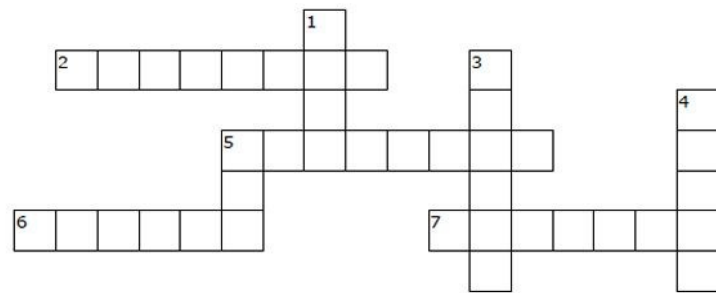




## The Greatest Commandment

"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength." The second is this: "Love your neighbor as yourself." Mark 12:30-31 (NIV)  
Puzzle is based on Mark 12:28-34



### ACROSS

2. A person who lives near or next to another
5. The most important; better than all others of the same kind
6. Coming next in order after the first one
7. Someone who educates or trains others

### DOWN

1. To have a deep feeling of affection or attraction for someone
3. A spoken or written reply to a question
4. The center and source of a person's emotions or feelings
5. The creator of heaven and earth; The One we worship

NEIGHBOR ANSWER	TEACHER HEART	SECOND GREATEST	GOD LOVE
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Love thy neighbor  
Lend a Helping Hand  
To Your Neighbor



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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**WEEKDAY MASS:** Tuesday—Friday 8.00am

**WEEKEND MASS:** Saturday Vigil 6pm

**Parish School:** Our Lady of Lourdes 8869 6800

**Principal:** Ms Keiran Byrnes

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

**Baptismal Preparation:** 17th & 24th November 2021 7:30pm

**Baptism:** Dec 12th & 19th Sunday 11am

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## Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

•Year B - 31 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/LOL7Hills/>

We have a COVID -19 Safety Plan and are committed to keeping you safe.

**COVID SAFE**

### CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

*It is a condition of entry that you;*

**Check in/ out using the QR CODE**

**Wear a face mask**

**Maintain physical distancing**



**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:** Fr. Renato Mario Paras, Leo Vinci, Frank Papallo, Denis Brophy, Mary Grace Cepe, David Quan Hien Dang, Peter Diab, Denisa Fantillo, Emilia Fallarcon, Wilfredo Faunal, John Flores, Oscar Garin Sr., Marie Hossen, Aurora Javellana, Paul Mowbray, Hanh My Thi Nguyen, Macrina Noble, MA, Celina Palacios, Salvacion Palmos, Isabel Satumbaga, Thai Tran Van, Maria Ly Thi Tran.

**Anniversaries:** Antonio, Alberto, Charlie Axiak, Bertram Bosen, Gladys Bosen, Cini Family, Rose Fernandes, Ajay Kallukalam, Mangion Family, Connie and Vincent Muscat, Joseph Thang Xuan Nguyen, Romeo M Palmos, Jose Sanchez, Tony Vassallo.

**Remembrance:** France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Fortunata & Frank Baiada, Lourdes de Venecia, Lazaro Fernandez, Evangeline Garcia, Mary Mifsud, Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat family.

### 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.

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**ACC:** 000552

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**Acc Id # -** 00901486

**AGENT # -** 660

### DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA COVID UPDATE

As NSW has reached its 80% double dose vaccination target, parishes across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains are opening their doors for private prayer, Reconciliation and for the celebration of Mass and sacraments such as baptisms, weddings and funerals. Please contact your local parish to check Mass and liturgy times and the COVID-Safe arrangements in place.

[www.parracatholic.org/covid19](http://www.parracatholic.org/covid19)



FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: ‘If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow. ‘Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.” The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,  
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.  
My God is the rock where I take refuge;  
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.  
The Lord is worthy of all praise:  
when I call I am saved from my foes.(R.)

Long life to the Lord, my rock!  
Praised be the God who saves me.  
he has given great victories to his king  
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

SECOND READING A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 7:23-28

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him. To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who love me will keep my words,  
and my Father will love them,  
and we will come to them.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, ‘Which is the first of all the commandments?’ Jesus replied, ‘This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.’ The scribe said to him, ‘Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.’ Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, ‘You are not far from the kingdom of God.’ And after that no one dared to question him any more. 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).....

You have not watched San Lorenzo because you haven’t wanted to watch television for years...

That’s right. I made a promise on July 16, 1990. I felt that the Lord was asking me to do so, because we were in community watching something that ended up tawdry, unpleasant, bad. I felt bad. It was the night of July 15. And the next day, in prayer, I promised the Lord not to watch it. Of course, when a president takes office I watch it, when there is a plane crash, I watch it, those things... but I am not addicted to it.

You didn’t watch the Copa America, for example.

No, not at all.

There is an old legend that says that some Pope has escaped from the Vatican. Has Francis made any escapade that no one has known about so far?

No. The one who used to go skiing was St. John Paul II. An hour and a bit away there was a ski slope, and he had it in his soul. And he was right to escape, he was covered. But one day while he was in line to go up and a boy said, “The Pope!” I don’t know how he found out. And he went back right away, and he tried to take more precautions. The houses of families where I have gone to visit, as far as I remember, are three: a half convent of the Teresian Sisters where I wanted to visit Professor Mara, al-ready 90 years old, a great woman who taught at the University of La Sapienza and then taught at the Augustinianum, and I wanted to go to celebrate Mass for her. Then, to pay my condolences to probably my best friend, an Italian journalist, at his home. And the third house I visited was that of Edith Bruck, the lady, 90 years old now, who was in the concentration camp. She was Hungarian. Jewish. This was this year at the beginning, or last year, I can’t remember. These are the only three houses I went to in secret, and then it came out. I would love to walk down the street, I would love to, but I have to deprive myself, be-cause I couldn’t walk ten meters.

Have you ever been tempted to wear civilian clothes?

No, absolutely not. No.

...with a hat and glasses?

[Laughs] No, no, not at all.

How does Pope Francis fight nostalgia, who cooks him los palitos de anis [aniseed sticks], or what he always had for breakfast in La Puerto Rico?

I try not to make my nostalgia melancholic, autumnal, although one nice thing about the Argentine autumn, in Buenos Aires, was the cloudy, foggy days, where you couldn’t see ten meters from the window, and I was listening to Piazzola. I do miss that a bit, but Rome has its foggy days too. Not nostalgia, no. The desire to walk from one parish to another, yes; but not nostalgia.

Are the days of headaches over words or attributed words that went too far and had consequences that you didn’t count on over?

The danger is always there. A word can be interpreted one way or the other, can’t it? These are things that happen. And what do I know... I don’t know where they got it from last week that I was going to resign! What word did they understand in my coun-try? That’s where the news came from. And they say it was a commotion, when it didn’t even cross my mind. When there are interpretations that are a little distorted about some of my words, I keep quiet, because trying to clarify them is worse.

Do people talk a lot about soccer here in Santa Marta?

Yes, Italian soccer. I’m getting to know things a little bit. There is a lot of talk about soccer, yes.

What kind of soccer player were you, Your Holiness?

I was a stick. They called me ‘el pata dura,’ that’s why they always put me in the goal, that’s where I defended myself more or less well.

In our [sports] program Tiempo de juego, our colleagues, when I told them that I was coming to see the Pope, [said] “Please, get the Pope to tell you what he thinks about Messi’s signing, he has gone to France.” What do you like about the whole soccer world, do you follow it closely?

I wrote a pastoral letter on sports. A pastoral letter that was not a pastoral letter. In two steps. First there was the article pub-lished in the Gazzetta dello Sport on January 2 of this year and based on that—I corrected it—the pastoral letter. An interview article. I only say this: to be a good soccer player you have to have two things: to know how to work in a team and not to be, as we say in Buenos Aires in our slang, one who ‘bites’ the ball, but always in a team. And secondly, not to lose the amateur spirit. When sport loses that amateur spirit, it starts to become too commercialized. And there are men who have known how not to let themselves be stained by this and to give their earnings and everything to good works and foundations. But above all, working as a team, which is a school of team sports, and not losing the amateur spirit.

Your Holiness, I thank you very much for this unforgettable hour that you have offered to the listeners of COPE.

A big greeting to those who are listening and I ask you all to pray for me, that the Lord will continue to protect me and take care of me, because if He leaves me on my own, I am a mess.

Normally it is you who would say this to us, but today it is we [who say it to you]: God bless you.

And to you all, God bless you. Thank you.

Thank you.

## POPE FRANCIS AT AUDIENCE: LOVE ALONE ATTRACTS, AND CHANGES THE HUMAN HEART

By Christopher Wells

Saint Paul reminds the Galatians – and us – that the centre of salvation and faith is the death and resurrection of the Lord, Pope Francis said at Wednesday's General Audience.

The Pope warned that there are many people today “who still seek religious security rather than the living and true God, focusing on rituals and precepts instead of embracing God's love with their whole being.”

### Return to what is essential

So, he said, St Paul asks the Galatians “to return to what is essential, to the God who gives us life in Christ crucified.” Pope Francis encourages us to “place ourselves in front of Christ crucified,” including in Adoration of the Eucharist, when we feel we are losing the thread in our spiritual life.

This leads to a further step, he continued: When we meet Christ crucified, Jesus changes our hearts, which leads us to understand that “the Gospel is meant for everyone, not just for a privileged few.” Thus, the Pope said, “the life of the community is regenerated” and through the Spirit, our lives as Christians are renewed, and we are able to continue “to engage in our spiritual battle.”

### Works of the flesh v. fruit of the Spirit

Here Saint Paul presents a dichotomy between the “works of the flesh” and the “fruit of the Spirit.” Pope Francis explained that the works of the flesh are “behaviours that are contrary to the Spirit of God. St Paul does not intend to say that the flesh is evil in itself, but uses the term to indicate the condition of being turned in on oneself, “closing the door to the spirit” and reminding us that the things of the world grow old and pass away, “while the Spirit gives life.”

Christians are called to live out our baptismal calling, which leads to the fruits of the Spirit: “love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.” Pope Francis invited Christians to read Saint Paul and reflect on our own behavior to see if we are bearing those fruits.

### A challenge for our communities

“The Apostle's teaching poses quite a challenge for our communities, too,” Pope Francis said. He explained, “the beauty of faith in Jesus Christ cannot be grasped on the basis of so many commandments or of a moral vision developed in many layers which can make us forget the original fruitfulness of love nourished by prayer from which peace and joyful witness flow.”

Nor, he said, can “the life of the Spirit ... be suffocated by a bureaucracy that prevents access to the grace of the Spirit, the initiator of conversion of the heart.”

### Proclaiming Christ crucified

Therefore, Pope Francis said in conclusion, “we have the huge responsibility of proclaiming Christ crucified and risen, enlivened by the breath of the Spirit of love. For it is this Love alone that possesses the power to attract and change the human heart.”

## POPE FRANCIS RECENT INTERVIEW (CONTINUED)

By Carlos Herrera

**But you have more of a hand up there. [Laughs] I have always been struck by your relationship with the writer Jorge Luis Borges. Why did he pay so much attention to that young Jesuit?**

I don't know why. I approached him because I was very close to his secretary. And then a friendliness... I was not a priest when I met him. I was 25 or 26 years old when I met him, and I was teaching in Santa Fe as a Jesuit, in those three years that we Jesuits taught at school, and I invited him to come and speak to my students of Literature. And he came, and he had his course... I don't know why. But he was a very good man. A very good man.

**We have heard you talk a lot about your paternal grandmother, grand-mother Rosa, but we have heard you talk less about your mother, or perhaps we simply have not heard you talk about your mother...**

There are two factors at work here. We are five siblings, all very close to our grandparents. God has preserved our grandparents until we grew up. I lost my first grandfather, the most distant of all, when I was 16 years old, and my last grandmother when I was a Jesuit provincial. So the grandparents remained with us always. There was also a tradition at home; the four older ones, because the youngest came six years later, spent the vacations with the grandparents, so that mom and dad could rest a little. It was fun. There is a lot of that grandparents' thing. About grandma Rosa what I tell are the same anecdotes as always, some of them are very funny. From the other grandmother, I also tell anecdotes, like the lesson she gave me the day of Prokofiev's death, about the effort in life. When I asked her how that man must have made it so far. I was a teenager. And yes, I also remember many things about my mother that I also recount... But perhaps it is more striking about grandma because I keep repeating some curious things about her, some unrepeatable things by letter, by radio programs... some sayings that taught us a lot. But, apart from the fact that we were very fond of our grandparents, well, in fact on Sundays we would go to our grandparents' house and then to the stadium to watch San Lorenzo. But grandparents had a great influence on our life.



## FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

Europe and America, as we know, have been the bastions of Christianity where the majority of people have their faith in Jesus in one way or another, but the way America and quite a few European countries have chosen to deal with migrants and refugees seem to trouble many non-Christian onlookers worldwide, since it is obviously against the very core teaching of Jesus, as he points it out to the scribe asking him about his top commandments. With no hesitation, he tells the inquirer straight away the top two: number one, he ought to love God wholeheartedly, and number two, he ought to love his neighbor as himself.

Here Jesus puts together the teaching of Deuteronomy (6.4) that we have in the first reading this Sunday, and the one of Leviticus (19.18), and make them his commandments, which all his followers are required to carry out with no excuse and exception. It's worth to pay attention to the language Jesus opted for while spelling out his highly distinctive commandments of love, that he chose the Greek word 'agape' to define what kind of love he expects his follower to live out. It is neither the erotic love nor the brotherly one people experience in their everyday lives, but it is the highest form of love, the father love of God given to humanity, and the reciprocal love of man offered to God.

What Jesus told the scribes at the end of their encounter that 'you are not far from the Kingdom of God' is highly significant. Jesus was kind of reminding him that he was close to the ultimate prize of all, and yet he has still had some more to do, and he perhaps needed to do was to put God's commandments that he knew so well into practice, meaning to show his love for God and for people around him.

As we know, a scribe was a very important person in Jesus' time, because he was entrusted with the task copying, studying and interpreting the Jewish Scriptures. The scribes were said to debate among themselves even about little things such as whether or not the law would permit a person to eat an egg laid a chicken on the Sabbath, and how far one could walk on the Sabbath in order not to violate the commandment to fully observe such a holy day.

The scribes even created 613 new laws, known as the oral traditions, to clarify the original laws God gave to Moses, and they then challenged each other to sum up all of these laws at once in as few rods as possible.

As a whole, the scribe in the Gospel story and his mates seemed to be more concerned with the technical side of the two commandments they all had been very familiar with, and fail to realize the magnitude of their application. As long as they remained stuck in such a position, they can claim no possession of the Kingdom of God.

Let us pray today for the wisdom to see the beauty and importance of Jesus' teaching in the Gospel this Sunday, and the strength not just to say love to God and our neighbor, but to show our most genuine, selfless and sincere love for God and all around us, no matter who they are, what they do and where they come from.

Have an agape-oriented week.

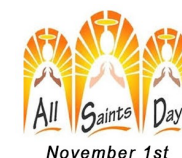
Fr Henry

## PARISH NEWS...



### OUR PARISH OFFICE RE-OPEN

Thanks to the restriction lift, our Parish office has been re-opened to welcome our parishioners. Please do not hesitate to call in.



**MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER**  
**ALL SAINTS DAY - Mass 8am**

**TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER**  
**ALL SOULS DAY- Mass 8am & 7pm**



### 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 resumed on **Tuesday 19th** October, along with our weekend Masses with the one person per 4m².

As per NSW Health, everyone is required to sign in by using the **QR CODE**.

To make this new mandatory requirement as easy as possible, please arrive 15-20minutes before Mass. 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.



### 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.

### MINISTERS - NEW ROSTER

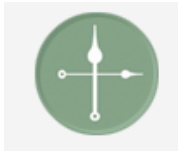
**Forms are now available at the back of the church for ministers to renew their information for the next rostering period January - June 2022**

You can either complete the form and leave it in the box at the back of the church or update your details on the Ministry Scheduler Pro login;

[www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/ololsevenhills](http://www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/ololsevenhills)

### All updates must be received by

**15th November**, so the roster can be completed and Published by Christmas.



### LOURDES OVER 50's Melbourne Cup Day 2nd November



has been cancelled.  
Next meeting will be on 18 November.

**FR. RENATO MARIO ALONSO PARAS**, former Parish Priest of St Aidan's Parish, Rooty Hill and first chaplain to the Filipino Catholic Community in Australia, died on 26 October at Melva McDonald Lodge, Rooty Hill, aged 84. May he rest in peace.

<https://catholicoutlook.org/vale-fr-renato-paras/>





ENCYCLICAL LETTER **FRATELLI TUTTI** OF THE HOLY FATHER **FRANCIS** ON FRATERNITY & SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP  
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**32.** True, a worldwide tragedy like the Covid-19 pandemic momentarily revived the sense that we are a global community, all in the same boat, where one person's problems are the problems of all. Once more we realized that no one is saved alone; we can only be saved together. As I said in those days, "the storm has exposed our vulnerability and uncovered those false and superfluous certainties around which we constructed our daily schedules, our projects, our habits and priorities... Amid this storm, the façade of those stereotypes with which we camouflaged our egos, always worrying about appearances, has fallen away, revealing once more the ineluctable and blessed awareness that we are part of one another, that we are brothers and sisters of one another".

**33.** The world was relentlessly moving towards an economy that, thanks to technological progress, sought to reduce "human costs"; there were those who would have had us believe that freedom of the market was sufficient to keep everything secure. Yet the brutal and unforeseen blow of this uncontrolled pandemic forced us to recover our concern for human beings, for everyone, rather than for the benefit of a few. Today we can recognize that "we fed ourselves on dreams of splendour and grandeur, and ended up consuming distraction, insularity and solitude. We gorged ourselves on networking, and lost the taste of fraternity. We looked for quick and safe results, only to find ourselves overwhelmed by impatience and anxiety. Prisoners of a virtual reality, we lost the taste and flavour of the truly real". The pain, uncertainty and fear, and the realization of our own limitations, brought on by the pandemic have only made it all the more urgent that we rethink our styles of life, our relationships, the organization of our societies and, above all, the meaning of our existence.

**34.** If everything is connected, it is hard to imagine that this global disaster is unrelated to our way of approaching reality, our claim to be absolute masters of our own lives and of all that exists. I do not want to speak of divine retribution, nor would it be sufficient to say that the harm we do to nature is itself the punishment for our offences. The world is itself crying out in rebellion. We are reminded of the well-known verse of the poet Virgil that evokes the "tears of things", the misfortunes of life and history **35.** All too quickly, however, we forget the lessons of history, "the teacher of life". Once this health crisis passes, our worst response would be to plunge even more deeply into feverish consumerism and new forms of egotistic self-preservation. God willing, after all this, we will think no longer in terms of "them" and "those", but only "us". If only this may prove not to be just another tragedy of history from which we learned nothing. If only we might keep in mind all those elderly persons who died for lack of respirators, partly as a result of the dismantling, year after year, of healthcare systems. If only this immense sorrow may not prove useless, but enable us to take a step forward towards a new style of life. If only we might rediscover once for all that we need one another, and that in this way our human family can experience a rebirth, with all its faces, all its hands and all its voices, beyond the walls that we have erected.

**36.** Unless we recover the shared passion to create a community of belonging and solidarity worthy of our time, our energy and our resources, the global illusion that misled us will collapse and leave many in the grip of anguish and emptiness. Nor should we naively refuse to recognize that "obsession with a consumerist lifestyle, above all when few people are capable of maintaining it, can only lead to violence and mutual destruction". The notion of "every man for himself" will rapidly degenerate into a free-for-all that would prove worse than any pandemic. **Excerpt from Pope Francis, Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation FRATELLI TUTTI—to the people of God and to all persons of good will.]**

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	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Please bring a plate	
Flowers	Team	
Church cleaning	3 Nov	Suzy Nemorin, Carole Brooks, Novelo Paylaga, Lourdes Spiteri
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici 8am: Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain	

6/7 November 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil: Chrisa Gonzales, Helen Gonzales 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Fennie Balabat 9.30am: Sarah Lenthall, Antony Terrance Joseph	
Readers	Vigil: Jemma Sarmiento, Stefanie Menezes 8am: Jo Cabasa, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Laura Bellissimo, Crystal Menezes	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexander Bateman-Paul 8am: Leonardo Costello, Saoires Costello, Sebastian Costello 9.30am Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy	
Morning Tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Please bring a plate	
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby & Flo	
Church cleaning	11 November	Cathy Hutchings, Melvyn Fernandes, Annette Peatman, Sandy Manamperi
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Annette Peatman 9.30am: Volunteer	

## PARISH NEWS...

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If you are part of the Planned Giving Program it is important that you write PG (for Planned Giving) and your envelope number eg. PG#432

(if you are not sure of your number, please email or call the office, who will let you know )

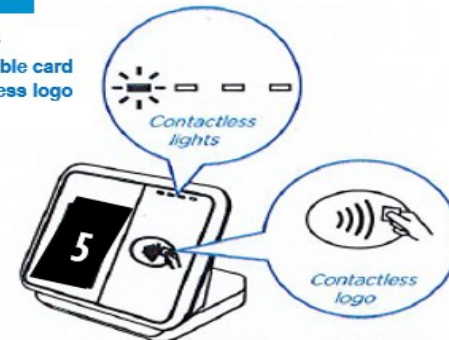
This will also help if you require a receipt at the end of the Financial Year. *Thank you.*



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**..without spare change**

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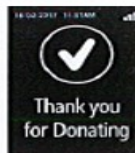
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**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED** if you are available to spare some time for various jobs around the parish, please call the parish office 9622 2920



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OLOL PARISH CALENDAR		
NOVEMBER 2021		
1	ALL SAINTS DAY - Mass	8.00am
2	ALL SOULS DAY - Mass	8.00am
2	CONFIRMATION Meeting	6.30pm
6	CONFIRMATION Meeting - RPT	4.30pm
8	SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM for 2022 Info Night (Reconciliation & FHC)	6.30pm
9	CONFIRMATION PRACTICE	6.30pm
10	PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING	7.30pm
17	BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING	7.30pm
18	CONFIRMATION	7.00pm

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**PASTORAL LETTER TO THE PEOPLE OF PARRAMATTA ON THE RETURN TO WORSHIP—Letter from Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv.**

<https://www.olol7hills.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/>

### DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE DIVINE YOUTH MINISTRY:

**6 November** The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a divine youth ministry program for young adults aged 18+ from 5.30pm to 9pm on Saturday 6 November. All retreats are held with NSW COVID-Safe compliance and masks are mandatory. Bookings are required and limited numbers are available. Please call 0423 786 768 or email [drcretreatrego@gmail.com](mailto:drcretreatrego@gmail.com) to confirm attendance.

### UPDATE: Social Justice COVID-19 Food and Toiletries Drive

During lockdown, Jesuit Refugee Service (JRS) and House of Welcome (HoW) cannot receive physical food and toiletry donations. However, many refugee families are still relying on their foodbanks or the provision of food vouchers. In this difficult time, please support JRS and HoW with a cash donation if you can. Find more information at [parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive](http://parracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive) or call JRS on (02) 9356 3888 or HoW on (02) 9727 9290.

### 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. If you are interested or have any questions about the Safeguarding Training, please email our Safeguarding office on [safe-guardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safe-guardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).

### VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED

St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on (02) 8861 9777, Harris Park on (02) 8861 9757 and Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

### ST MARYS TOWERS RETREAT CENTRE OFFERING RESIDENTIAL RETREATS.

Mary's Towers Retreat Centre in Douglas Park, NSW, is offering a series of residential retreats (subject to the health situation) throughout November and December on topics such as 'Turning to God' and 'Be Filled with Grace like Mary'. Retreats commence 5.30pm on the first date and conclude 2.30pm on the final date. For further information or to register for any of the retreats, email [contact@towersretreat.org.au](mailto:contact@towersretreat.org.au) or visit <https://towersretreat.org.au/>

### DIVINE RETREAT CENTRE DIVINE CENTRE MERCY

**5 November** The Divine Retreat Centre in Somersby, NSW is hosting a Divine Mercy Friday celebration from 6pm to 8.30pm on Friday 5 November. All retreats and programs are held with NSW COVID-Safe compliance and masks are mandatory. Bookings are required and limited numbers are available. Please call (02) 4372 1598 or email [drcretreatrego@gmail.com](mailto:drcretreatrego@gmail.com) to confirm attendance. Visit [www.divineretreatcentre.org.au](http://www.divineretreatcentre.org.au) for more information.