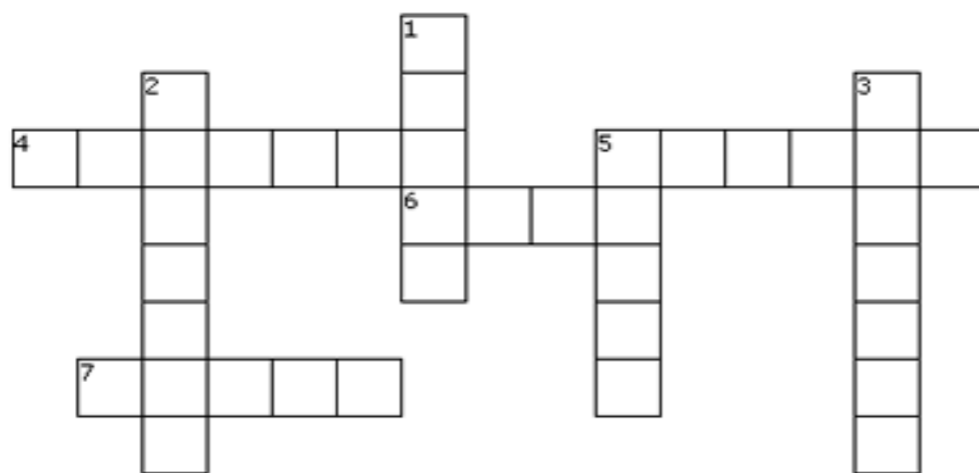
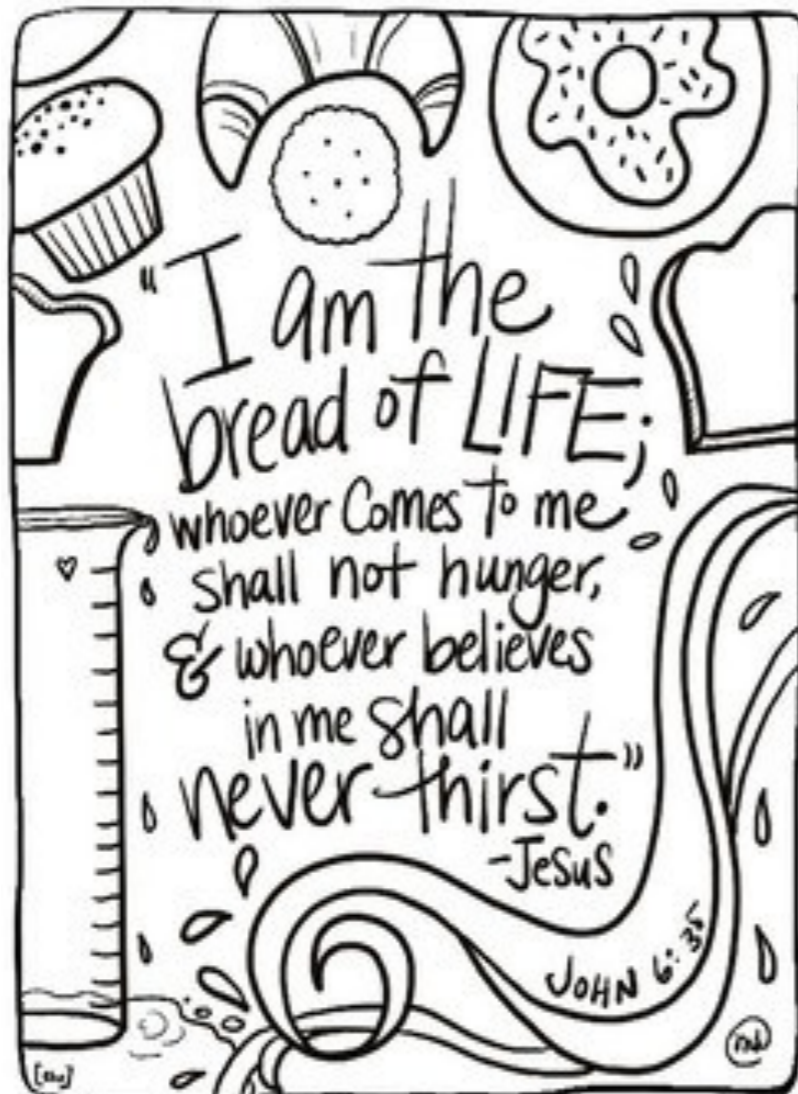


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ACROSS

4. For everlasting time; eternally
5. To make an effort to hear something; to pay attention
6. To continue to be alive
7. The Son of God

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1. The earth with its inhabitants
2. A person who speaks for God; Isaiah, for example
3. To accept as true or real
5. To gain knowledge through experience or study

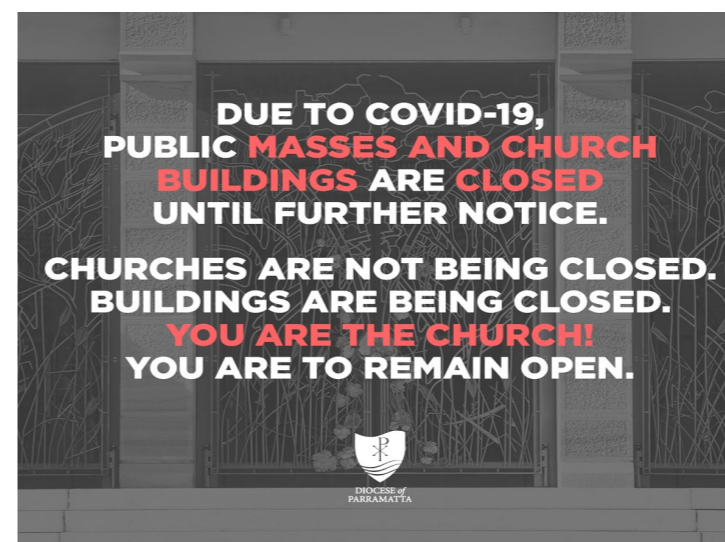
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 Sunday 8am & 9:30am LIVE-STREAM  
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**Baptismal Preparation:** 15th September 2021 7:30pm  
**Baptism:** 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am -TBA  
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**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**•Year B—1 August 2021•**

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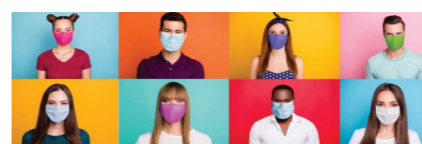


**GET VACCINATED FOR THE COMMON GOOD**

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>



It's everyone's responsibility

Don't forget to wear your mask when you go to Mass.



**Let us Pray for the Sick**

Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, David Benjamin, Myrna G Cruz, Melvin Fernandes, Wendy & Klaus, Anslan Lawrence, Spencer Leon, Cynthia Lopez, Carmenu M, Gerard Marcello, Marie Marchand, Salome Pillay, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Sandra Roseworn, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Joan Spillane, Pummalin Sumcad, Sue Tipodi, 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, Romualdo Austria Snr, Emma Bellissimo, Aloyseon Corera, David Quan Hien Dang, Cruz Fernandez, Jeffrey Hunter, 'Raj' Selvam Irudayaraj, Shaniil Jayatilake, Apolinar Jorge, Ajay Kallukalam, Noly Diaz Limbawan, Mary Mifsud, Rene Monteclaro, Rogelio Moscaya sn, Nancy Mulholland, Bernardo Naringahon, Bonifacio Ngalongalay, Hang My Thi Nguyen, Peter Van Giao Nguyen, Francisco Nievaes, Virgilio Naringahon, Neil Nuevaespana, Custodio Palmos Jr, Rena Rose Pinto, Mary Said, Mary Silva, Melchor Miranda Usman, Domingo Villarta.

**Anniversaries:** Emma Aramini, Cecil Beed, Nazarene (Ronnie) Borg, Jacqueline & Edmond Clarisse, Rita De Silva, Monica, Domnic & Conception D'Souza, Christiansen Dias, Philomena Corera, Nguyen Vinh Hien, Salvatore, Antonio, Alberto, Beryl McKertich, Edouard Mahomudally, Lourda Motha, Paul Mula, Eamon O'Sullivan, Custodio Palmos Sr., Nieves Palmos, Lakshman Perera, Mary Silva, Oliver Soares, Pauline Soares.

**Remembrance:** France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Fortunata & Frank Baiada, Peter & Helen Bonnici, Sam Borg, Rose Fernandes, Michael Gachia, Sharon Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Joe and Anne Menezes, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Muscat family, Roseline Ratnam.

**Planned Giving Program or SECOND COLLECTION**

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**

**Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.**  
**BSB: 067 950**  
**ACC: 000552**  
**Reference: (Your Planned Giving envelope number or 'DONATION')**

**FIRST COLLECTION DURING LOCKDOWN**

The first collection is for the support of priests here and throughout the diocese. Parishioners can donate/contribute to the First Collection using the bank details below:

**Account Name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy**  
**BSB: 067 950**  
**ACC: 00004265**  
**Reference: 6035 / Seven Hills**

*Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

## FIRST READING

*A reading from the book of Exodus 16:2-4,12-15*

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I purpose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.' I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." And so it came about; quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.' The word of the Lord.

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.**

The things we have heard and understood,  
the things our fathers have told us,  
we will tell to the next generation:  
the glories of the Lord and his might. **(R.)**

He commanded the clouds above  
and opened the gates of heaven.  
He rained down manna for their food,  
and gave them bread from heaven. **(R.)**

Mere men ate the bread of angels.  
He sent them abundance of food.  
He brought them to his holy land,  
to the mountain which his right hand had won. **(R.)**



## SECOND READING

*A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 4:17– 20-24*

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth. The word of the Lord.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
No one lives on bread alone,  
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.  
Alleluia!

## GOSPEL

*A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:24-35*

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.' Then they said to him 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent. 'So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' 'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.' Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.' The Gospel of the Lord.

## 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**



## NEW NORM REGARDING USE OF THE 1962 ROMAN MISSAL: BISHOPS GIVEN GREATER RESPONSIBILITY

*Vatican News*

After consulting the bishops throughout the world, Pope Francis has decided to modify the norms regulating the use of the 1962 missal granted 14 years ago by his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI, as the "extraordinary form of the Roman Rite". The Pope has published the Motu proprio *Traditionis custodes*, dated 16 July 2021, regarding the use of the Roman liturgy prior to 1970. It is accompanied by a letter in which he explains the reasons behind his decision. Here are the main points.

The responsibility to regulate the celebration of the pre-conciliar liturgy returns to the Bishop, as the moderator of the liturgical life of the diocese: "it is his exclusive competence to authorize the use of the 1962 Roman Missal in his diocese, according to the guidelines of the Apostolic See". The bishop is to verify that groups already celebrating the liturgy with the 1962 Missal "do not deny the validity and the legitimacy of the liturgical reform, dictated by Vatican Council II and the Magisterium of the Supreme Pontiffs".

Masses celebrated according to the 1962 Missal are not to take place any longer in parishes. Bishops are to establish both the location(s) where and the days on which it will be celebrated. It is required that the readings be proclaimed "in the vernacular language", using the translations approved by the Episcopal Conferences. The celebrant will be delegated by the bishop. The latter is also to evaluate whether or not to retain the celebration of the pre-Vatican liturgy according to its "effectiveness for spiritual growth". It is also necessary that the designated priest not only have at heart the correct celebration of the liturgy, but also the pastoral and spiritual care of the faithful. The Bishop is "to take care not to authorize the establishment of new groups". Priests ordained after the publication of today's Motu proprio who want to celebrate the pre-conciliar liturgy, "should submit a formal request to the diocesan Bishop who shall consult the Apostolic See before granting this authorization". While those who are already doing so may request from their diocesan Bishop the authorization to continue. The institutes of consecrated life and societies of apostolic life, "erected by the Pontifical Commission *Ecclesia Dei*", will now come under the competence of the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life. The Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Dicastery for Institutes of Consecrated Life will monitor the observance of these new provisions.

In the letter accompanying the document, Pope Francis explains that the established concessions granted by his predecessors for the use of the 1692 Roman Missal were above all "motivated by the desire to foster the healing of the schism with the movement of Mons. Lefebvre". The request directed to the Bishops to generously welcome the "just aspirations" of the members of the faithful who request the use of this Missal was also motivated by "the ecclesial intention of restoring the unity of the Church". Pope Francis observes that, "many in the Church came to regard this faculty as an opportunity to adopt freely the Roman Missal promulgated by St. Pius V and use it in a manner parallel to the Roman Missal promulgated by St. Paul VI".

The Pope recalls that Pope Benedict XVI's decision promulgated with the Motu proprio *Summorum Pontificum* (2007) was sustained by the "confidence that such a provision would not place in doubt one of the key measures of Vatican Council II or minimize in this way its authority". Fourteen years ago, Pope Benedict declared "unfounded the fear of division in parish communities, because 'the two forms of the use of the Roman Rite would enrich one another'".

However, the responses to the recent questionnaire circulated by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith among the Bishops, Pope Francis writes, "reveal a situation that preoccupies and saddens me, and persuades me of the need to intervene". Benedict's desire to ensure unity, Pope Francis says, has "often been seriously disregarded", and the concessions offered with largesse have instead been "exploited to widen the gaps, reinforce the divergences, and encourage disagreements that injure the Church, block her path, and expose her to the peril of division".

The Pope expresses he is "saddened by abuses in the celebration of the liturgy on all sides". In addition, he deplores the fact that the "instrumental use of *Missale Romanum* of 1962 is often characterized by a rejection not only of the liturgical reform, but of the Vatican Council II itself, claiming, with unfounded and unsustainable assertions, that it betrayed the Tradition and the 'true Church' ". To doubt the Council, Pope Francis explains, "is to doubt the intentions of those very Fathers who exercised their collegial power in a solemn manner *cum Petro et sub Petro* in an ecumenical council, and, in the final analysis, to doubt the Holy Spirit himself who guides the Church".

This is the final reason Pope Francis gives for his decision to modify the past concessions:

*"Ever more plain in the words and attitudes of many is the close connection between the choice of celebrations according to the liturgical books prior to Vatican Council II and the rejection of the Church and her institutions in the name of what is called the "true Church." One is dealing here with comportment that contradicts communion and nurtures the divisive tendency — 'I belong to Paul; I belong instead to Apollo; I belong to Cephas; I belong to Christ' — against which the Apostle Paul so vigorously reacted (1 Cor 1:12-13). In defense of the unity of the Body of Christ, I am constrained to revoke the faculty granted by my Predecessors".*

## POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: SHARE AND GOD WILL MULTIPLY YOUR GIFT

Vatican News staff writer

Speaking to pilgrims gathered in Saint Peter's Square for the Sunday Angelus, Pope Francis reflected on the Gospel for the day on the multiplication of the loaves and fish with which Jesus feeds around five thousand people. The Pope observed that Jesus did not create loaves and fish out of nothing, but relied on what the disciples brought him from the child who gave them what he had, just five barley loaves and two fish.

The Pope observed how the young child gave all that he had and how it seemed so little with respect to the needs of the moment. But thanks to that small, freely-given and even heroic gift, "Jesus is able to feed everyone". We learn here that "the Lord can do a lot with the little that we put at His disposal", the Pope said, and we should ask ourselves every day "What do I bring to Jesus today?" Jesus can do a lot with our prayers, gestures of kindness and offering up our suffering, he noted, working miracles with them. "This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things, those freely-given ones" All the Prophets and Mary show the "logic of smallness and giving", the Pope said, which is different from how we reason where the temptation is to accumulate and increase what we have for ourselves, rather than give away even what little we have. "We like to add, we like addition; Jesus likes subtraction, taking something away to give it to others", the Pope observed. But it is giving and sharing "that increases love and allows God to perform wonders", he said, encouraging everyone to try to share more, as Jesus teaches.

Pope Francis called to mind the tragedy of what happens when sharing does not happen, as in the case child hunger causing the death of around seven thousand children under the age of five every day due to malnutrition. He said faced with scandals such as these, the Lord calls on us to "Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters...if you share, God will multiply."

Following the recitation of the Angelus, Pope Francis recalled that the liturgy celebrated earlier in the morning in St. Peter's Basilica on the occasion of the First World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. He called on everyone to applaud all grandparents. He said "Grandparents and grandchildren, young and old together show the beautiful face of the Church and the covenant between the generations." He invited everyone to celebrate this day, even by visiting grandparents and the elderly, those who are alone, and share the message inspired by Jesus' promise: "I am with you always."

## POPE FRANCIS' HOMILY

The Gospel of this Sunday's liturgy recounts the famous episode of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes, with which Jesus feeds about five thousand people who came to hear him (cf. *Jn* 6:1-15). It is interesting to see how this miracle takes place: Jesus does not create the loaves and fishes from nothing, no, but rather He works with what the disciples bring him. One of them says: "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" (v. 9). It is little, it is nothing, but it is enough for Jesus.

Let us now try to put ourselves in the place of that boy. The disciples ask him to share everything he has to eat. It seems to be an unreasonable proposal, or rather, unjust. Why deprive a person, indeed a child, of what he has brought from home and has the right to keep for himself? Why take away from one person what is not enough to feed everyone anyway? In human terms, it is illogical. But not for God. On the contrary, thanks to that small freely-given and therefore heroic gift, Jesus is able to feed everyone. This is a great lesson for us. It tells us that the Lord can do a lot with the little that we put at His disposal.

It would be good to ask ourselves every day: "What do I bring to Jesus today?" He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity for others, even with one of our sufferings handed over to His mercy. Our small things to Jesus, and He works miracles. This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things, those freely-given ones. All the great protagonists of the Bible - from Abraham, to Mary, to the boy today - show this logic of smallness and giving. The logic of smallness and giving. The logic of giving is so different from ours. We try to accumulate and increase what we have, but Jesus asks us to give, to diminish. We like to add, we like addition; Jesus likes subtraction, taking something away to give it to others. We want to multiply for ourselves; Jesus appreciates it when we share with others, when we share. It is interesting that in the accounts of the multiplication of the loaves in the Gospels, the verb "multiply" never appears: no. On the contrary, the verbs used have the opposite meaning: "to break", "to give", "to distribute" (cf. v. 11; *Mt* 14:19; *Mk* 6:41; *Lk* 9:16). But the verb "to multiply" is not used. The true miracle, says Jesus, is not the multiplication that produces vanity and power, but the sharing that increases love and allows God to perform wonders. Let us try to share more: let us try the way Jesus teaches us. Even today, the multiplication of goods cannot solve problems without fair sharing. The tragedy of hunger comes to mind, which affects the little ones in particular. It has been calculated officially that every day in the world around seven thousand children under the age of five die due to malnutrition, because they do not have what they need to live. Faced with scandals such as these, Jesus also addresses an invitation to us, an invitation similar to the one probably received by the boy in the Gospel, who has no name and in whom we can all see ourselves: "Be brave, give what little you have, your talents, your possessions, make them available to Jesus and to your brothers and sisters. Do not be afraid, nothing will be lost, because if you share, God will multiply. Banish the false modesty of feeling inadequate, trust yourself. Believe in love, believe in the power of service, believe in the strength of gratuitousness".

May the Virgin Mary, who answered "yes" to God's unprecedented proposal, help us to open our hearts to the Lord's invitations and to the needs of others.



## FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

A few days ago, I had the chance to talk to one of my first cousins, who lives with her husband and two grown-up children in a small town about fifty kilometres away from Saigon, also about fifteen kilometres away from my birthplace and hers as well.

I can never forget this little town where my mum was born and grew up and where I was born as well. That was a scary place which the South Vietnamese government and the Vietcongs used to share controls: one was bossing around during the day and the other at night.

As a teenager, I was given the yearly privilege to go to such a scary place to see my maternal grandparents, aunts and cousins, and it was very absurd to see American GIs and South Vietnamese soldiers travelling around the place with their tanks and guns at day time, and to hear the sound of the footwalk of a lot of communist fighters going up and down at night. I have to admire this cousin of mine for she managed not just to survive the war, but to get a good education and go on to do well in her life as well despite living such unfavourable circumstances.

Anyway, she helped to keep me informed with all the latest moves from all my aunts and cousins, and also with her everyday life in lockdown. In response to my question about how she got food and basic necessities supplies, she proudly showed me her fridge and freezer filled with beef, pork, chicken, and vegies, and said, 'don't worry, they can keep my family and mum's to get through the lockdown easily,' and as a health-conscious person, I cynically shot back, 'well, I hope they would do no harm to you, before Delta could hit you.'

I couldn't help recount my recent conversation with my cousin and her self-content look while showing me her fridge and freezer, as I read the Gospel this Sunday, particularly the part Jesus addressed to the crowds who had continued to chase after him after he miraculously filled their empty tummies with so much food from just five barley loaves and two fish, that 'do not work for food that can not last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you.'

Jesus, on the one hand, probably tried to keep them less excited about the free meal they just had, and on the other hand, aimed to transcend them from the visible world where they had lived and experienced, to the new one they had never heard of, from the short-term satisfying food they were familiar with to the eternal-life giving food that he was about to give them.

Starting from the Old Testament, Jesus refreshed their memory of the time when Moses and the newly liberated Israelites were made wandering for forty years in the desert and God himself provided Manna, the bread from heaven, to feed them in their hunger. He deliberately pointed out to the crowds this crucial point that Manna was given to their ancestors by God, not Moses, and went on to reveal himself as 'the bread of life' to bring never ending satisfaction to those who receive it.

Jesus' audience of the time obviously had no idea of what the Son of Man was talking about when he switched from the everyday bread to the bread of life. We today, however, are more fortunate than them, because we know that this bread of life itself is the bread of the Eucharist, the bread of angels as St Thomas called it, the Body of Christ given to us through the Sacrament of the Eucharist every time we celebrate. In fact, this is the bread that Jesus encouraged his followers to work for in the Gospel today, the one that endures to eternal life, the one that nourishes us on our journey to eternity.

As we celebrate our Sunday Eucharist this week, let us give thanks to the Son of God for his generosity to give us this precious bread of life in the Eucharist, and we receive it whether spiritually or physically, we shall be refreshed, empowered and endured to eternal life.

Have a grace-filled week.

Fr Henry

## PARISH NEWS...

### SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021 UPDATE

Due to this current lockdown, our First Holy Communion have been delayed as a result, we are sorry for any inconvenience and shall adjust the program with ZOOM MEETINGS for parents and children preparing for First Holy Communion, which will be on 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> September this year, if things are back to normal.

May I invite our parents of children who are in year three this year to contact Artelle Lenthall for more information about the schedule for the meetings. [artelle@olol7hills.com.au](mailto:artelle@olol7hills.com.au)

I would also much appreciate if everyone could help to spread this message to applicable families. God bless,

Fr Henry

### MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VINCENT OFM CONV

A pastoral letter to the faithful of the Diocese of Parramatta on COVID-19 from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv, is available to be read on the OLOL website

Visit [www.olol7hills.org.au](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)

**PARISH MINISTERS ROSTER** with the Government announcing a further extension to stay-at-home orders for the whole Greater Sydney area, which remains in effect until 11:59pm Friday 27 August, our Church remains closed and all ministers are not required until further notice.

**LIVE-STREAMING** we will continue to Live stream all weekend Masses. Follow the link below; <https://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/>

**MEETING'S** that were due to take place in the next week are all postponed for a later date. Watch for notices in the bulletin or contact the parish office. 9622 2920

Please note that you will be advised when Masses will again become available.

*We look forward to welcoming you all at Church soon.*



**SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS  
MACKILLOP FEAST DAY  
SUNDAY AUGUST 8**



**FROM POPE FRANCIS**

**ENCYCLICAL LETTER *FRATELLI TUTTI* OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS  
ON FRATERNITY AND SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP**

5. Issues of human fraternity and social friendship have always been a concern of mine. In recent years, I have spoken of them repeatedly and in different settings. In this Encyclical, I have sought to bring together many of those statements and to situate them in a broader context of reflection. In the preparation of *Laudato Si'*, I had a source of inspiration in my brother Bartholomew, the Orthodox Patriarch, who has spoken forcefully of our need to care for creation. In this case, I have felt particularly encouraged by the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, with whom I met in Abu Dhabi, where we declared that "God has created all human beings equal in rights, duties and dignity, and has called them to live together as brothers and sisters". [5] This was no mere diplomatic gesture, but a reflection born of dialogue and common commitment. The present Encyclical takes up and develops some of the great themes raised in the Document that we both signed. I have also incorporated, along with my own thoughts, a number of letters, documents and considerations that I have received from many individuals and groups throughout the world.

6. The following pages do not claim to offer a complete teaching on fraternal love, but rather to consider its universal scope, its openness to every man and woman. I offer this social Encyclical as a modest contribution to continued reflection, in the hope that in the face of present-day attempts to eliminate or ignore others, we may prove capable of responding with a new vision of fraternity and social friendship that will not remain at the level of words. Although I have written it from the Christian convictions that inspire and sustain me, I have sought to make this reflection an invitation to dialogue among all people of good will.

7. As I was writing this letter, the Covid-19 pandemic unexpectedly erupted, exposing our false securities. Aside from the different ways that various countries responded to the crisis, their inability to work together became quite evident. For all our hyper-connectivity, we witnessed a fragmentation that made it more difficult to resolve problems that affect us all. Anyone who thinks that the only lesson to be learned was the need to improve what we were already doing, or to refine existing systems and regulations, is denying reality.

8. It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Fraternity between all men and women. "Here we have a splendid secret that shows us how to dream and to turn our life into a wonderful adventure. No one can face life in isolation... We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together... By ourselves, we risk seeing mirages, things that are not there. Dreams, on the other hand, are built together". [6] Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or her own voice, brothers and sisters all.

*Excerpt from Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation FRATELLI TUTTI—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, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

**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.*

**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)



**DIOCESAN NEWS**

**DIocese OF PARRAMATTA COVID-19 UPDATE**

Due to stay-at-home orders from the NSW Government, all church buildings, adoration chapels and other buildings used for prayer and religious services are closed. Public Masses have ceased. Many parishes around the Diocese are celebrating Masses online. For more information, please visit the Diocesan website [www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)



**FEAST OF MARY MACKILLOP SUNDAY AUGUST 8**

No Masses will be celebrated at Mary Mackillop Place as the Chapel remains closed. Prayer resources are available on the website <https://www.marymackillopplace.org.au/feast-day-resources/>

**PASTORAL COUNCIL FORMATION AND TRAINING SESSION:**

Given the restrictions and lockdown; and seeing as we cannot have masses- we have had to postpone the course. At the moment we are rethinking the dates when we could begin and will update you once the situation becomes clearer. For any further information, please contact Tanya Quinn on [tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org](mailto:tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org) or call 0459 133 665.

**'The Well' offers spiritual nourishment during lockdown**

Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement during lockdown? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

**PARISH ONLINE MINISTRY DURING COVID**

There are an extraordinary amount of initiatives taking place online across the Diocese in a number of parishes. These include games nights, trivia competitions, formation, scripture studies and wellbeing check-ins. If your community is willing to share these opportunities beyond your own Parish, the Mission Enhancement Team (MET Parramatta) would love to hear from you and help connect others who are struggling at this time. Email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org)

**ACBC 2021-2022 Social Justice Statement Launch: 5 August**

Join us for the national launch of the ACBC Social Justice Statement 2021-22: *Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*, online on Thursday 5 August from 5.30pm to 6.30pm AEST. This year's statement focuses on building the theological foundations of caring for our common home and our human family. To register for the event, visit <https://bit.ly/SJSLaunch>

**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.*

**JOIN US ON 'HOME GROUND' OVER THE NEXT FOUR WEEKS** While in lockdown, you're invited to 'HOME Ground'. Online every weeknight for the next four weeks, join us for chat, music, prayer, hot topics and most of all – fun and connection. See the free line-up at [parracatholic.org/homeground](http://parracatholic.org/homeground). The Diocese of Parramatta's Mission Enhancement Team look forward to seeing you on HOME Ground soon.

**\*\*CANCELLED\*\* Worldwide Marriage Encounter Marriage Enrichment Weekend: 21 – 22 August**

Dear Friends. With much disappointment, we would like to inform you that our Worldwide Marriage Encounter "Live Out" weekend from 21 to 22 August in Engadine has been cancelled. For more information, please contact Christine and Terry Mahony on 0490 774 419 or [nswbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:nswbookings@wwme.org.au)

**FAN THE FLAME – Towards Plenary Assembly One October 2021 "You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while"** *Mark 6:30-34*

Our Aboriginal culture has taught us to be still and to wait... We wait for the rain to fill our rivers and water the thirsty earth... We wait on God, too. We don't worry. We know that in time and in the spirit of *dadirri* (that deep listening and quiet stillness) his way will be clear. (*Miriam-Rose Ungunmerr, "Dadirri: Inner Deep Listening and Quiet Still Awareness", Miriam-Roes Foundation, accessed 23 April 2021, https://www.miriamrosefoundation.org.au/about-dadirri.*) [www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthe flame/)

**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](http://liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray) (login / register as a new user)



**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](https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/NSW/General_support)