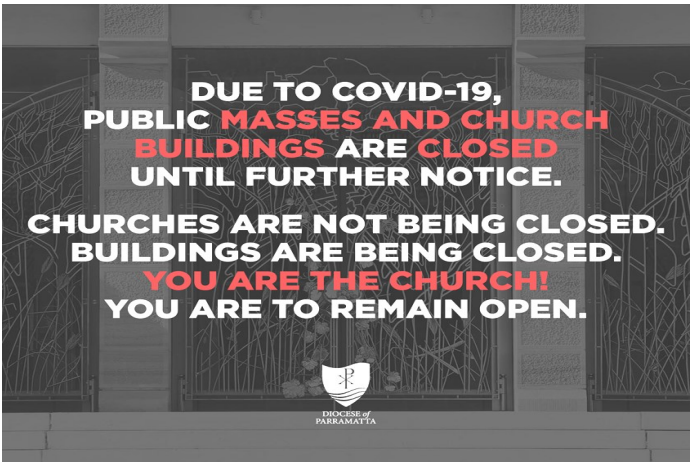
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If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner that is unwell please contact Father Henry or the Parish Office on 9622 2920. We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased
Recently Deceased: Pamela Ambrose, Rosario Arzaga, Romualdo Austria Snr, Emma Bellissimo, Armando Catania, Aloyseon Corera, Charles Do, Sean Durkan, Nilesch Evans, Cruz Fernandez, Rodora Garcia, Teresita Garganteil, Travis Gerreyn, Robert Gray, Jeffrey Hunter, 'Raj' Selvam Irudayaraj, Shanil Jayatilake, Apolinar Jorge, Noly Diaz Limbawan, Modesta Lorenzo, Mary Mifsud, Rene Monteclaro, Rogelio Moscaya sn, Nancy Mulholland, Leonardo Naldoza, Gaspar Naluis, Lirio Napud, Bernardo Naringahon, Bonifacio Ngalongalay, Peter Van Giau Nguyen, Francisco Nievaes, Ramon Nismal, Virgilio Noveros, Neil Nuevaespana, Custodio Palmos Jr, Rena Rose Pinto, Dale Rohe, Mary Said, Mary Silva, Melchor Miranda Usman, Domingo Villarta.

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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.

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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, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

FIRST READING

A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, ‘Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, “The Lord says this.” Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.’

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy

To you have I lifted up my eyes,
you who dwell in the heavens:
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves
on the hand of their lords. (R.)

Like the eyes of a servant
on the hand of his mistress,
so our eyes are on the Lord our God
till he show us is mercy. (R.)

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.
We are filled with contempt.
Indeed all too full is our soul
with the scorn of the rich,
with the proud man’s disdain. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, ‘My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.’ So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ’s sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 6 :1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, ‘Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?’ And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, ‘A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house’; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.



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

.....God, however, did not spare him the frailties and hardships that rendered his mission of evangelization more fruitful and Paul thus came to realize that “God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong”, said the Pope.

With us as with them

“The Church looks to these two giants of faith and sees two Apostles who set free the power of the Gospel in our world, only because first they themselves had been set free by their encounter with Christ”, said the Pope. He stressed that they were neither judged nor humiliated by Jesus, who instead “shared their life with affection and closeness”. He does the same with us, said the Pope.
We too have been touched by the Lord; we too have been set free. Yet we need to be set free time and time again, for only a free Church is a credible Church.
“Peter and Paul bequeath to us the image of a Church entrusted to our hands, yet guided by the Lord with fidelity and tender love”, said the Pope. This, he described, is “a Church that is weak, yet finds strength in the presence of God. A Church set free and capable of offering the world the freedom that the world by itself cannot give: freedom from sin and death, from resignation, and from the sense of injustice and the loss of hope that dehumanizes the lives of the women and men of our time”
Ending his homily, Pope Francis noted that it is “in giving his life that the shepherd, himself set free, becomes a means of bringing freedom to his brothers and sisters”. We pray for all Pastors, concluded the Pope, for the Church and for all of us: that, *set free* by Christ, we may be *apostles of freedom* throughout the world.

POPE FRANCIS: NEVER GIVE UP THE DREAM OF A WORLD WITHOUT WARS

Pope Francis has written the conclusion to a book in Italian entitled, "Peace on Earth. Fraternity is possible", published by the Vatican. The volume hit the bookstores on June 28. *By Vatican News staff reporter*
"Peace on Earth. Fraternity is possible" is a collection of the words and speeches of the Pope on peace and fraternity. It evokes the landmark 1963 encyclical of Saint Pope John XXIII, “Pacem in Terris” (Peace on Earth).

Ecumenical series

The book is part of an ecumenical series by the Vatican Publishing House (LEV), "Exchange of Gifts", which aims to highlight the ties between the Christian Churches. The volumes of the series are introduced by representatives of the Churches not in communion with the Roman Catholic Church. The preface to "Peace on Earth. Fraternity is possible" has been written by Pope Tawadros II, Patriarch of the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria in Egypt. Excerpts from the book was published by the Italian daily La Repubblica on Sunday.

Forgetting the lessons of history

In his conclusion to the book, Pope Francis begins with today’s realities, that of millions of human beings who aspire to peace but are still "threatened by war, forced to leave their homes, affected by violence." "This aspiration, so legitimate, is often trampled on or disregarded," says the Pope. He points out that with the disappearance of the generation that lived through World War II, we quickly "forget the lessons of history."

Excuses for war

Pope Francis recognizes that "today war is being dangerously ‘re-evaluated’”. People easily opt for war by advancing all kinds of apparently humanitarian, defensive or preventive excuses, even resorting to the manipulation of information. In his characteristic style, the Holy Father thus asks consciences: "Are we aware of the suffering of so many for the war? Are we aware of the risks for mankind?" "Are we distracted and focused on our own interests?". We are calm because the war does not touch us from nearby, he says, adding that these questions "should disturb the political leaders who will answer before God and the people for the continuation of wars”.

Working for refugees is working for peace

The Pope evokes his concept of a third world war “fought ‘in pieces’, with crimes, massacres and destruction," and says that living in tranquility with wars around us would be dulling the conscience.
This often happens in countries not affected by wars but are disturbed by issues such as the arrival of refugees. It is these refugees, the Pope points out, who are the "witnesses of war, the sorrowful ‘ambassadors’ of the unheard demand for peace" who "make us experience first-hand how inhuman war is”. “Let us listen to their painful lesson of life!” the Pope urges, adding, “Welcoming refugees is also a way of limiting the suffering of war and working for peace."

Slipping into indifference fuels wars

Pope Francis thus invites all to avoid slipping into indifference, saying "indifference is complicit in war”. Rather, one should "try to act for peace without tiring”. Even if one cannot act directly on conflicts vigilant public opinions can do much. People can exert pressure on their own country and the international community.
Denouncing the mafia and criminality that "carry out real wars today, destroying peace for their own interests", the Holy Father launches an appeal not to respond to violence with more violence. Recalling the words of Jesus in Gethsemane, the Pope says, “Those who wield the sword will, in turn, experience violence.” “And conflicts, once opened... are sometimes transmitted from generation to generation.” “How can one be a Christian with a sword in hand? How can one be a Christian who makes ‘swords’ which others use to kill each other?” will kill themselves? Today, unfortunately, deadly and sophisticated armaments are being made “. Hence arms trade must be stopped, the Pope says, adding there is no justification to it, even to avoid joblessness.

The spirit of Assisi

On a concluding note, Pope Francis draws consolation from the fact that "in all cultures and religions, a seed of peace” as witnessed by the meeting convened by Saint John Paul II in Assisi in 1986. "The world has changed so much since 1986. But we need, ... more than yesterday, the collaboration and the prayer of religions,

POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: WITNESSES DO NOT LOOSE THEMSELVES IN WORDS, BUT RATHER BEAR FRUIT.

By Fr. Benedict Mayaki, SJ

During the Angelus on Tuesday, the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel of the day (Mt 16: 13 – 19) focusing his attention on the question that the Lord asks his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” (Mt 16: 15).

Who do you say that I am?

Inviting the faithful to give the Lord an answer that comes from the heart today, Pope Francis underlined the importance of the question that Jesus repeats to us: “*Who am I to you*, who have accepted faith but are still afraid to set sail on my Word? *Who am I to you*, who have been a Christian for such a long time but, worn out by habit, have lost your first love? *Who am I to you*, who are going through a difficult time and need to rouse yourself in order to begin again?”

Who do people say that I am?

Prior to this question, Pope Francis noted that Jesus asked the disciples another question: “Who do people say that I am?” This question was a test, noted the Pope, to find out opinions about Jesus and the fame He enjoyed, even though notoriety did not interest Jesus.

He highlighted that Jesus asked the question to “underline a difference” which is the fundamental difference of Christian life – the difference between those who stop at the first question and at opinions and talking about Jesus, and those who, instead, “talk to *Jesus*, bringing their life to Him, entering into a relationship with Him, making the decisive step.”

This, the Pope said, “is what interests the Lord: to be at the centre of our thoughts, to become the reference point of our affections; to be, in short, the love of our lives.”

The witness of Saints Peter and Paul

Turning his attention to Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis noted that they took that step and became witnesses - imitators not admirers, protagonists of the Gospel and not spectators - “they believed not in words but in deeds.”

In this regard, Peter did not speak about mission but he was a fisher of men. Paul, for his part, did not write learned books but letters about how he lived as he traveled and bore witness. Both men, the Pope explained, “spent their lives for the Lord and for their brothers.”

The Holy Father then held up the example of Sts. Peter and Paul to provoke us from stalling at the first question, giving views, opinions and saying beautiful words but never putting them into practice. He lamented that “it is sad to see that many speak, comment and debate, but few bear witness.”

“Witnesses do not lose themselves in words, but rather they bear fruit,” the Pope said. “They do not complain about others and the world, but they start with themselves. They remind us that *God is not to be demonstrated, but shown*; not announced with proclamations but shown by example.”

Witnesses are not always exemplary

Pope Francis went on to point out that an objection may arise from looking at the lives of Sts Peter and Paul because “they were witnesses but they were not always exemplary” – Peter denied Jesus and Paul persecuted Christians.

However, “they also bore witness to their failures,” the Pope noted, adding that St. Peter’s story comes out “naked and raw” in the Gospels, with all its miseries, and St. Paul recounted his mistakes and weaknesses in his letters.

This is where witness begins, with the “truth about himself, with the fight against his own duplicity and falsehood,” Pope Francis underlined, adding that “the Lord can do great things through us when we are not careful to defend our image, but are transparent with Him and with others.”

In conclusion, the Holy Father pointed out that the Lord, through his witnesses Peter and Paul, urges us to “take off our masks, to renounce half measures and the excuses that make us lukewarm and mediocre.” He prayed that Our Lady, Queen of the Apostles, may kindle in us the desire to bear witness to Jesus.

POPE FRANCIS: BE LIKE PETER AND PAUL, FREE BUT HUMBLE.

By Vatican News staff writer

In his homily for the solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Pope Francis reflected on the central point: “*Peter and Paul were free because they were set free*”.

Holy Mass in St. Peter's Basilica was celebrated in the presence of bishops and cardinals as well as a delegation from the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople, led by Metropolitan Emmanuel of Chalcedon, who has come to Rome for the traditional exchange of delegations on the feast days of their respective patron saints.

At the beginning of the celebration, four deacons descended into the Confessio situated beneath the Basilica to fetch the Pallia to be imposed on the metropolitan archbishops appointed this year. Pope Francis blessed the Pallia which are signs "chosen to symbolize the reality of pastoral care," in the hope that those who will wear them may "recognize themselves as shepherds of the flock."

Peter

The Pope explained that “Peter, the fisherman from Galilee, was set free above all from his sense of inadequacy and his bitter experience of failure, thanks to the unconditional love of Jesus”. He said that Peter, a skilled fisherman, often thought of giving up when he saw that he would catch nothing. He tasted fear, explained the Pope. “Albeit a fervent disciple of the Lord, he continued to think by worldly standards, and thus failed to understand and accept the meaning of Christ’s cross. Even after saying that he was ready to give his life for Jesus, the mere suspicion that he was one of Christ’s disciples led him in fright to deny the Master”. “Jesus nonetheless loved Peter and was willing to take a risk on him”, explained the Pope. He encouraged Peter not to give up and gave him the courage to risk everything and the joy of becoming a fisher of men. “It was Peter whom Jesus called to strengthen his brothers in faith”, he added. All that was possible only because Peter himself had been set free, said the Pope.

Paul

Turning then to the Apostle Paul, Pope Francis noted that he, too, experienced the freedom brought by Christ. “He was set free from the most oppressive form of slavery, which is slavery to self”, noted the Pope. He was also set free from the religious fervor that had made him a zealous defender of his ancestral traditions and a cruel persecutor of Christians, said the Pope.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

Back in my native country, there used to be the tradition for all royal officials to make a triumphant home-coming trip before they formally took up their positions, and the same has been applied to newly ordained priests, too.

I remember my uncle said to me as an encouragement when I was about to begin the formation program, ‘I’ll give you a cow when you celebrate your First Mass,’ and a cow was worth a small fortune fifty years ago.

The cow my uncle promised me was spared, since I had no chance for a home-coming celebration like others in the village due to circumstances, and when I finally had the chance to say Mass there,

I have become rather a veteran in the priestly force with fifteen years of experience. Unfortunately my uncle passed away at the very end of last May and I have missed him dearly.

In the Gospel this Sunday, the evangelist recalls a rather fascinating story of how Jesus made his home-coming trip with the disciples to keep hm company.

The highlight of the trip, of course, is his visit to the local synagogue, the familiar place in which he himself, together with Mary and Joseph had regularly attended for thirty years on every Sabbath day prior to his public ministry.

Here, Jesus was given the honour probably to read the scriptural reading, followed by a sharing, which made a good impression upon participants that day as Mark told us. Those present at the service then had no idea about how he could gain his wisdom and wondrous power, for he came from a working class background like his father, a carpenter himself, and there was nothing worth to say about Mary, his mother and all his cousins, who remained basically ordinary. They somehow showed no intention to give Jesus a full credit for his wonderful achievements outside the town, such as his inspiring teachings and his miraculous works, and chose to remain cold and reserved to him due to his humble and modest background.

Consequently, Jesus had to acclaim that, ‘a prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house,’ and decided to carry out not even a work of miracle, except a few healings of the sick.

The Gospel ends with some very significant words highlighting Jesus’ true feeling towards his town’ men and women, that ‘He was amazed at their lack of faith.’ In other words, he wasn’t impressed with them at all, for the lack of due respect they had given him due to his family background in that local community.

Let us pray this week for the wisdom to see the positive sides of people around us, especially those nearest to us both at home and in the community, and the courage to acknowledge and honour them with our appreciation through what we do and say.

Have a lovely week filled with positive feelings.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

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, I also received another top up of \$500.00 last 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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING 9 June

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.

LOURDES OVER 50’s MEETING on Thursday 8th July has been cancelled due to Covid 19.

NEW PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPES are now available to collect If you require a (non-tax deductible) receipt for the year ending June 2021, please 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 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)*

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: Expanding horizons beyond conflicts

104. It often happens that in particular places pastoral workers envisage very different solutions to the problems they face, and consequently propose apparently opposed forms of ecclesial organization. When this occurs, it is probable that the real response to the challenges of evangelization lies in transcending the two approaches and finding other, better ways, perhaps not yet even imagined. Conflict is overcome at a higher level, where each group can join the other in a new reality, while remaining faithful to itself.

Everything is resolved “on a higher plane and preserves what is valid and useful on both sides”. Otherwise, conflict traps us; “we lose our perspective, our horizons shrink and reality itself begins to fall apart”.

105. In no way does this mean relativizing problems, fleeing from them or letting things stay as they are. Authentic solutions are never found by dampening boldness, shirking concrete demands or assigning blame to others. On the contrary, solutions are found by “overflow”, that is, by transcending the contraposition that limits our vision and recognizing a greater gift that God is offering. From that new gift, accepted with boldness and generosity, from that unexpected gift which awakens a new and greater creativity, there will pour forth as from an overflowing fountain the answers that contraposition did not allow us to see. In its earliest days, the Christian faith spread remarkably in accordance with this way of thinking, which enabled it, from its Jewish roots, to take shape in the Greco-Roman cultures, and in time to acquire distinctive forms. Similarly, in this historical moment, the Amazon region challenges us to transcend limited perspectives and “pragmatic” solutions mired in partial approaches, in order to seek paths of inculturation that are broader and bolder.

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

Table with 2 columns: Role, Name. Header: 3/4 July 2021. Rows: Acolytes (John Jordan, Louis Fernandes, Fayelene Kennedy), Ministers (Abel Do Rosario, Helen Gonzales, Lorraine Fernandes, Priya Joachim, Anna Bellissimo, Sarah Lenthall), Readers (Noreen Do Rosario, Alison Punch, Pepito Ferriols, Kathy Walker, Laura Bellissimo, Megan Michael), Flowers (Gaby, Fenty & Mimi), Church Cleaning (Carol Brooks, Lourdes Spiteri, Suzi Nemorin).

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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.

It's everyone's responsibility. A 4x4 grid of 16 people wearing face masks, each with a different colored background.

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

PARISH NEWS...

St Vincent de Paul Society NSW. good works. Family Assistance 1800 606 724. Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

Anyone who is experiencing financial hardship may benefit from the service. Emergency relief may be given in the form of food parcels, food vouchers, and assistance with utility bills, clothing, furniture and referral. The assistance given is based on the assessment conducted by our volunteer members at the time of the home visit.

Domestic Violence - Alert 1800 737732. https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/NSW/General_support

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK MAGAZINE GIVEAWAY

With thanks to Catholic Healthcare, the Winter 2021 edition of the Catholic Outlook Magazine is giving away three copies of the wonderful book "Sharing the Wisdom of Time by Pope Francis and Friends" just in time for the World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly. Entries are now open until 15 July 2021. Pick up your copy of Catholic Outlook to get details of how to enter today!

OFFICE FOR WORSHIP Liturgical Ministry Formation Course 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 of Communion and Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.alimangohan@parracatholic.org or download the August 2021 enrolment form via officeforworship.org.au

ALIVE IN SPIRIT VIRTUAL PASTORAL MINISTRY CONFERENCE 8 – 10 July "Alive in the Spirit", an innovative online pastoral ministry conference, from 8 to 10 July 2021, will enliven and inspire our Catholic Church through a variety of keynote, workshops and enriching prayer and worship experiences. To register or find out more details, please go to www.aliveinthespirit.com.au or contact Lisa Bright on 0448 652 720.

NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING : 31 July The National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2021 will be launched online on Saturday 31 July. Join a diocesan group with your Bishop, or with your Men's Ministry/Parish group or individually. Three sessions will be provided online, along with reflection questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The gathering aims to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish/diocese and the world. Register for free at www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

DIOCESAN NEWS

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

Liturgy Help - Personal and Family Prayer. In this time of crisis, we are providing Catholics with access to a range of resources for personal and family prayer. To access these free resources, go to: liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray (login / register as a new user)

SOCIAL JUSTICE COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive Jesuit Refugee Service and House of Welcome are dealing with a 400% increase in emergency assistance calls and are needing to feed over 1,000 people facing destitution each week. You can help by running a food and toiletry drive or donating yourself. Find more information at parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive.

CATHOLIC CARE BLACKTOWN Neighbourhood Aid Volunteers Needed Blacktown Neighbour Aid, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to support our senior clients in the Blacktown area to remain living independently in their own home. If you feel you would like to make a positive difference to other's lives in this way, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

CATHOLIC CARE COMMUNITY VISITORS SCHEME—Volunteers Needed The Community Visitors Scheme, a program with CatholicCare, is looking for volunteers to provide a friendly visit to residents in local Aged Care Facilities who are lonely or isolated from their family and friends. If you feel you could spare one hour a week or a fortnight to help a person feel more valued and respected, please contact the Manager, Deb Woolacott on 0418 114 055 or email deb.woolacott@ccss.org.au.

FINDING GOD IN AUSTRALIA RETREAT: 6 – 8 August Fr John Hill CSsR will be presenting a retreat on "Finding God in Australia" at the St Clement's Retreat Centre, Galong, NSW, from 6 to 8 August. This retreat will provide an opportunity to reflect about life here in Australia and to renew the foundations of faith for the future. Ensuite rooms are \$350, with shared facilities \$300. To register, please contact (02) 6380 5222 or email info@stclement.com.au