

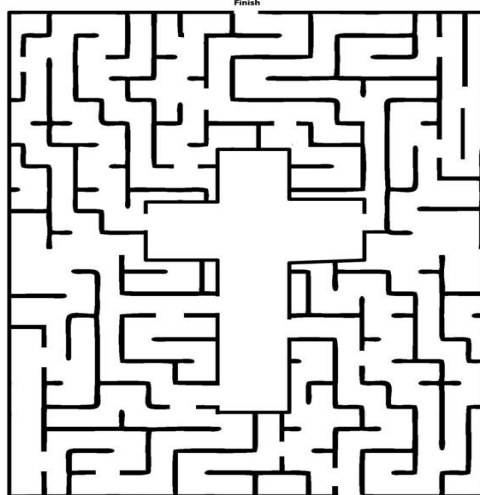
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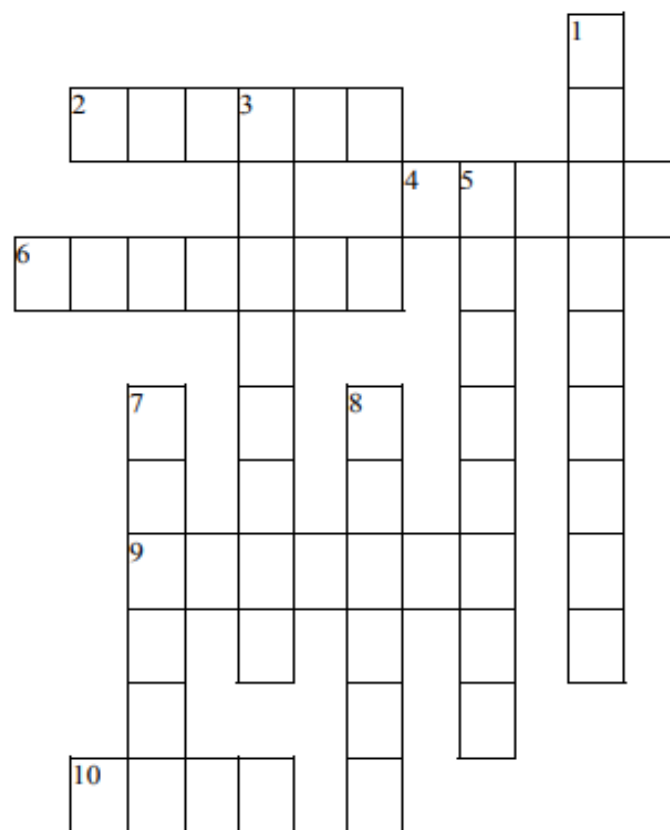


HOW KIDS CAN HELP THE EARTH

Recycle
Conserve Water
Save Electricity
Keep Your Leftovers
Care for Animals & Insects
Don't Waste Paper
Pick Up Trash
Walk When You Can
Try Composting
Keep Learning About Earth

Take up your cross...
Mark 8:27-35

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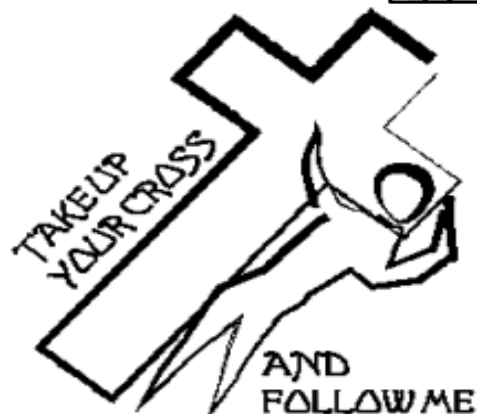


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2. Whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the _____ will save it.
4. Take up your _____
6. Peter said that Jesus was the _____.
9. John the _____
10. Whoever wishes to come after me must _____ himself...

Down

1. Followers of Jesus.
3. Caesarea _____.
5. Jesus was _____ by the elders, the chief priest, and the scribes.
7. Peter took him aside and began to _____ him.
8. One of the prophets.



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS
"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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Sunday 8am & 9:30am LIVE-STREAM

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Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes

Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-5:30pm -TBA

Baptismal Preparation: 17th November 2021 7:30pm

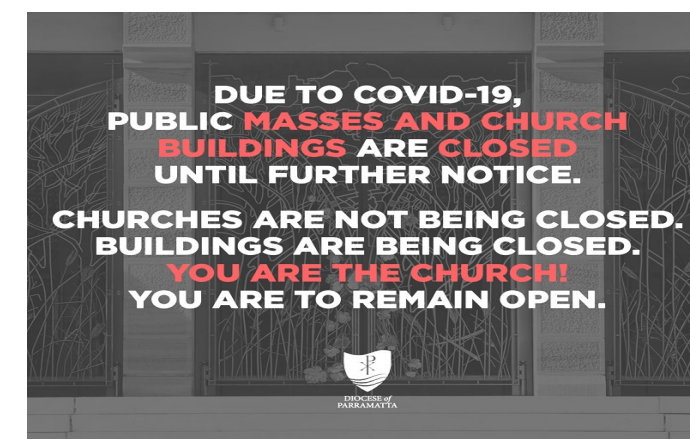
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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time •Year B—12 September 2021•

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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>

SECOND COLLECTION or Planned Giving Program

On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong. Projects completed include the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

BSB: 067 950

ACC: 000552

Reference: (Your *Planned Giving* envelope number or please write 'DONATION')

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FIRST COLLECTION—ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

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.



Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, David Benjamin, Myrna G Cruz, Elizabeth Ehsman, 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 Tipaldo, Natalie Woodward.

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

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Victor Azzopardi, Thai Tran Van, Maria Ly Thi Tran, Zenaida Garcia, Pat Slavik, Jose T.Maestrecampo, Tony Duque Ngan, Elizabeth Rios Losa,

Lina Cabaero, David Quan Hien Dang, Cruz Fernandez, Marie Arlette Yolan Sheik Amode Hossen, Noly Diaz Limbawan, Elenoa Ahomana Matavesi, Sylroy Menezes, Nancy Mulholland, Hanh My Thi Nguyen, Adelaida Nonato.

Anniversaries: Maria Tagle Almodovar, Ana Batorek, Nazarene (Ronnie) Borg, Marie Therese Descombes, Monica, Christiansen Dias, Rose Fernandes, Leandro Garcia Sr, Salvatore, Antonio, Alberto, Edouard Mahomudally, Lourda Motha, Paul Mula, Caroline Susai Nathan, Peter Sandaman, Bibiano Villanueva.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Fortunata & Frank Baiada, Josefa S Flores, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Muscat family, Romeo M. Palmos, Mile Perak.



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 Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who dare condemn me? The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R.)

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord’s name. O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (R.)

SECOND READING A reading from the letter of St James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, ‘I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty,’ without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead. This is the way to talk to people of that kind: ‘You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.’ The word of the Lord

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say I am?’ And they told him. ‘John the Baptist,’ they said, ‘others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he asked ‘who do you say I am?’ Peter spoke up and said to him, ‘You are the Christ.’ And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, ‘Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’ He called the people and his disciples to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.’ 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 AT THE AUDIENCE: EQUALITY IN CHRIST OVERCOMES OUR DIFFERENCES

By Benedict Mayaki, SJ

Continuing his catechesis on the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians during the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis noted the apostle’s insistence to Christians not to forget the novelty of God’s revelation that had been proclaimed to them. The Pope reflected on St. Paul’s emphasis on faith in Jesus which has allowed us to truly become children of God and His heirs. Therefore, Christians are to remember with gratitude the moment we became such - the moment of our baptism - “so as to live the great gift we have received with greater awareness.”

Faith makes us God’s children “in Christ”

Once “faith has come” in Jesus Christ, the Pope noted, “a radically new condition was created that leads to divine sonship.” It is not a sonship involving all men and women insofar as they are sons and daughters of the same Creator; rather, faith allows us to be children of God “in Christ.” Being Children of God “in Christ” thus, makes a difference, because through Jesus’ incarnation he became our brother, and by His death and resurrection, He has reconciled us to the Father. So, “anyone who accepts Christ in faith, has “put on” Christ and His filial dignity through baptism.”

Baptism transforms us

Pope Francis further explained that for St. Paul, who made reference to baptism several times in his letters, “to be baptized was the same as taking part effectively and truly in the mystery of Jesus.” In the Letter to the Romans, for example, Paul stated that in baptism we have died with Christ and have been buried with Him, so as to live with Him (Rom 6: 3-14) Baptism, therefore, is not merely an “external rite.” Rather, those who receive it “are transformed deep within” and “possess new life” which allows them to turn to God and call Him with the name of “Abba, Father.” The Holy Father, in this regard, encouraged Christians to find out their date of baptism and to celebrate it.

Baptism goes beyond differences

Speaking further, the Pope noted St. Paul’s audacious confirmation that the identity received with baptism is so new that it prevails over the differences that exist on the ethnic-religious level, beyond differences of Jew or Greek, slave or free, male or female (Gal 3:28). “For Paul to write to the Galatians that in Christ, there is neither Jew nor Greek was equivalent to an authentic subversion in the ethnic-religious sphere,” the Pope explained, because by the fact of belonging to a chosen people, the Jew was privileged over the pagan. Similarly, taking out the distinction between the “free” and “slaves” introduced a shocking perspective, as by law, “free citizens enjoyed all rights, while not even the human dignity of slaves was recognized.” Likewise, equality in Christ, which overcomes the social differences between the two sexes, “was revolutionary at the time” and “needs to be reaffirmed even today.” In this way, St. Paul confirms the profound unity between all the baptized because every one of them is “a new creature in Christ.” Thus, every distinction is secondary to the dignity of being children of God who “creates a real and substantial equality.”

Called to live as children of God

The Holy Father then highlighted that we are called in a more positive way to live a new life that roots its foundational expression in being children of God, discovering the beauty of being “brothers and sisters among ourselves, because we have been united in Christ.” “The differences and contrasts that separation creates should not exist among believers in Christ,” the Pope said. “Rather, our vocation is that of making concrete and evident the call to unity of the entire human race.” In this manner, everything that exacerbates differences and causes discrimination no longer has any meaning, thanks to the salvation effected in Christ. “What is important is that faith that operates according to the path of unity indicated by the Holy Spirit,” Pope Francis concluded, adding that “our responsibility is that of journeying decisively on along this path.”

Greetings for Ethiopian New Year

At the conclusion of the General Audience, Pope Francis had a special word of greeting for the people of Ethiopia, who will celebrate the beginning of the New Year – according to the Ethiopian calendar – on September 11. “I extend my heartfelt and affectionate greeting to the Ethiopian people,” he said, “and especially to those who are suffering due to the ongoing conflict and the grave humanitarian situation it has cause.” He added his hopes that the New Year “might be a time of fraternity and solidarity, in which we listen to the common desire for peace.”

POPE FRANCIS LASTEST INTERVIEW

By Carlos Herrera

Well, I must ask you first of all, Holy Father, how are you feeling?

I'm still alive. [Laughs.]

Your recent surgery, which was a major operation, left us with some concern...

Certainly, these things that are formed by the diverticula... and who knows... they become deformed, necrotic... but thank God it was taken in time, and here I am.

I understand, moreover, that it was the action of a nurse that pointed you out, that alerted you in the first place.

He saved my life! He told me: "You have to have surgery". There were other opinions: "Better with antibiotics..." but the nurse explained it to me very well. He is a nurse from here, from our health service, from the Vatican hospital. He has been here for thirty years, a very experienced man. It is the second time in my life that a nurse has saved my life.

When was the first time?

The first time was in 1957, when they thought it was the flu, one of those flu epidemics in the seminary, and the seminary nurse treated me with aspirin. And for the others it was fine, but with me it didn't work, so they took me to the hospital, where they took water out of my lungs. The doctor said I should receive... I don't remember how much, let's say a million units of penicillin and so many [units of] streptomycin—those were the only antibiotics at the time—and when he left, the nurse said: "Twice as much".

And that saved you?

Yes, because if it hadn't, I wouldn't have...

One of the... I won't say one of the Vatican's best-kept secrets, but one of the issues that traditionally is of most interest is the Pope's health.

Yes, obviously.

There were no surprises, it was all planned...

It was all scheduled and it had been arranged... After the Angelus I left immediately. That would be almost one o'clock, and it was announced at 3.30 pm when I was already in the preliminaries.

You have said, Your Holiness, that "weeds never die".

That's right, that's right, and that goes for me too; it goes for everyone.

Has the media [sic] forbidden you to do anything, is there any ultimatum, is there anything that Your Holiness cannot do or that you are not willing to do?

I do not understand what you mean.

Have the doctors prevented you from doing anything?

Oh, the doctors! Sorry, I had understood "the media".

[Laughs] Well, the media, you know, also have temptations. But in this case, it's the doctors. [Spanish: "medios" (media) and "médicos" (doctors)]

Now I can eat everything, which was not possible before with the diverticula. I can eat everything. I still have the post-operative medications, because the brain has to register that it has 33 centimetres less intestine. And everything is managed by the brain, the brain manages our whole body, and it takes time for it to register it. But besides that, I have a normal life, I lead a totally normal life.

You eat anything you want...

Yes.

You walk, you exert yourself...

All morning today in hearings, all morning long.

Now you are going on a trip to Slovakia and Hungary. I understand that it is the 34th trip of the Pontificate.

I don't remember the times, but it may be so.

Is the program going to be as intense? I think the Popes, Your Holiness, are required to do a real gymkhana. I have always wondered why the Popes don't go for two more days and spread the work over two more days, because they spend about 18 hours out of 24 doing things. Are you going to have to take care of your strength more after the surgery or not?

Maybe in this first trip I should be more careful, because one has to recover completely, but in the end, it will be the same as the others, you will see. [Laughs.]

Does Your Holiness fear that one of the most insistent things with which the media, essentially Italian, distinguish you, Holy Father, is that when the Pope's health is questioned, many think or insist on the old argument of resignation, the "I'm going home, I can't take it anymore..."? It is a permanent theme, I believe, in your life as Pope, isn't it?

Yes, they even told me that last week that was very popular. Eva [Fernández] told me that; she even said it with a very nice Argentine expression, and I told her that I had no idea because I read only one newspaper here in the morning, the newspaper of Rome. I read it because I like the way of its headline, I read it quickly and that's it, I don't get into the game. I don't watch television. And I do receive the report about some of the news of the day, but I found out much later, a few days later, that there was something about me resigning. Whenever a Pope is ill, there is always a breeze or a hurricane of conclave.

[Laughter.]

(to be continued)



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

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Dear Friends,

Out of the conversation with Ian and Ryan last week relating to the story about an American priest who recently asked for a reform in the formation programs for all seminaries in the Church, based on the experience he had while attending the North American College in Rome, I was asked whether I had a black soutane – I guess you can guess what the rest of the conversation was about, and for those interested in following it up, the article written by Robert Mickens is available in La Croix International in its Letter From

Rome column.

In response to the query, I said that I do have one, though I have never donned it since I left St Patrick's College Manly at the end of 1993. Instead of wearing the back robe or clergyman shirt, I have opted for a cross pinned on my shirt when required. It was said that, devout Jewish people in ancient times were keen to trace the Hebrew letter 'TAU' on their forehead as a sign to let people know of their total dedication to God, and a TAU looks like a + or an X.

Perhaps inspired by this tradition, early Christians began to place their right hand on their left shoulder and their left hand on their right shoulder as a sign of their dedication to Jesus. This practice gradually evolved into our distinctive Sign of the Cross that we proudly make when we pray, we meet or make important decisions in our lives.

On the topic of the cross, we hear how Jesus in the Gospel this Sunday encourages both his disciples and ordinary followers to show their dedication to him by (1) denouncing themselves and (2) taking up their cross to follow him. Surely, the cross Jesus mentions here is different to the one he talked about earlier, the one on which was about to be crucified, but rather a symbolic one challenging his followers to get crucified symbolically by means of the hardships and sufferings they go through in their everyday lives.

Significantly, he makes this point as a direct response to Peter following his effort to tone down Jesus' prediction of his coming Passion and death. Jesus seems to treat Peter's intervention as some kind of a devil's temptation, that is why he uses the word 'Satan' to call Peter in his reprimand.

I hope that Jesus used it just as a friendly term to his right hand man to bring him back to the reality after a strong performance in identifying Jesus as 'the Christ', the Anointed of God. Unfortunately the Christ in Peter's mind wasn't the Christ in Jesus', and he was quickly reminded of such a difference in Jesus' next statement, 'the ways you think is not God's way but man's'.

This is full of wisdom and also a treasure for all of us to take up and reflect upon day in and day out. Jesus' point here reminds us of this truth that our way is not necessarily God's way. An awareness of such a gap might help us avoid any disappointment when certain things do not go according to our plans,. On the other hand, it should inspire us to keep on searching for and focusing on God's way in all we do.

Let us pray today for the grace both to enlighten us in our ongoing search for God's way in our live, and to remember that the way of Cross was the one our Savior chose to walk through to bring us eternal life, so that we may be ever prepared for the cross entrusted to us to take up.

Have a wonderful week, filled with joy and trust in the Lord.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY ; 12 SEPTEMBER
BUILDING SAFE PARISHES TOGETHER

Our Lady of Lourdes and the Diocese of Parramatta are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. May our message be that child protection and dignity of every person is the responsibility of every adult. safeguardingtrain-ing@parracatholic.org

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.

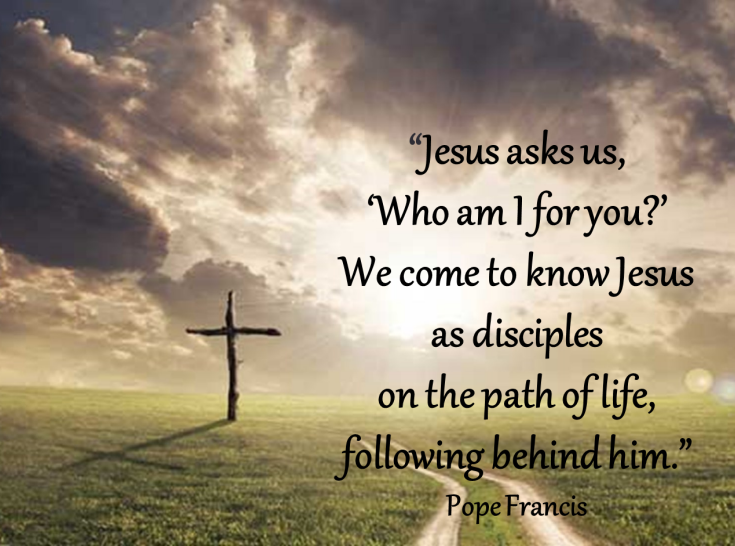
LIVE-STREAMING we will continue to Live stream all week-end Masses. **Saturdays 6PM (Vigil), Sundays: 8AM, 9:30AM** Follow the link <https://www.facebook.com/LOLO7Hills/>

Fr. JOSEPH LAM'S NEW BOOK

Fr Joseph has been a familiar face in our parish and we were privileged to get him for retreats and talks a few times. Recently he has released a new book entitled I Will Cause My Spirit to Enter You and You Shall Live: Biblical Theological Essays on the Pandemic dealing with the topic obviously so real and close to all of us. It costs \$AUD9.99 plus postage and can be purchased directly from him via his email joseph.lam@parracatholic.org Please give him your best support.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS DESCRIPTION

REQUIREMENT, for those using the online bank details to Donate to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, please use the description panel and write DONATION. If you are part of the Planned Giving Program it is important that you write PG (for Planned Giving) and your envelope number PG#432 (if you are not sure of your number, please email or call Alison in the office, who will let you know - Alisoni@lol7hills.com.au) This will also help if you require a receipt at the end of the Financial Year. *Thank you.*





POPE FRANCIS INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE THE SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

The season starts 1 September, the Day of Prayer for Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of ecology beloved by many Christian denominations.

The current lockdown prohibits us from communal actions and activities outdoors, but prayer is always possible. Furthermore, many online activities are on offer during Season of Creation.

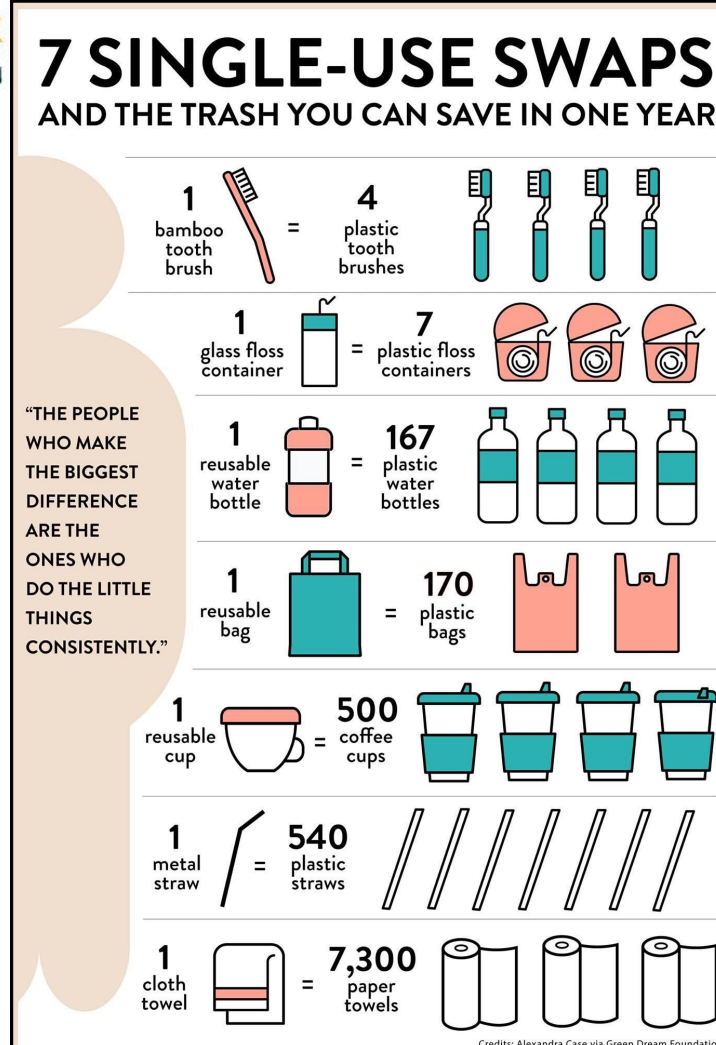
Two of the many possible actions you can take:
Join the Diocese of Parramatta in signing the "Healthy Planet, Healthy People Petition", endorsed in Monsignor Bruno-Marie Duffé' letter: thecatholicpetition.org

Adopt one new daily habit for a healthy planet: ["Healthy Habits for a Healthy Planet" Season of Creation Challenge](https://ignatiansolidarity.net/season-of-creation/?utm)

In a time of quarantine, digital learning, racial injustice, intensifying storms, and mass migration, holding space to act on climate change can feel overwhelming. **This Season of Creation, start simple with one new daily habit for a healthy planet.**

Join the challenge <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/season-of-creation/?utm> for more ideas

Choose ONE daily action to repeat each day throughout the 34 days that will renew your relationship with creation or that will allow you to explore a radical new way of living with creation



DIOCESAN NEWS

THANK YOU FOR CARING FOR OUR RETIRED CLERGY

Thanks to your kind and compassionate support, the [Clergy Support Foundation](#) can continue to ensure our priests' physical, emotional, and mental wellbeing is nurtured. And, where needed, support our ageing priests' daily living, health care and medical expenses; along with home comforts and essentials for living well. The Clergy Foundation Committee is very grateful for your generous donations over the last few weeks, both via online portal or by mail, which have raised just on \$60,000 as of Thursday 9 September, about a third of our way to our target. Hopefully we will soon be able to hold the appeal in our parishes. Thanks again and if you haven't yet made a donation and would like to, please visit par-racatholic.org/fathersdayappeal or call (02) 8838 3482.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA RESPONDS TO HUMANITARIAN CRISES IN AFGHANISTAN AND LEBANON

In Afghanistan, people have been forced from their homes, with half of the population in urgent need of food, water, shelter and protection. In Lebanon, the country is running out of power, water, fuel, medicine and food. Please donate to Caritas Australia respond to crises like these by visiting caritas.org.au/lebanon or www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan or call 1800 024 413 toll-free to provide much needed support.



PRAYER

Gracious God,
you love and care for all of your children,
especially the smallest and most
vulnerable.
We entrust to you the lives of children
and adults at risk
who have been sexually abused,
and whose trust and innocence have
been destroyed.

Help us to hear their cries of pain
and to take responsibility for those
whose lives have been broken.
Help us to recognise the hurt felt by
those wounded by abuse,
and the failure to be heard.

We pray that with the help of your grace
communities and families will find
understanding and support,
so that now and in the future
their wounds may be healed
and they may find lasting peace.

Let your grace and love fall gently now
upon our children and adults at risk,
giving them the inner strength, peace
and resilience
to seek out assistance when required.

We ask this prayer through our Lord
Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God
forever and ever.

Amen



OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING OFFERING ONLINE TRAINING TO KEEP OUR PARISHES SAFE

The Office for Safeguarding is providing an opportunity for all of us to develop our awareness and skills in ensuring our parishes are safe and welcoming places for all. The team are currently offering accompanied online training courses throughout September and October.

The upcoming Pointsbuild training sessions are as follows:

- Tuesday 21st September 2021:** Module 1 - Introduction to Safeguarding- 2.00pm to 3.00pm
- Tuesday 28th September 2021:** Module 2 - Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct—2.00pm to 3.30pm
- Tuesday 5th October 2021:** Module 3 - Safeguarding Adults at Risk - 2.00pm to 3.30pm
- Tuesday 12th October 2021:** Module 1 - Introduction to Safeguarding- 9.30am-10.30am or 2.00pm to 3.00pm or 7pm
- Tuesday 19th Oct 2021:** Module 2 - Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct:9.30-11.30am or 2pm -3.30pm
- Tuesday 26th October 2021:** Module 3 - Safeguarding Adults at Risk - 9.30-11am or 2.00pm to 3.30pm
- Tuesday 26th October :** Module 2- Understanding Child Abuse and Reportable Conduct—7:00pm
- Tuesday 9th November :** Module 3 - Safeguarding Adults at Risk - 7:00pm

*We are committed to being a community of Safeguarding
We will have zero tolerance to abuse of any form
We are committed to ensuring children and vulnerable adults under our care are safe, protected and enabled to flourish.*

If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org or maria.kervin@parracatholic.org.



A Prayer
for the Fifth Plenary Council of Australia

Come Holy Spirit, who moved the people of this land in ages past,
Open our hearts to hear you
and our minds to the message you send.
Breathe your vigour into us, and
launch us into the deep.
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and
companion on the road,
Amen.

visit
parracatholic.org/plenary-2021

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA LAUNCHES PLENARY COUNCIL RESOURCE WEBSITE

A new website provides resources for parishioners in the Diocese of Parramatta to stay involved in the Plenary Council, which is exploring what the future of our Church should look like. The first assembly starts in October, so visit parracatholic.org/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.