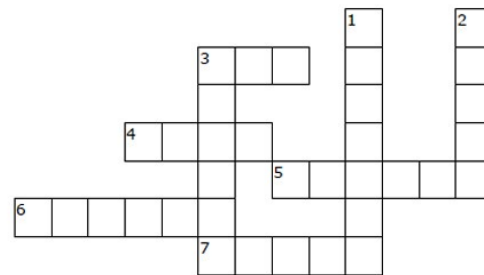


## To Be Like Jesus

"For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45 (NIV)  
Puzzle is based on Mark 10:35-45



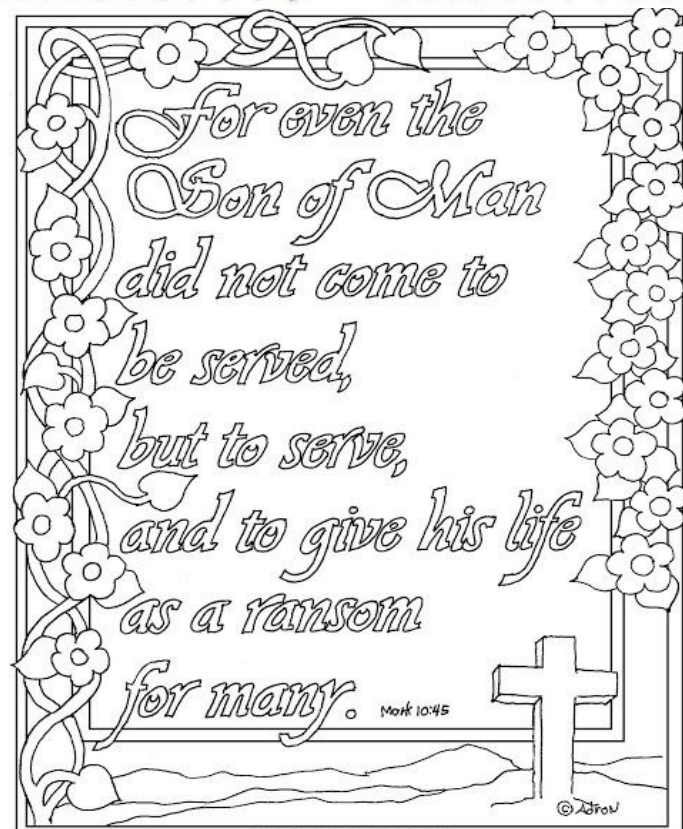
### ACROSS

3. To occupy a chair
4. The direction that is the opposite of right
5. to be in front; to be first
6. A special chair used by a king or queen
7. The direction that is the opposite of left

### DOWN

1. A person who works for another person
2. To do something to help someone, often after they ask you to do it
3. To feel physical or mental pain

LEFT RIGHT	LEADER SIT	SERVANT SUFFER	FAVOR THRONE
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I can follow Jesus Christ when I serve others

Who?  
How?

Who?  
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Who?  
How?

"For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you"  
-John 13:15



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Sunday 8am & 9:30am LIVE-STREAM

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**Principal:** Ms Keiran Byrnes

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**Baptismal Preparation:** 17th November 2021 7:30pm

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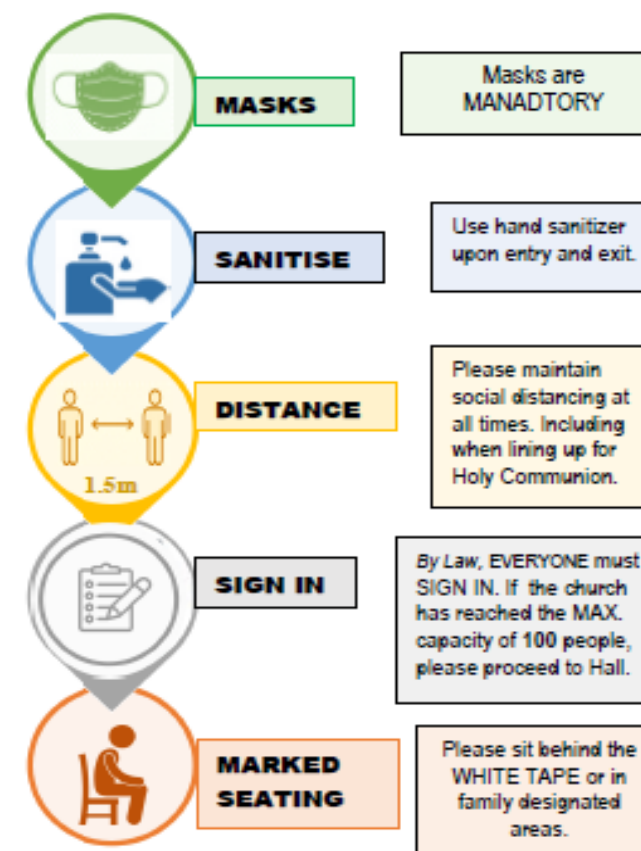
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PLEASE HELP US KEEP OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO THE CHURCH SAFE.

### 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:** Paul Mowbray, Denis Brophy,

Victor Azzopardi, Lina Cabaero, David Quan Hien Dang, Peter Diab, Emilia Fallarcon, Vivante Fenis, Rosie Flame, John Flores, Zenaida Garcia, Oscar Garin Sr., Marie Hossen, Aurora Javellana, Elizabeth Rios Losa, Noly Diaz Limbawan, Elenoa Ahomana Matavesi, Sylroy Menezes, Loren Mombay, Tony Duque Ngan, Hanh My Thi Nguyen, Pablo Naobre, Macrina Noble, MA. Celina Palacios, Isabel Satumbaga, Pat Slavik, Thai Tran Van, Maria Ly Thi Tran.

**Anniversaries:** Antonio, Alberto, Maria Tagle Almodovar, Charlie Axiak, Ana Batorek, Horace Baptist, Pam Bonetti, Bertram Bosen, Gladys Bosen, Cini Family, Marie Descombes, Christiansen Dias, Leandro Garcia Sr, Ajay Kallukalam, Salvatore, Edouard Mahomudally, Mangion, Herbert McKertich, Denis Morrisseeey, Lourda Motha, Caroline Susai Nathan, Joseph Thang Xuan Nguyen, Jose Sanchez, Peter Sandaman, Bibiano Villanueva, Tony Vassallo.

**Remembrance:** France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Fortunata & Frank Baiada, Lourdes de Venecia, Lazaro Fernandez, Josefa S Flores, Evangeline Garcia, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Muscat family, Mile Perak.

### 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.

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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



FIRST READING  
*A reading from the prophet Isaiah 53:10-11*

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done. His soul’s anguish over he shall see the light and be content. By his suffering shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself. The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us,  
O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16*

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The Son of Man came to serve  
and to give his life as a ransom for all.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL  
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 10:35-45*

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. ‘Master,’ they said to him, ‘we want you to do us a favour.’ He said to them, ‘What is it you want me to do for you?’ They said to him, ‘Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.’ ‘You do not know what you are asking’ Jesus said to them. ‘Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?’ They replied, ‘We can.’ Jesus said to them, ‘The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.’ When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, ‘You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No, anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. 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 (CONTINUED)

*By Carlos Herrera*  
**But will Your Holiness be there?**  
Yes, in principle the program is that I go. It all depends on how I feel at the time. But in fact, my speech is already being prepared, and the plan is to be there.  
**Let’s talk about China if you would, Your Holiness...** Within your own ranks, there are those who insist that you should not renew the agreement that the Vatican has signed with that country because it jeopardizes your moral authority. Do you have the feeling that there are many people who want to set the Pope’s path?  
Even when I was a layman and priest, I loved to show the way to the bishop; it is a temptation that I would even say is licit if it is done with good will. China is not easy, but I am convinced that we should not give up dialogue. You can be deceived in dialogue, you can make mistakes, all that... but it is the way. Closed-mindedness is never the way. What has been achieved so far in China was at least dialogue... some concrete things like the appointment of new bishops, slowly... But these are also steps that can be questionable and the results on one side or the other. For me, the key figure in all this and who helps me and inspires me is Cardinal Casaroli. Casaroli was the man John XXIII commissioned to build bridges with Central Europe. There is a very nice book, *The Martyrdom of Patience* where he tells a bit about his experiences there. Or his experiences are recounted by the one who compiled everything. And it was small step after small step, creating bridges. Sometimes having to talk in the open air or with the faucet open in difficult moments. Slowly, slowly, slowly, he was achieving reserves of diplomatic relations which in the end meant appointing new bishops and taking care of God’s faithful people. Today, somehow, we have to follow these paths of dialogue step by step in the most conflictive situations. My experience in dialogue with Islam, for example, with the Grand Imam al-Tayyeb was very positive in this, and I am very grateful to him. It was like the germ of *Fratelli tutti* afterward. But dialogue, always dialogue, or to be willing to dialogue. There is a very nice thing. The last time St. John Paul II met with Casaroli, he went to inform him where things were going... (Casaroli went every weekend to a juvenile prison. I think it was Casal del Marmo, I am not sure. And he was with the boys and wore a cassock like a priest. Nobody knew... Some didn’t know who he was). And when they said goodbye and Casaroli was already at the door, St. John Paul II called him and said, “Eminence, do you still go to those boys?” “Yes, yes.” “Never leave them.” The testament of a saintly pope to a very capable diplomat: continue on this path of diplomacy, but don’t forget that you are a priest, as you are doing. This for me is inspiring. **Your Holiness, in Spain, euthanasia has been legalized, on the basis of what they call the “right to a dignified death.” But that is a fallacious syllogism, because the Church does not defend incarnate suffering, but dignity to the end. How far does man have real power over his life? What does the Pope believe?**

Let us situate ourselves. We are living in a throwaway culture. What is useless is discarded. Old people are disposable material: they are a nuisance. Not all of them, but in the collective unconscious of the throwaway culture, the old... the most terminally ill, too; the unwanted children, too, and they are sent to the sender before they are born... In other words, there is this kind of culture. Then, let us look at the peripheries, let us think of the great Asian peripheries, for example, to go far away and not think that we are just talking about things here. The discarding of entire peoples. Think of the Rohingyas, discarded, nomads around the world. Poor things. In other words, they are discarded. They are no good, they don’t fit, they are no good. This throwaway culture has marked us. And it marks the young and the old. It has a strong influence on one of the dramas of today’s European culture. In Italy, the average age is 47 years old. In Spain, I think it is older. That is to say, the pyramid has been inverted. It is the *demographic winter* at birth, in which there are more cases of abortion. The demographic culture is in loss because we look at the profit. It looks to the one in front... and sometimes using the idea of compassion: “that this person may not suffer in the case of...” What the Church asks is to help people to die with dignity. This has always been done. And with regard to the case of abortion, I do not like to enter into discussions on whether it is possible up to here, or whether it is not possible up to there, but I say this: any embryology manual given to a medical student in medical school says that by the third week of conception, sometimes before the mother realizes [that she is pregnant], all the organs in the embryo are already outlined, even the DNA. It is a life. A human life. Some say, “It’s not a person.” It is a human life! So, faced with a human life I ask myself two questions: Is it licit to eliminate a human life to solve a problem, is it fair to eliminate a human life to solve a problem? Second question: Is it fair to hire a hired killer to solve a problem? And with these two questions, what about the cases of elimination of people—on one side or the other—because they are a burden for society? I would like to remember something they used to tell us at home. About a very good family with several children and the grandfather who lived with them, but the grandfather was getting old and he began to drool at the table. Then, the father could not invite people because he was ashamed of his father. So he thought to set a nice table in the kitchen and he explained to the family that beginning the next day, Grandpa would eat in the kitchen so they could invite people. And so it was. A week later, he comes home and finds his little son, 8 or 9-years-old, one of the children, playing with wood, nails, hammers, and he says, “What are you doing?” “I’m making a little table, Dad.” “For what?” “For you, for when you’re old.” In other words, what is sown in discarding, is going to be harvested later.  
*(to be continued)*

POPE FRANCIS AT SYNOD: THE PARTICIPATION OF EVERYONE, GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT

By Robin Gomes

As the Universal Church is about to embark on the synodal journey, Pope Francis on Saturday invoked the Holy Spirit on the People of God so that they will be able to move forward together, to listen to one another and discern our times, in solidarity with the struggles and aspirations of all humanity.

The Pope prayed as he presided over a moment of reflection in the Vatican’s Synod Hall, on the eve the official inauguration of the diocesan phase of the Synod for all the dioceses around the world, marked by a solemn Mass in Rome’s St. Peter’s Square on Sunday, Oct. 10. Dioceses across the world will inaugurate the synodal journey at the local level on Oct. 17.

A special Synod

The theme of the upcoming 16th Synod of Bishops is: “For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission”. Synodality indicates walking together and listening to one another but above all to the Holy Spirit. To deepen this essential characteristic of the Church, the upcoming synod is unlike any previous one. It starts with, and involves all the faithful at local Churches across the world, promising to listen to all, especially to laypeople. That is why this Synod is a 2-year process, starting from October 10, 2021, to October 2023.

The diocesan listening phase will run until April 2022 and will be followed by a continental phase from September 2022 to March 2023. The final “universal Church phase” will culminate in the traditional assembly of the Synod of Bishops in the Vatican in October 2023.

The protagonist of the Synod – the Spirit

In his discourse at Saturday’s moment of prayer and reflection, Pope Francis dwelt on how the synodality of the Church is achieved, namely, through communion, participation, and mission. He also pointed out the dangers it can run into, as well as the opportunities it offers.

“In the one People of God, therefore, let us journey together, in order to experience a Church that receives and lives this gift of unity, and is open to the voice of the Spirit,” Pope Francis said, stressing that the Synod is an “ecclesial moment”, not a parliament or an investigation into opinions, but “an ecclesial moment” whose protagonist is the Holy Spirit. “Without the Spirit, there is no Synod,” he stressed.

Communion, participation, mission

Explaining the Synod’s three key words - communion, participation, and mission – he said that communion and mission describe the mystery of the Church. Communion expresses the very nature of the Church, according to the Second Vatican Council.

According to Saint Paul VI “communion, that is, cohesion and interior fullness, in grace, truth and collaboration... and mission, that is, apostolic commitment to the world of today”. Saint John Paul II stressed that *koinonia* gives rise to the Church’s mission of serving as a sign of the human family’s intimate union with God.

For this reason, Pope Francis said, Synods must be well prepared for, especially at the local level with the participation of all.

All are called to participate

He pointed out that ‘communion’ and ‘mission’ can risk remaining somewhat abstract, unless synodality is concretely expressed at every step of the synodal journey and activity, encouraging real involvement on the part of each and all”. “All the baptized are called to take part in the Church’s life and mission.”

He acknowledged the frustration and impatience felt by many pastoral workers, members of diocesan and parish consultative bodies, and women, who frequently remain on the fringes. “Enabling everyone to participate is an essential ecclesial duty!” he stressed, adding, it is an indispensable ecclesial commitment based on the “identity card” of the baptism.

POPE FRANCIS RECENT INTERVIEW (CONTINUED)

By Carlos Herrera

Some time ago, Your Holiness, you admitted that a few years ago ecological issues were of no interest to you. Now Your Holiness has changed, for you are one of the world leaders who speak out most on this issue, on the abuses committed against the Earth. Has the ecological choice made you enemies? Will you be in Glasgow for COP26? Two questions in one.

I am going to make history: [The V General Conference of CELAM in] Aparecida was in 2007 if I am not mistaken. I’m a little lost for dates. In Aparecida I heard the Brazilian bishops talk about preserving nature, the ecological problem, the Amazon.... They insisted, insisted, insisted, and I wondered what this had to do with evangelization. That’s what I felt. I didn’t have the faintest idea. I’m talking about 2007. That shocked me. When I returned to Buenos Aires, I became interested, and slowly I began to understand something. Already being here, huh? I am a convert in this. And then I understood more. And somehow, I realized that I had to do something and then I had the idea of writing something as a magisterium because the Church in front of this... just as I was a “salami” as we say in Argentina, a fool who did not understand any of this, there are so many people of good will who do not understand... So, to give some catechesis on this. I summoned a group of scientists to explain to me the real problems; not the hypotheses, but the real thing. They made me a nice catalogue and rightly so. I passed it on to theologians who reflected on it. And that is how *Laudato si* came about.

A nice anecdote: when I went to Strasbourg, President Hollande sent the Minister of the Environment, who at that time was Mrs. Ségolène Royal, to receive me and see me off. And in the conversation I had with her, she said to me, “Is it true that you are writing something?” The Minister of the Environment understood. And I said, “Yes, I’m on this.” “Please publish it before [the] Paris [summit] because we need endorsements.” I came back from Strasbourg and sped up. And it came out before the Paris meeting. For me, the Paris meeting was the *summum* in becoming globally aware. Then what happened? Fear set in. And slowly, in the subsequent meetings, they went backward. I hope that Glasgow will now raise its sights a bit and bring us more in line.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

Perhaps many of you, especially Afghanistan watchers, were aware of the fatal brawl between two key groups of the Taliban breaking out during a talk focused on arranging positions for the new government: One led Mr Baradar, the Taliban chief negotiator, who managed to talk to Donald Trump on the phone in 2020 leading to the chaotic withdrawal of the American troops and the allies recently, and the other by members of the Haqqani group, who probably claimed most of the credits due to their fighting contribution to the victory.

It was said that there was some shootings taking place in the palace where the talk was happening causing fatalities and injuries, and forcing Mr Baradar to leave Kabul and seek refuge in Kandahar. It was scary to hear the story and we have nothing but to pray hard for the country, particularly those who happen to share no similar views with the Taliban. Anyway, such a public fall out between Mr Baradar’s group and the Haqqani’s within the Taliban perhaps might help us reflect well upon the Gospel account this week, telling us the story about how James and John quietly approached Jesus and asked for top positions in his kingdom, which they, I guess, might visualize as the one capable of defeating the Roman conquerors. This back-door approach of the two brothers of course caused some tension within the group, and other apostles got upset with them as Mark reported to us here, and were obviously unaware of what Jesus asked the pair to do when they asked to be seated on his right and left, two most powerful seats in the cabinet, that had to be prepared to drink his cup and to go through his baptism.

Although James and John were eager to say yes to Jesus’ invitation, but I doubt that they would have had any idea of what sort of cup and baptism Jesus offered them then, the cup of sorrow he took up at the Last Supper and the baptism of sufferings he went through in the Passion and Crucifixion to come as we know today.

Very much conscious of the divisive nature of the encounter, Jesus was quick to make the decision to summon the entire group to share with them his leadership vision, which requires them not to lord over others under them as ordinary rulers, but to commit themselves to serve others as servants in the way he has led them by his own example. This is what we call ‘servant leadership’ in the Church, something Pope Francis has tried to single out and constantly urge his clergy to follow and model their lives and ministries accordingly.

Let us pray today for all Christian leaders both clergy in the Church and parents at home may be inspired by the model of servant leadership that Jesus presents to us in the Gospel this Sunday, so that they may be able to showcase their leadership through the humble way they choose to serve those entrusted under their care and guidance.

Have a humble service-oriented week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

REOPENING OF OUR CHURCH

Due to the ease of restrictions with the 80% double dose vaccination target being reached, Churches will be able to reopen to our entire community from this Monday 18th October 2021, therefore weekday Masses at 8am will resume this **Tuesday 19th** October, along with our weekend Masses with the one person per 4m².

We will continue with the **Ministry Roster** that we had before lockdown .

*Please note*—until at least December 1, 2021 masks still have to be worn in the Church.

**2021 CONFIRMATION PROCESS** there will be an Information/First Parent Meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 6.30-7.30pm OR Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 4.30-5.30pm. Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Vincent Long O.F.M. Conv. this year on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> November.



COLUMBAN ART 2022 CALENDAR

The Columban Art Calendar is an iconic Catholic Calendar, well-known for its traditional religious paintings and liturgical information and is a major fundraiser for Columban Missionaries. 2022 marks the 100<sup>th</sup> edition. Also available is Christmas Joy a 12-page booklet of Christmas Prayers.

Contact the Parish office to buy yours now. Calendars \$10 each. Booklet \$2.00

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 28<sup>th</sup> of November and the 5<sup>th</sup> of December this year. Parents wishing to **enrol** their Year 6 (or above) child in the



OLOL VINNIES PANTRY FOOD DONATIONS

if you would like to donate food for our Vinnies pantry, please leave food parcels outside the parish office door Tuesday—Friday 9-2 pm.

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.





ENCYCLICAL LETTER **FRATELLI TUTTI** OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS  
ON FRATERNITY & SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP  
**CHAPTER ONE - GLOBALIZATION AND PROGRESS WITHOUT A SHARED ROADMAP**

**29.** With the Grand Imam Ahmad Al-Tayyeb, we do not ignore the positive advances made in the areas of science, technology, medicine, industry and welfare, above all in developed countries. Nonetheless, “we wish to emphasize that, together with these historical advances, great and valued as they are, there exists a moral deterioration that influences international action and a weakening of spiritual values and responsibility. This contributes to a general feeling of frustration, isolation and desperation”. We see “outbreaks of tension and a buildup of arms and ammunition in a global context dominated by uncertainty, disillusionment, fear of the future, and controlled by narrow economic interests”. We can also point to “major political crises, situations of injustice and the lack of an equitable distribution of natural resources... In the face of such crises that result in the deaths of millions of children – emaciated from poverty and hunger – there is an unacceptable silence on the international level”.**[27]** This panorama, for all its undeniable advances, does not appear to lead to a more humane future.

**30.** In today’s world, the sense of belonging to a single human family is fading, and the dream of working together for justice and peace seems an outdated utopia. What reigns instead is a cool, comfortable and globalized indifference, born of deep disillusionment concealed behind a deceptive illusion: thinking that we are all-powerful, while failing to realize that we are all in the same boat. This illusion, unmindful of the great fraternal values, leads to “a sort of cynicism. For that is the temptation we face if we go down the road of disenchantment and disappointment... Isolation and withdrawal into one’s own interests are never the way to restore hope and bring about renewal. Rather, it is closeness; it is the culture of encounter. Isolation, no; closeness, yes. Culture clash, no; culture of encounter, yes”.**[28]**

**31.** In this world that races ahead, yet lacks a shared roadmap, we increasingly sense that “the gap between concern for one’s personal well-being and the prosperity of the larger human family seems to be stretching to the point of complete division between individuals and human community... It is one thing to feel forced to live together, but something entirely different to value the richness and beauty of those seeds of common life that need to be sought out and cultivated”.**[29]** Technology is constantly advancing, yet “how wonderful it would be if the growth of scientific and technological innovation could come with more equality and social inclusion. How wonderful would it be, even as we discover faraway planets, to rediscover the needs of the brothers and sisters who orbit around us”.**[30]**

**Excerpt from Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation FRATELLI TUTTI—to the people of God and to all persons of good will.]**

23/24 October 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Kilifi Huihui	
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Rosey Soares 8am: Maricel Santos, SUB REQ 9.30am: Barbara Chandler, Antony Terrance	
Readers	Vigil: Laura Bellissimo, Catherine Rodrigues 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Erika Hien 9.30am: Kamela Huihui, Fayelene Kennedy	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, Lucas Laus, Amelia Laus 8am: Sean, Philip & Diana Park 9.30am Chloe Attard, Gabrielle Wanandy, Florencia Wanandy	
Flowers	Annette and Mary B	
Church cleaning	23 Oct	Helen & Dennis Gonzales, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Johnson Rozario, Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Rita Paolini 9.30am: Maria Michael	

30/31 October 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Fayelene Kennedy 9.30am Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil: Benno Motha, Abel Do Rosario 8am: Eugene Miu, Michael Mifsud 9.30am: Carole Brooks, Maria Michael	
Readers	Vigil: Alison Punch, Marinela Simic 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Nina Arambulo 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Christina Diaz	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Noah Ebb, Dominic Sant, Alex Spadaro 8am: SUB REQ 9.30am Leo Culili, Sofia Culili, Rynan Michael	
Flowers	Team	
Church cleaning	27 October	Sue Abela, Jessie Borg, Anne McNally
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici 8am: Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain	

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### 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>

### 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](https://caritas.org.au/lebanon) or [www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan](https://www.caritas.org.au/afghanistan) or call 1800 024 413 toll-free to provide much needed support.

### 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](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).

### Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy,  
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,  
comfort of the afflicted, you know my needs,  
my troubles, my sufferings; cast on me a look of pity.  
By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes,  
you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary,  
from which you dispense your favours,  
and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical.  
I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession.  
Obtain most loving mother, my requests,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
*Amen.*



### HAVE YOU VISITED OUR PARISH WEBSITE LATELY??

Our parish website is updated regularly with news and upcoming events - everything from youth news to social justice to Live-stream Mass times, bulletins, and much more - a great way to stay up to date with what's on in our parish! Visit [www.olol7hills.org.au](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)

### CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE COURSE INFORMATION SESSION: 20 October

The Catholic Theological College is offering a six-week intensive course on “Christian Faith and World Religions: Inter-religious dialogue in Australia” over Zoom in Semester 2 2022. The College is hosting an information session on Wednesday 20 October from 7pm to 7.30pm AEDT, with registration essential at <https://divinity.zoom.us/j/7534567890>. Contact the Academic Records Office for enrolment information and appointments on (03) 9412 3333 or [registrar@ctc.edu.au](mailto:registrar@ctc.edu.au)

### 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, please contact [sg@globalfoundation.org.au](mailto:sg@globalfoundation.org.au)



The campaign titled ‘One Million Children Praying the Rosary’ is hoping to bring together a million children worldwide to pray the Rosary this Sunday for peace and the end of the COVID-19 pandemic.

“Let us allow Our Lady to take us by the hand. Each time we hold the Rosary in our hands and pray to her, we are taking a step forward, towards the great destination of life.”  
Pope Francis, Angelus greeting, 2019

