

Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner
SAINT MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP
 8th August 2021



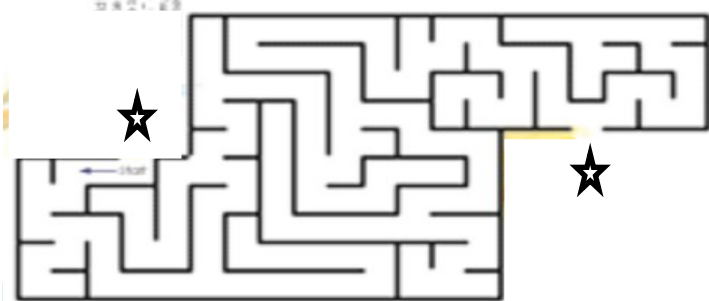
**FEAST FACTS WITH
 ST MARY
 MACKILLOP**

- 1** SHE WAS AN AUSTRALIAN RELIGIOUS WHO FOUNDED THE SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH OF THE SACRED HEART IN 1866
- 2** ST MARY SET UP SCHOOLS IN AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND AS WELL AS HOUSES TO HELP YOUNG AND ELDERLY WOMEN
- 3** SHE WAS MADE AUSTRALIA'S FIRST SAINT IN OCTOBER 2010



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Teacher	Education	Australian	Saint
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Children	Poor	Catholic	Devoted



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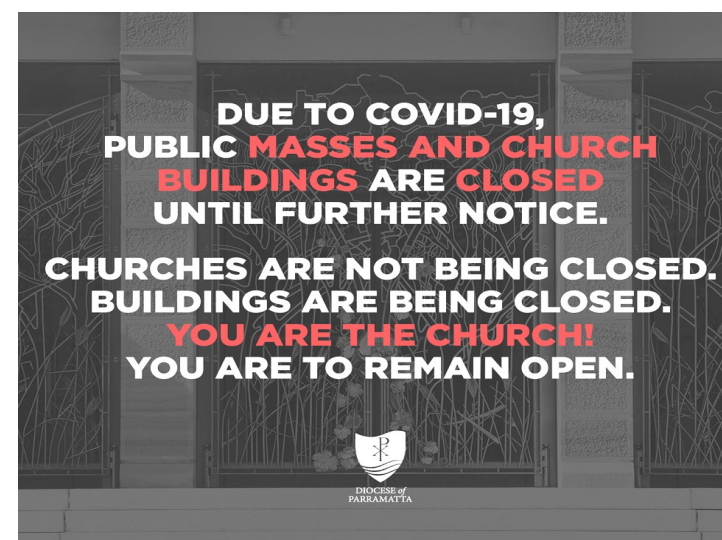
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**GET VACCINATED FOR THE
 COMMON GOOD**

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>



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, Shanil Jayatilake, Apolinar Jorge, Ajay Kallukalam, Noly Diaz Limbawan, Mary Mifsud, Rene Montecarlo, Rogelio Moscaya sn, Nancy Mulholland, Bernardo Naringahon, Bonifacio Ngalongalay, Hang My Thi Nguyen, Peter Van Giao Nguyen, Francisco Nievaes, Virgilio Naringahon, Neil Nuevaespana, Custodio Palomos Jr, Rena Rose Pinto, Mary Said, Mary Silva, Melchor Miranda Usman, Domingo Villarta.

Anniversaries: Emma Aramini, Ana Batorek, 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 Palomos Sr., Nieves Palomos, 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 please write '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.

And then the word of the Lord came to Elijah, ‘Up and go to Zarephath, a Sidonian town, and stay there. I have ordered a widow there to give you food.’ So he went off to Sidon. And when he reached the city gate, there was a widow gathering sticks. Addressing her he said, ‘Please bring a little water in a vessel for me to drink.’ She was setting off to bring it when he called after her. ‘Please,’ he said ‘bring me a scrap of bread in your hand.’ ‘As the Lord your God lives,’ she replied ‘I have no baked bread, but only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am just gathering a stick or two to go and prepare this for myself and my son to eat, and then we shall die.’ But Elijah said to her, ‘Do not be afraid, go and do as you have said; but first make a little scone of it for me and bring it to me, and then make some for yourself and for your son. For thus the Lord speaks, the God of Israel: “Jar of meal shall not be spent, jug of oil shall not be emptied, before the day when the Lord sends rain on the face of the earth.”’ The woman went and did as Elijah told her and they ate the food, she, himself and her son. The jar of meal was not spent nor the jug of oil emptied, just as the Lord had foretold through Elijah.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.	
O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)	So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)
So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise. (R.)	On my bed I remember you. On you I muse through the night for you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 3:12-17*

You are God’s chosen race, his saints; he loves you, and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful. Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Many women were there by the cross, watching from a distance,
the same women who had followed Jesus and looked after him.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew 6:25-34*

Jesus said to his disciples: I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and what you are to wear. Surely life is more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, however much you worry, add one single cubit to your span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the Flower growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin: yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his royal robes was clothed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the wild flowers growing in the field which are there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you have so little faith? So do not worry; do not say, “What are we to eat? What are we to drink? What are we to wear?” It is the gentiles who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on God’s saving justice, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own. 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



POPE FRANCIS TO YOUTH IN MEDJUGORJE: FOLLOW CHRIST WITH COURAGE AND JOY

By Gabriella Ceraso - Vatican City
The guiding theme of the youth festival underway in Medjugorje until August 6 is: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" They cite the words of the rich young man of whom the Synoptic Gospels speak (cf. Mt 19:16-22; Mk 10:17-22; Lk 18:18-23), when he set out, or rather, ran to meet the Lord, to inquire about gaining eternal life, that is, happiness. Pope Francis sent his good wishes to the participants with a message offering some reflections on the theme.

An occasion to encounter Jesus
Manifest, the Pope reminds his readers, is in fact a "week of prayer and encounter with Jesus Christ, especially in his living Word, in the Eucharist, in adoration and in the Sacrament of Reconciliation," which has the power to "set us on our way to the Lord." And so this young man of the Gospel, whose name we do not know but whose soul we do know, becomes the symbol of all those who participate in this event.

The Pope recalled that the young man recounted in the Gospels was "educated and very knowledgeable" and motivated with a "healthy restlessness that urged him to seek true happiness, life in its fullness". It is for this reason that he set out on his journey to find in Jesus Christ an "authoritative, credible and reliable" guide who "directed him to God, who is the one and supreme good from whom all other good comes". Eternal life, the good for which he yearns, the Pope writes, is certainly not a material good to be conquered with "one's own strength" but requires going through various stages of maturation.

Making steps towards eternal life: loving one's neighbor
The first step, indicated by Jesus, is "concrete love for one's neighbor," not the love given simply by the observance of precepts, rather a "gratuitous and total" love. Jesus notices the "desire for fullness that the young man carries in his heart", but also his "weak point", which is his attachment to "many material goods". For this reason, as a second step, Jesus suggests moving “from a logic of 'merit' to one of giving.”

“If you wish to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven.” (Mt 19:21). Jesus changes the perspective: he invites him not to think of securing the afterlife, but to give everything in his earthly life, thus imitating the Lord. It is a call to further maturity, to pass from precepts observed to receive a reward, to one that is about love by giving freely without limit. Jesus asks him to leave behind all that weighs down the heart and hinders love. What Jesus recommends is not so much that everything be taken away as much as being free to love and rich in relationships with others.

To be free from all attachments
The Pope went on to explain that if the heart is crowded with possessions, the Lord and one's neighbor become merely "things", because "having and wanting too much" suffocate us and "make us unhappy and incapable of loving".

The third step that Jesus proposes to the young man marks a radical choice, the Pope observed when Jesus asks him: "Come! Follow me!" It is a matter of "being disciples of Jesus", which means, not imitating Him outwardly but "conforming to Him" deep in our hearts in order to receive in return "a rich and happy life, in the company of the many brothers and sisters, fathers, mothers and children".

Following Christ is not a loss, but an incalculable gain, the Pope writes, while renunciation concerns the obstacle that blocks this pathway. The rich young man, however, has his heart divided between two masters: God and money. The fear of risking and losing his possessions makes him return home sad.

Drawing close to Christ to be happy: saying yes without holding back
It marked a sad moment, because "he did not find the courage to accept the response, which is the proposal to 'untie himself' from himself and from riches in order to 'bind himself' to Christ, to walk with Him and discover true happiness", the Pope observed. He writes:

“Have the courage to live your youth by entrusting yourselves to the Lord and setting out with Him. Let yourselves be conquered by his loving gaze that frees us from the seduction of idols, from the false riches that promise life but bring death. Do not be afraid to welcome the Word of Christ and accept his call. Do not be discouraged like the rich young man in the Gospel; instead, fix your gaze on Mary, the great example of the imitation of Christ, and entrust yourselves to her who, with her affirmative response "Here I am", answered unreservedly to the Lord's call.”

Mary as an example for all of us
May Mary, to whose maternal intercession the Pope entrusts the young people present at the Festival, be the source of the "strength" from which we draw to say our own "here I am", but also a model for "bringing Christ to the world" and for "transforming our lives into a gift for others". Like her, the Pope asks us to strive to be attentive to others and to discover in God's will "our joy", welcoming it even if it is not easy but with the certainty that "it will make us happy".

The Pope writes: "the joy of the Gospel fills the heart and the whole life of those who encounter Jesus. Those who allow themselves to be saved by Him are freed from sin, from sadness, from inner emptiness, from isolation. With Jesus Christ, joy is always born and reborn."

POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: WELCOME JESUS AS THE BREAD OF LIFE

Vatican News staff writer

Greeting the faithful in Saint Peter’s Square on a sunny and sultry Roman Sunday, Pope Francis offered reflections on the day’s Gospel reading which speaks about the crowds following Jesus, after they had witnessed the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. However, the crowds did not grasp the meaning of what Jesus had done and appeared to be more concerned more about having their fill of material bread.

The Pope said we too risk from this same narrow mentality, what might be called an “*idolatrous temptation*” he described as one where we seek God only for our own use and needs of the moment. This requires us to ask, “why do we seek the Lord?”, he said, and to think about what are our true motivations, to consider if our faith concerns seeking God primarily when we need him and forgetting about Him when we are satisfied. The Pope said it is right to present our needs before God, but we need to understand that the Lord first of all “wishes to live with us...in a relationship of love”, and to know that in response to our prayers He “acts far beyond our expectations”. True love is all gift, not expecting a favor in return, the Pope observed, and the relationship with God “goes beyond the logic of interest and calculation.”

In the today’s Gospel reading, the crowds then ask Jesus what they can do then to accomplish the works of God. The Pope said it was as if they were asking how we go from a faith that is only concerned about our immediate needs to one that pleases God. Jesus’ answer, the Pope said, is “that the work of God is to welcome the One whom the Father has sent, that is, Himself, Jesus.” The key here is “welcoming Jesus into our lives, living *a story of love with Him*”, the Pope pointed out, saying only Jesus can purify our faith and strengthen our “loving relationship” with Him. He summed it up: “before the things we receive and do, there is Him to love”.

This same thinking applies also to our human and social relationships, the Pope added, saying we need to be aware when we risk using others for our own interests. In society we need to keep people at the centre of our concern rather than simply as interests, he stressed. In conclusion, before leading the recitation of the Angelus, he said, “let us welcome Jesus as the bread of life and, starting out from our friendship with Him, learn to love each other” freely and abundantly, looking to the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary “who lived the most beautiful story of love with God” and can help us receive this grace.

POPE FRANCIS’ PRAYER INTENTION FOR AUGUST: CHURCH ON THE WAY

By Benedict Mayaki, SJ

In his video message for his prayer intention for August, Pope Francis reminds the faithful that “the vocation of the Church is evangelization,” and even more, “the Church’s identity is evangelization.”

In this month, the Holy Father reflects on the situation of the Church, its vocation and its identity, and calls us to renew it “by discerning God’s will in our daily life,” and “embarking on a transformation guided by the Holy Spirit.”

“Our own reform as persons is that transformation,” the Pope said. This allows the “Holy Spirit, the gift of God in our hearts, to remind us what Jesus taught and helps us to put into practice.”

Evangelization and a more missionary option

Pope Francis begins with the specific vocation of the Church, which is to evangelize. The Holy Father dreams of an even more missionary option: “one that goes out to meet others without proselytism and transforms its structures for the evangelization of today’s world.”

He emphasizes that he is not talking about proselytism but rather a reform of the Church through “a reform of ourselves, without prefabricated ideas, without ideological prejudices and rigidity.”

To make progress in this regard, Pope Francis invites all to move forward based on spiritual experience: “an experience of prayer, an experience of charity and an experience of service.”

Reforming the Church

“Let us remember that the Church always has difficulties,” the Pope said, explaining that the Church goes through crises because she is alive; not like the dead who do not go through crises.

In a statement accompanying the Pope’s prayer intention, the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network, which prepares “The Pope Video” each month, explains that in the recent letter Pope Francis wrote to Cardinal Reinhard Marx, in which he refused his offer of resignation, the Holy Father acknowledged the crisis in the Church brought about by abuse cases, emphasizing the need for reform

“A reform... does not consist in words but in attitudes that have the courage to face the crisis, to assume reality whatever the consequences may be. And every reform begins with oneself. The reform in the Church was made by men and women who were not afraid to enter into crisis and let themselves be reformed by the Lord,” the Pope said.

Concluding the video message, the Holy Father invited all to pray for the Church, “that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.”



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

As part of our Formation program at St Patrick’s College, Manly, we students were required to do at least two semesters in Latin and two in Greek, just enough for us to feel comfortable with words in Latin and Greek we were going to encounter on our journey ahead to conquer the Bachelor of Theology.

For some, they were just a piece of cake, but for others, they were just the Himalayas to climb, since it was their first experience with a new language. Prior to my Latin class in the seminary here, I spent five years fighting with it back in Vietnam, and the truth was that it was always on top of me.

Though it was not quite easy to chew, we had to get through it, otherwise we would be left frustrated for not knowing what some of the theological concepts found in our text books or lectures were about.

In the Gospel account this Sunday, Jesus began the catechetical process to transcend his Jewish audience from the everyday world to the theological one, meaning from their experience of a miraculous meal made of five barley loaves and two fish to the acclamation ‘I am the bread that came down from heaven.’

The Jewish crowd, of course, was confused by such a switch from Jesus and proved themselves totally unprepared for it, consequently they began to complain as John reported.

While they were trying to point out the lack of logic in his statement, Jesus went on to take them deeper into the world of the Eucharist by re-phrasing what he said in the beginning that ‘I am the bread of life’ and ‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven,’ which is his flesh, and will help to connect those who receive it with life in heaven, a life in eternity.

Interestingly, right in this catechetical session, Jesus also issued a very important statement about faith that ‘everybody who believes has eternal life’, which St Paul took up and developed in his famous letters, and has become the point of contention between Protestants and Catholics.

Compared to the Jewish crowd in the Gospel today incapable of grasping the message Jesus meant to convey to them, we today obviously are more fortunate than them, since we are more prepared to handle it thanks to our informed faith, something the crowd in the past failed to enjoy.

As we celebrate the Eucharist and come to receive Holy Communion today whether spiritually and physically, let us give praise and thanks to Jesus for giving us the precious food of Himself in the Eucharist to nourish us on our journey to the Promised Land of heaven, and also for the privilege to see, believe and taste it.

May the grace of the Eucharist keep us firm in faith and give us strength to persevere in this testing time.

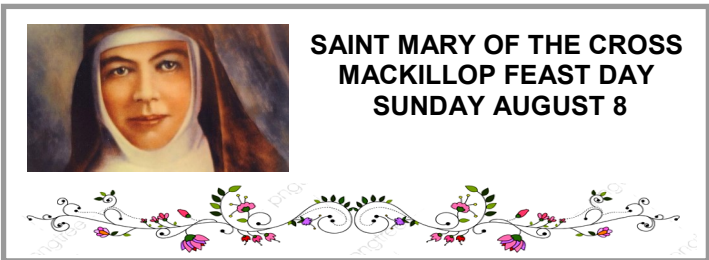
Have a Christ-centric week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

OUR PARISH OFFICE

Due to this current lockdown, our Parish Office will remain closed for any physical contact. However, either Fr Henry or one of the staff will be available to receive phone calls and check our parish emails everyday. Please do not hesitate to ring or send us an email.



SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021 UPDATE

Due to this current lockdown, our First Holy Communion has been delayed. 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 12th and 19th 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. artellel@olol7hills.com.au

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

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/>

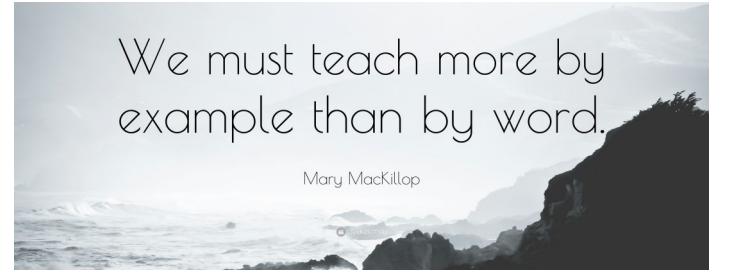
MEETING’S that were due to take place in the next week are all postponed for a later date. Watch for notices in the bulletin or contact the parish office. 9622 2920 Please note that you will be advised when Masses will again become available.

We look forward to welcoming you all when the Church reopens.

VACCINATION MESSAGE FROM BISHOP VINCENT OFM CONV

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

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FROM POPE FRANCIS

ENCYCLICAL LETTER *FRATELLI TUTTI* OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS ON FRATERNITY & SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP CHAPTER ONE - DARK CLOUDS OVER A CLOSED WORLD

9. Without claiming to carry out an exhaustive analysis or to study every aspect of our present-day experience, I intend simply to consider certain trends in our world that hinder the development of universal fraternity.

SHATTERED DREAMS 10. For decades, it seemed that the world had learned a lesson from its many wars and disasters, and was slowly moving towards various forms of integration. For example, there was the dream of a united Europe, capable of acknowledging its shared roots and rejoicing in its rich diversity. We think of “the firm conviction of the founders of the European Union, who envisioned a future based on the capacity to work together in bridging divisions and in fostering peace and fellowship between all the peoples of this continent”. [7] There was also a growing desire for integration in Latin America, and several steps were taken in this direction. In some countries and regions, attempts at reconciliation and rapprochement proved fruitful, while others showed great promise. 11. Our own days, however, seem to be showing signs of a certain regression. Ancient conflicts thought long buried are breaking out anew, while instances of a myopic, extremist, resentful and aggressive nationalism are on the rise. In some countries, a concept of popular and national unity influenced by various ideologies is creating new forms of selfishness and a loss of the social sense under the guise of defending national interests. Once more we are being reminded that “each new generation must take up the struggles and attainments of past generations, while setting its sights even higher. This is the path. Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day. It is not possible to settle for what was achieved in the past and complacently enjoy it, as if we could somehow disregard the fact that many of our brothers and sisters still endure situations that cry out for our attention”. [8]

12. “Opening up to the world” is an expression that has been co-opted by the economic and financial sector and is now used exclusively of openness to foreign interests or to the freedom of economic powers to invest without obstacles or complications in all countries. Local conflicts and disregard for the common good are exploited by the global economy in order to impose a single cultural model. This culture unifies the world, but divides persons and nations, for “as society becomes ever more globalized, it makes us neighbours, but does not make us brothers”. [9] We are more alone than ever in an increasingly massified world that promotes individual interests and weakens the communitarian dimension of life. Indeed, there are markets where individuals become mere consumers or bystanders. As a rule, the advance of this kind of globalism strengthens the identity of the more powerful, who can protect themselves, but it tends to diminish the identity of the weaker and poorer regions, making them more vulnerable and dependent. In this way, political life becomes increasingly fragile in the face of transnational economic powers that operate with the principle of “divide and conquer”.

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



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



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 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

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

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)

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. 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



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

Pastoral Formation

DEANERY AND DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL AND PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL FORMATION & TRAINING

Join with others for Formation and Training with Sr Ailsa Mackinnon RSM Chancellor of Ministries from the Diocese of Parramatta presenting "Listening to the hopes, needs, ideas and concerns of Parishioners" being held on Wednesday, 25th August 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm via Zoom.

FOR ENQUIRIES
For any further information, please call 8838 3441 or contact Tanya Quinn at tanya.quinn@parracatholic.org

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