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Baptismal Preparation: 17th November 2021 7:30pm

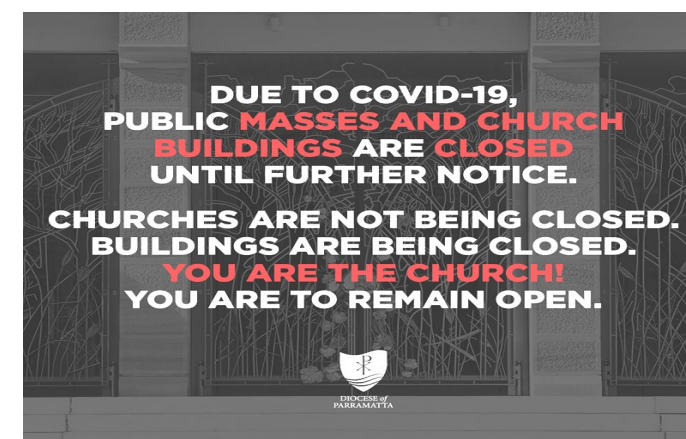
Baptism: 2nd & 4th Sunday 11am -TBA

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Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time •Year B - 3 October 2021•

All are welcome to join us for **Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills, Sydney, NSW, Australia Facebook LIVE-STREAM WEEKEND MASSES** celebrated by **Fr. Henry Huu Duc Tran** on **Saturdays 6PM (Vigil), Sundays: 8AM, 9:30AM**
<https://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/>



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')

IN-PERSON BANK DEPOSIT (at a Bank Institute/Branch)

Seven Hills Catholic Church

BSB: 062 315

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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: Peter Diab, Loren Mombay, Rosie Flame, Vivante Fenis, Victor Azzopardi, Pat Slavik, Tony Duque Ngan,

Lina Cabaero, David Quan Hien Dang, Cruz Fernandez, Zenaida Garcia, Marie Arlette Yolan Sheik Amode Hossen, Elizabeth Rios Losa, Noly Diaz Limbawan, Jose T.Maestrecampo, Elenoa Ahomana Matavesi, Sylroy Menezes, Nancy Mulholland, Fe Rem Nino Franco, Hanh My Thi Nguyen, Adelaide Nonato, Thai Tran Van, Maria Ly Thi Tran,

Anniversaries: Maria Tagle Almodovar, Ana Batorek, Nazarene (Ronnie) Borg, Marie Therese Descombes, Monica, Christiansen Dias, Rose Fernandes, Leandro Garcia Sr, Ajay Kallukalam, Salvatore, Antonio, Alberto, Edouard Mahomudally, Denis Morrissey, 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.

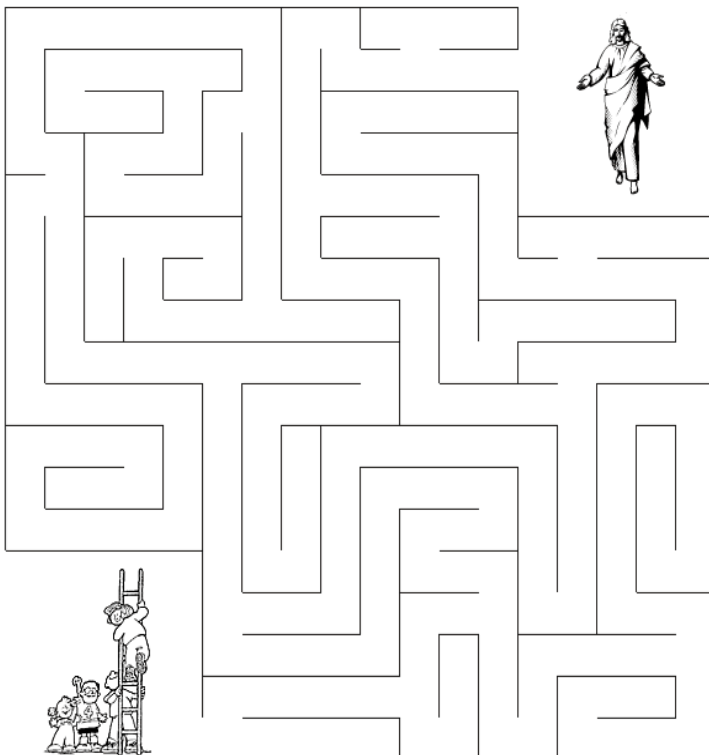
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. *Amen.*

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.



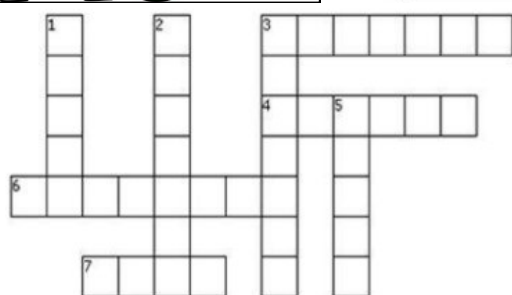
Dear Jesus, you are my friend, you are always ready to listen to whatever I have to say. Help me have special trust in you which will make our friendship stronger as I grow. I love you Jesus and know you are always here for me when I need you most.
Amen.



Help the children find their way to Jesus.



Y	W	A	Y	W	D	I	D	A	M	CREATION	LAW	DIVIDE	MOSES
N	R	D	S	I	D	E	G	A	O	CHILDREN	MAN	BODY	MALE
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ACROSS

- Bringing happiness, pleasure, or contentment to someone
- Small in size
- Sons and daughters, young people
- The parts of the body which connect the hands to the shoulders

DOWN

- A statement accepted as fact
- A country or territory ruled by a king or queen
- To be a member of a group, such as a club or organization
- To come in contact with or to feel with your fingers

little children	touch truth	kingdom belongs	arms blessed
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FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, ‘It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.’ So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: ‘This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.’ This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body. The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.(R.)

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R.)

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children’s children.
On Israel, peace! (R.)

SECOND READING A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God’s grace he had to experience death for all mankind. As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
If we love one another,
God will live in us in perfect love.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, ‘Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?’ They were testing him. He answered them, ‘What did Moses command you?’ ‘Moses allowed us’ they said ‘to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.’ Then Jesus said to them, ‘It is because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.’ Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, ‘The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.’ People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.’ Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing. 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 RECENT INTERVIEW

By Carlos Herrera

I don’t know if Pope Francis is a man who likes to bang his fist on the table. Would it be possible that the last blow on the table has been the pontifical document limiting the celebration of the ‘Tridentine Masses’? And I also ask you to explain to my audience what the ‘Tridentine Mass’ is, what is it about the Tridentine Mass that is not mandatory.

I’m not one to bang on the table, I don’t get it. I’m rather shy. The history of *Traditionis custodes* is long. When first St. John Paul II—and later Benedict, more clearly with *Summorum Pontificum*—, gave this possibility of celebrating with the Missal of John XXIII (prior to that of Paul VI, which is post-conciliar) for those who did not feel good with the current liturgy, who had a certain nostalgia... it seemed to me one of the most beautiful and human pastoral things of Benedict XVI, who is a man of exquisite humanity. And so it began. That was the reason. After three years he said that an evaluation had to be made. An evaluation was made, and it seemed that everything was going well. And it was fine. Ten years passed from that evaluation to the present (that is, thirteen years since the promulgation [of *Summorum Pontificum*]) and last year we saw with those responsible for Worship and for the Doctrine of the Faith that it was appropriate to make another evaluation of all the bishops of the world. And it was done. It lasted the whole year. Then the subject was studied and based on that, the concern that appeared the most was that something that was done to help pastorally those who have lived a previous experience was being transformed into ideology. That is, from a pastoral thing to ideology. So, we had to react with clear norms. Clear norms that put a limit to those who had not lived that experience. Because it seemed to be fashionable in some places that young priests would say, “Oh, no, I want...” and maybe they don’t know Latin, they don’t know what it means. And on the other hand, to support and consolidate *Summorum Pontificum*. I did more or less the outline, I had it studied and I worked, and I worked a lot, with traditionalist people of good sense. And the result was that pastoral care that must be taken, with some good limits. For example, that the proclamation of the Word be in a language that everyone understands; otherwise it would be like laughing at the Word of God. Little things. But yes, the limit is very clear. After this *motu proprio*, a priest who wants to celebrate that is not in the same condition as before—that it was for nostalgia, for desire, &c.— and so he has to ask permission from Rome. A kind of permission for bi-ritualism, which is given only by Rome. [Like] a priest who celebrates in the Eastern Rite and the Latin Rite, he is bi-ritual but with the permission of Rome. That is to say, until today, the previous ones continue but a little bit organized. Moreover, asking that there be a priest who is in charge not only of the liturgy but also of the spiritual life of that community. If you read the letter well and read the Decree well, you will see that it is simply a constructive reordering, with pastoral care and avoiding an excess by those who are not...

Does His Holiness have sleepless nights due to the synodal path that the German Catholic Church has begun?

About that, I allowed myself to send a letter. A letter that I wrote myself in Spanish. It took me a month to do that, between praying and thinking. And I sent it at the right time: the original in Spanish and a translation in German. And there I express everything I feel about the German synod. It is all there.

The German synod’s protest is not a new one... History repeats itself...

Yes, but I wouldn’t get too tragic either. There is no ill will in many bishops with whom I spoke. It is a pastoral desire, but one that perhaps does not take into account some things that I explain in the letter that need to be taken into account.

(to be continued)

POPE URGES CHOICES THAT ENSURE FOOD, HEALTH CARE & LIVING CONDITION FOR THE POOR

By Robin Gomes

Expressing pain at strong inequalities in healthcare and living conditions of people that prove that not all lives are equal and health is not protected for all in the same way, Pope Francis on Monday called for political, social and environmental choices that ensure access to food, healthcare and improved living conditions, especially for the poor. “Indeed, the pandemic crisis has made “both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor” (Laudato si’, 49) resound even more strongly. We cannot be deaf to this twofold cry; we must listen to it well!”

Pope Francis made the call on Monday as he received in audience some 100 participants in the 2-day general assembly of the Vatican’s Pontifical Academy for Life. “Public Health in Global Perspective - pandemic, bioethics, future”, is the theme of the September 27-28 virtual workshop that the Academy organized for the occasion.

Listening to cries

Tired of much discussions on the Covid-19 pandemic, we are tempted to mover over to other issues, but the Pope said, “It is essential to reflect calmly in order to examine in depth what has happened and to glimpse the road to a better future for all.” \He urged the participants to listen carefully to the situation, in order to foster a true and proper conversion and to arrive at the specification of concrete decisions to come out of the crisis better.

Interconnectedness demands synergy

The Pope encouraged the Academy’s efforts on global ethics in public health saying it allows us to focus on aspects that are important for the coexistence of the human family and for the strengthening of a fabric of social friendship, which are the central themes of his Encyclical, *Fratelli tutti*.

The pandemic crisis has highlighted how profound is the interdependence both among ourselves and between the human family and the common home. Underscoring the harmful tendency of disregarding our “interconnectedness”, the Pope called for a synergy between different disciplines, such as biology and hygiene, medicine and epidemiology, economics and sociology, as well as anthropology and ecology. This also calls for identifying technological, political and ethical criteria for action with regard to health systems, the family, work and the environment.

This synergy, the Pope said is particularly needed in the healthcare sector, because health and disease are determined not only by the processes of nature but also by social life.

He lamented that many very serious problems are ignored because of a lack of adequate commitment, such as with malaria and tuberculosis that underscore the precariousness of sanitary conditions that causes millions of avoidable deaths. These issues have not drawn the mobilization of energy and resources as Covid-19 pandemic.

Living conditions

While commending the measures against Covid-19 on a global level, the Pope said it should also make us alert and be responsible for the serious conditions in which others live, such as the lack of vaccines, drinking water and food, regarding which we have so far taken little or no interest.

In this regard, the Holy Father said he does not know whether to laugh or cry when he hears authorities advising slum dwellers to sanitize themselves several times a day with soap and water when they have neither water nor soap. They are asked not to come out of their homes when the whole neighbourhood is their home. The application of the criterion of justice, the Pope said, should be applied in the broader field of health needs and the promotion of life.

Inequalities

Considering health in its multiple dimensions and interconnectedness, the Pope said, we can observe how even living conditions, which are the result of political, social and environmental choices, have an impact on the health of human beings. He said there were strong inequalities in different countries and in different social groups regarding life expectancy and healthy life expectancy, which depends on variables such as salary level, educational qualification and the neighbourhood. The inalienable dignity of the human person calls for appropriate commitment to overcome inequalities, or else we are in fact accepting the painful reality that not all lives are equal and health is not protected for all in the same way. Pope Francis wished that a free healthcare system such as in Italy and elsewhere, continue, otherwise only those who can afford to pay will have the right to healthcare. Free healthcare, he said, helps overcome inequality.

Abortion and euthanasia – culture of waste

Pope Francis urged support for international and common initiatives, such as that of the G20 that aims at creating global governance for the health of all the inhabitants of the planet. In this regard, the Pontifical Academy for Life can also offer a valuable contribution, such as in public debates, without “watering down” the Christian anthropological proposal, inspired by Revelation, which can also help today’s men and women to rediscover the primacy of the right to life from conception to its natural end.

He lamented today’s culture of waste which kills babies directly with abortion. This has become a “normal” habit, which is very ugly and “really a murder”. In this regard, the Pope asked a double question: “Is it right to eliminate, to take a human life to solve a problem? Is it right to hire a hitman to solve a problem? That’s what abortion is.”

The Holy Father also spoke about the elderly, who are regarded as “waste material” a bit because they are of no use... But they are roots of wisdom, which this civilization discards.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

As a preparation for the bulletin this week I had a good look at the statistics provided by the Australian Institute of Families Studies, and found some interesting facts about marriages in our country to share with you. According to it, the total number of marriages in 2010 was 121,176 with 69% using civil celebrants, and there were 50,240 divorces; in 2018, the number was 119,188 with 98.9% having civil celebrants, and there were 49,404 divorces; and in 2019 there were 113,815 marriages officially recorded with 97.1% opting for civil celebrants, and 49,116 ended in divorces. These recent statistics really tell us something about the condition of marriages throughout this land.

It is worth noting that the Jewish faith had a great respect for marriage, and also left room for divorce under certain conditions. In Deuteronomy 24.1, there is a law permitting a man to divorce his wife, given he finds some ‘indecent’ in her, and the rabbis were not in agreement with each other in their interpretations of the ‘indecent’ notion.

One group of them defined it as an act of adultery, and the other one regarded indecency as including trivial matters, such as being a lousy cook or embarrassing her husband in public. As a whole, a man could divorce his wife, but a woman could not divorce her husband without his permission, though Jewish law allowed that to happen under a few conditions, for instance, the husband was a leper or raped a virgin.

When a man decided to divorce his wife, all he was require to do was to write a note declaring his intention to divorce her and then handed this note to her in the presence of witnesses. This note was called the ‘writ of dismissal’ as the Pharisees pointed out in the Gospel this Sunday through their effort to test Jesus by bringing up the topic of divorce. This approach undoubtedly gave women no say at all in the entire process, and was totally unfair for them.

In response to such a baiting question from the Pharisees, Jesus quoted Genesis 2 to clarify his position in the issue of marriage that ‘what God has united, man must not divide.’ This quote is included in the rite of marriage in the Church known as the acknowledgement declared by the celebrant, and the phrase has become ‘what God joins together, let no one put asunder’ (or no one may put asunder) in the new order of Celebrating Matrimony since 2015.

To me, Jesus implicitly offered his protection to married women who were treated unfairly by Jewish law in this regard, when he opposed the way Moses’ law had dealt with divorce and made it very clear about the lasting value of marriage.

Jesus’ position has posed some difficulties for Christians who want to uphold the sanctity of marriage, and at the same time need to show compassion for those whose relationships simply become dangerously destructive.

Did Jesus mean that a couple who are in a bad marriage must either stay in their relationship for the rest of their lives or remain single if they choose to get a civil divorce? Or was Jesus speaking about the ideal for which his followers should strive but not necessarily attain? Christians appear to be torn between these questions and different denominations provide a variety of approaches to deal with them.

Our Catholic Church, of course, must remain faithful to Jesus’ teaching in its approach to marriage, and on the other hand, has to respond with compassion to those whose relationships are broken due to circumstances. Consequently it has offered marriage annulment to nullify deficient marriages through a process involving some documentation works and interviews handled by the Tribunal of the Church.

In his apostolic exhortation called ‘*Moris laetitia*’, meaning the Joy of Love issued on the feast of St Joseph in 2016, Pope Francis asked the Church clergy to consider the Accompaniment program meant to help divorced and remarried people to go through a discernment process before re-introducing them to the reception of Holy Communion.

Inspired by the thought about marriage Jesus presents to us in the Gospel this Sunday, let us pray for all married couples, especially our Christian Catholic ones, that they might have the grace and strength to keep them ever together in mutual love and respect in their call to bear witness to the Lord as married people, and that those whose relationships failed to work, will find help and support from the Church to start a new life in God’s grace.

Have a compassion-filled week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

SACRAMENT PROGRAM RETURNING

Parents of children **currently enrolled** in the 2021 Sacramental Process for Eucharist, please be advised that First Holy Communion will be held on the 28th of November and the 5th of December this year. Parents wishing to **enrol** their Year 6 (or above) child in the **2021 Confirmation Process** there will be an Information/First Parent Meeting on Tuesday 26th October at 6.30-7.30pm OR Saturday 30th October at 4.30-5.30pm. Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Vincent Long O.F.M Conv. this year on Thursday 18th November.

THANK YOU TO GRANTHAM HEIGHTS UNITING

CHURCH, SEVEN HILLS for your kind words and prayers for Our Lady of Lourdes Church and community. Pray that we will open our hearts and minds to the guidance of the Holy Spirit for the future good of each Christian and Christian communities world wide.

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/LOL7Hills/>



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.



A PRAYER FOR OUR EARTH (POPE FRANCIS, IN LAUDATO SI)

All—powerful God, You are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of Your creatures. You embrace with Your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of Your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in Your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and no prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards Your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

STOP WASTE

Stop waste of any kind.
Stop wasting energy,
stop wasting food, stop wasting
plastic and stop wasting time.

"This is a precious world
and each of us can use
our actions and our voice
to save our planet."

- David Attenborough

We can all make small changes to the way we
live. In every moment, we have a choice to make

KNOW WHAT YOU ARE WASTING

If you're going to start reducing waste in your
every day life, you first need to understand how
much you're emitting. Use the footprint
calculator to find out which switches you can
make to help save our planet.
<https://www.wvf.org.au/get-involved/change-the-way-you-live/ecological-footprint-calculator#gs.cmhfon>

STOP WASTING FOOD

Food waste is a big problem. Reducing
waste in your household is simple:
freeze anything you cant eat while its
fresh; try to buy loose produce so you
can select the exact amount that you
need; and get creative with what you
make from leftover food.

STOP WASTING ENERGY

You can reduce your energy usage
by using energy-saving lightbulbs,
turning off appliances. Switch to a
green provider to make sure you're
supplied with energy from renewable
sources.

STOP WASTING PLASTIC

By 2050, there could more plastic in
the ocean than fish. We cant let our
throwaway culture continue. Try to
swap single use items for sustainable
alternatives. Use reusable bags,
coffee cups and water bottles.

STOP WASTING MONEY AND TIME

There are lots of choices we can make
on a day to day basis about buying
sustainable and ethical products.

WHEN NATURE
SUFFERS,
WE ALL SUFFER.



In Laudato Si', Pope Francis further urged
all of us to contemplate creation. "There
is a mystical meaning to be found in a leaf,
in a mountain trail, in a dewdrop, in a poor
person's face." (LS 233)



DIOCESAN NEWS

JOIN BISHOP VINCENT AT MASS FOR THE OPENING OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL

On Sunday 3 October at 11am AEDT, you are invited to join Bishop Vincent as he celebrates a Votive Mass of the Holy Spirit for the Plenary Council from St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Watch the Mass live on the St Patrick's Cathedral Facebook and YouTube channels.

The official opening Mass for the Plenary Council will be celebrated by Archbishop Tim Costelloe SDB from St Mary's Cathedral, Perth at 2pm AEDT. Watch the opening Mass via plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1



TUNE IN DAILY TO THE SESSIONS OF THE PLENARY COUNCIL

As the First Assembly of the Plenary Council gets underway on 3 October, you can tune in from home as the almost 300 Members of the Plenary Council discern the future of the Australian Church. The Plenary Council is providing livestreamed Daily Masses from 9.30am AEDT and access to the Plenary session livestreams from 11am AEDT. To find out more and to tune in to the daily sessions, please visit plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/assembly-1

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.au/plenary-2021/ to find a range of information, a Diocesan prayer and more.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF THE DIOCESE -WE ARE WITH YOU

"I am with you always" – Matthew 28:20. The Diocese has launched a new website in response to the mental health crisis impacting our young people. The website parracatholic.org/withyou contains links and information about services that can help young people whose wellbeing is suffering. Please share widely with young people and their families.

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.

THE GLOBAL FOUNDATION ROAD TO ASSISI ROUNDTABLE: 21 October

You are invited to The Global Foundation's upcoming 'Road to Assisi' Roundtable, which will be held online on Thursday 21 October from 5pm to 7pm AEST. Hosted by Fr Frank Brennan SJ, the roundtable will speak on climate change and will focus on practical actions which may be undertaken by those taking part. For more information, and to register by 11 October, please contact sg@globalfoundation.org.au

ST VINCENT DE PAUL ROSALIE RENDU FORUM:

21 October You are invited to the St Vincent de Paul Society's annual Rosalie Rendu Forum, which will be held online on Thursday 21 October from 6pm to 7.30pm. This year's Forum will explore the intersections between gender, poverty and domestic and family violence, as there are rising concerns of a shadow pandemic of domestic and family violence. Bookings are essential and early RSVP is recommended. Register by Monday 18 October by visiting <https://bit.ly/RosalieRendu2021>

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK BOOK GIVEAWAY

You have a chance to win one of three copies of "Opening Doors: A Seeker's Reflections on the Rooms of Christian Living" by Kevin Treston. 'Opening Doors' has been described 'an easy read that asks hard questions', designed to help us create a better life and a better world. Entries are now open until Monday 11 October. Enter today via catholicoutlook.org and fill out the form under 'Book Giveaway'.

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. 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.