

Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner  
14 November 2021  
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Mark 13:24-32

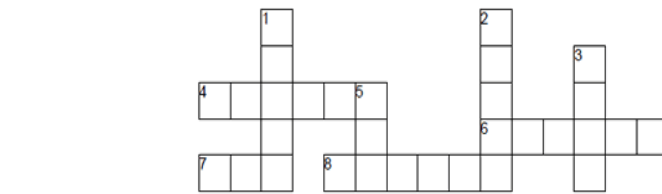
## There's a Great Day Coming

"But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father." Mark 13:32 (NLT)

Complete the activity below.



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S	S	E	R	T	S	I	D	L	O	TREE
										TWIGS
										SUN



### ACROSS

- White fluffy items that float in the sky
- To come back
- A period of twenty-four hours.
- Heavenly beings that serve God

### DOWN

- A position of high honor
- Twinkling bodies in the night-time sky
- A time period of sixty minutes
- The source of light during the day

ANGELS	GLORY	SUN	HOOR
STARS	DAY	CLOUDS	RETURN

He tells us to...

Color in the letters below... this is what Jesus tells us to do.

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The words below have been written in code. Use the hints in the decoder at the top of the page to help break the code (the letters on top are the correct answers, the letters on the bottom are the code). Write the correct word on the line provided beside each code word.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
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- 8-5-1-22-5-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- 1-14-7-5-12-19 \_\_\_\_\_
- 19-21-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- 13-15-15-14 \_\_\_\_\_
- 12-9-7-8-20 \_\_\_\_\_

GLORY	STARS	UNKNOWN	POWER	CLOUDS
HEAVEN	ANGELS	SUN	MOON	LIGHT



## OUR LADY OF LOURDES

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

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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

**Parish Website:** www.olol7hills.com.au

**Pastoral Care of the Sick:** Bathista Emmanuel 0405833655

## Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### •Year B - 14 November 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/>

We have a COVID -19 Safety Plan and are committed to keeping you 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, Ananda Nayana, 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:** Desmond Adams, Vicki Oddo, Eric Balagtas, Deacon Owen Rogers, Fr. Renato Mario Paras, Leo Vinci, Frank Papallo, Denis Brophy, Mary Grace Cepe, David Quan Hien Dang, Angela Falzon, Denisa Fantillo, Wilfredo Faunal, Marie Hossen, Shanil Jayatilake, Hanh My Thi Nguyen, Salvacion Palmos, Thai Tran Van, Maria Ly Thi Tran.

**Anniversaries:** Carmen Attard, Antonio, Alberto, Carolina Borg, Sam Debattica, Silvia Debattica, Christiansen Dias, Cini Family, Ngan Siu Eng, John Falzon, Florencio Flores, Mr & Mrs Francis, Michael and Alice de Robillard, Rose Fernandes, Martha Joseph, Felicidad Maglaya, Mangion Family, Edouard Mahomudally, Pauline Meilak, Joe Moutia, Lourda Motha, Connie and Vincent Muscat, Alex Pinto, Lee Pisch, Roseline Ratnam, Felcy Rodrigues, Cyprian Rodrigues, Natalie Spiteri, Jim & Alison Vella.

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

### Congratulations

Florida and Lito Datuin  
on your

*25th Wedding Anniversary*

### 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

**Acc Id # -** 00901486

**AGENT # -** 660

*Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

**IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING ANY FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS PLEASE STAY HOME AS THE MASS IS STILL AVAILABLE ON LIVE-STREAM THROUGH OUR OLOL FACEBOOK PAGE.**

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

### 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 prophet Daniel 12:1-3

‘At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.’ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

You will show me the path of life,  
the fullness of joy in your presence,  
at your right hand happiness for ever. (R.)

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,  
nor let your beloved know decay R.)

SECOND READING A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 10:11-14, 18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. Christ, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place for ever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Be Watchful, and pray constantly,  
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son od Man!  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.  
‘Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ‘But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.’  
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 INFLIGHT INTERVIEW FROM THE RECENT EUROPEAN TRIP (Continued)

O’Connell: Holy Father, you have often said we are all sinners, and that the Eucharist is not a reward for the perfect but a medicine and food for the weak. As you know, in the USA, particularly after the last elections, but even since 2004, there has been a discussion among the bishops about giving communion to politicians who have supported laws in favour of abortion and the woman’s right to choose. And as you know, there are bishops who want to deny communion to the president and others who hold office. There are other bishops who are opposed, there are other bishops who say "you do not need to use the Eucharist as a weapon". My question, Holy Father: What do you think about all this, and what do you advise the bishops? Then, a second question: You, as bishop, in all these years, have you publicly refused the Eucharist to anyone like this?

Pope Francis: No, I have never refused the Eucharist to anyone, to anyone. I don’t know if anyone in that condition came, but I never, never refused the Eucharist. As a priest, that is. Never. I have never been aware of having a person like the one you describe in front of me, that is true. Simply, the only time I ever had a bit...an interesting thing, was when I went to celebrate Mass in a rest home and we were in the living room, and I said: "Raise your hand if you want to receive communion". Everyone, the old men, the old women, everyone wanted communion, and when I gave communion to one woman, she took me by the hand and said to me: "Thank you, Father, thank you: I’m Jewish". I said: "No, the one that I gave to you is Jewish, too..." The only strange thing, but the woman received communion first, she said it after.  
No. Communion is not a prize for the perfect, no? Let’s think of Port Royal (des Champs), of the issue with Angélique Arnaud, Jansenism: those who are perfect can receive communion. Communion is a gift, a present; the presence of Jesus in his Church and in the community. This is the theology. Then, those who are not in the community cannot receive communion, like this Jewish woman, but the Lord wanted to reward her without my knowledge. Why? Because they are out of the community - *ex-comunitate* - excommunicated they are called. It is a harsh term, but it means that they are not in the community, either because they do not belong to it, they are not baptised or have drifted away for some reason.

Second the problem of abortion. Abortion is more than a problem. Abortion is homicide. Abortion...without being ambiguous: whoever has an abortion kills. Take any book on embryology for medical students in medical school. The third week after conception, from the third week, often before the mamma is aware of it, all the organs are already there, even the DNA... Isn’t that a person? It is a human life, period. And this human life must be respected. This principle is so clear, and to those who cannot understand, I would ask two questions: is it right to kill a human life to solve a problem? Scientifically, it is a human life. The second question: is it right to hire a hitman to solve a problem? I said this publically to Jordi Évole when he did it, I said it the other day to COPE, I wanted to repeat it... and that’s enough. Don’t ask strange questions. Scientifically it is a human life. Books teach this. I ask: is it right to throw it out to solve a problem? That is why the Church is so hard on this issue, because it’s a little like if she were to accept it, if she accepts this, it would be like accepting daily murder. A Head of State was telling me that the decline in population began by them, there is an age gap, because in those years there was such a strong law on abortion that they did six million abortions, it is calculated, and this left a sharp drop in the society of that country.

Now let’s get to that person who is not in the community, who cannot receive communion because they are outside the community, and this is not a punishment. No, the person is outside. Communion is uniting yourself to the community. But the problem is not the theological problem -- that is simple -- the problem it is the pastoral problem: how do we bishops deal with this principle pastorally. And if we look at the history of the Church we will see that every time the bishops have dealt with a problem not as pastors, they have taken taken a political stance on a political problem. Think of St Bartholomew’s Night: "Oh, heretics, yes. But it’s a serious heresy...let’s cut all their throats...." No: it is a political matter. Let’s think of Joan of Arc, about that vision, let’s think of the witch-hunt.... Let’s think of the Campo de’ Fiori, of Savonarola, of all those people. When the Church defends a principle in an unpastoral manner, it acts on a political level. And this has always been the case, just look at history. What must the pastor do? Be a pastor. Be a pastor and don’t go around condemning, not condemning.... But is he a pastor for the excommunicated too? Yes, he is a pastor and must be a pastor with him, to be a pastors with God’s style. And God’s style is closeness, compassion and tenderness. The entire Bible says so. Closeness is already there in Deuteronomy where he says to Israel: "Tell me what people has its gods as close as I am to you?" Closeness, compassion. The Lord has compassion on us as we read in Ezekiel, in Hosea. Tenderness was there already in the beginning. It is enough to look in the Gospels and the things of Jesus. A pastor who does not know how to act with God’s style, is slipping and does many things that are not pastoral. For me, I do not want to specify, since you spoke of the United States, because I do not know the details well of the United States, I will give the principle. You could say to me: "But, if you are close, tender and compassionate with a person, would you give the person communion?" This is a hypothesis. Be a pastor, and the pastor knows what he must do at all times, but as a pastor. But if he goes out of the pastoral dimension of the Church, he immediately becomes a politician: You see this in all the accusations, in all the non-pastoral condemnations the Church makes... With this principle, I think a pastor should be able to move about well. The principles are taken from theology. Pastoral ministry is theology and the Holy Spirit who is leading you to act with the style of God. I dare say up to here. If you say: can you give or not give? This is casuistry, what the theologians say. Do you remember the storm that was whipped up with *Amoris laetitia* when it came out with the chapter on the accompaniment of separated couples, divorced? Heresy, heresy! Thanks be to God there was Cardinal Schönborn there who is a great theologian, and he clarified things. But always this condemnation, condemnation. An excommunication is enough, please let’s not make more excommunications. The poor people, they are children of God and they want and need our pastoral closeness. Then the pastor resolves things as the Spirit tells him.



POPE FRANCIS AT AUDIENCE: WALKING ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT MAKES US FREE

By Vatican News staff writer

Speaking to pilgrims gathered in the Paul VI Hall in the Vatican for Wednesday's General Audience, Pope Francis noted that Saint Paul's Letter to the Galatians shows his role as a great evangeliser, theologian, and pastor. He pointed out how he helps us discover "the shocking newness contained in the revelation of Jesus Christ", contemplating the mystery of Christ and sharing it with "creative intelligence" with those to whom he preached.

At the same time, he ably guided and encouraged a lost and confused community at the time with great pastoral sensitivity, the Pope observed, showing how the strength of the Spirit had "truly entered his heart" and how his meeting with the Risen Christ transformed his entire life.

Defending the freedom of Christ

The Pope emphasised the passion Saint Paul showed in defending the freedom that Christ brought - a passion that "still moves us today". With great conviction, Paul responded to the call he received to preach the Gospel, the Pope went on to say. Saint Paul pointed out to the Galatians that they, too, were called to the freedom that liberates them from every form of slavery by making them heirs of the ancient promise and children of God through Christ. Summing up what Paul teaches, the Pope said, "The fulfilment of the true Law is found in this life of the Spirit given to us by Jesus. And this life of the Spirit can only be lived in freedom: Christian freedom."

Walking according to the Spirit

Summing up this catechetical journey on the Letter to the Galatians, the Pope said the Apostle's teaching generates enthusiasm, being drawn to follow the way of freedom and "to walk according to the Spirit", which always makes us free. At the same time, he noted, we become more aware of our weaknesses as we see how challenging it is to be "docile to the Spirit, to surrender to His beneficial action". But we cannot let discouragement set in, the Pope said, recalling the Gospel episode of the disciples in the boat at the moment of the storm, when the Apostles woke Christ up to save them. In these very difficult moments of life, we need to "wake up Christ who is within us", adding, "We must rouse Christ in our hearts and only then will we be able to contemplate things with His eyes for He sees beyond the storm".

Calling on the Holy Spirit

In conclusion, the Pope said we should never grow weary of doing good, and we can always trust the Spirit will come to assist us in our weakness and give us the support we need. Therefore, we need to "learn to invoke the Holy Spirit more often", he said, and one of the great ways to do that is to recite often "the beautiful prayer" the Church recites on Pentecost: "Come, Holy Spirit".

With the presence of the Spirit, the Pope said, "we will protect our freedom", since "Christian freedom is what makes us grow" and makes true joy comes forth.

POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: WE ARE CALLED TO STRIVE FOR SINCERITY

By Vatican News staff writer

In his catechesis before leading the recitation of the Angelus, Pope Francis described the two scenes in today's Gospel: inside the Temple of Jerusalem we see the scribes who revel in being greeted and respected while they "devour widows' houses and recite long prayers in order to be seen"; then we see the poor widow, one of those exploited by the powers of the time, who drops coins in the Temple treasury, "everything she had, her whole living."

This contrast is a reason for us today to be on guard, the Pope said. "We must watch out" for those who live their faith with hypocrisy, like the scribes, in order to not become like them; whereas we must "watch" the widow whose sincerity, humility, and love for God are an example for us to follow.

Beware of hypocrisy, strive for sincerity

Putting this Gospel message into practice in our own lives, the Pope said we too need to watch out for hypocrisy in our lives, and beware of obsessing over our appearance, over externals, and over our own importance.

Hypocrisy can be "a dangerous illness of the soul," he warned. Worse yet is to manipulate faith so it serves our own interests, the Pope warned, recalling that the scribes, in the name of God, used religion for their own affairs, abusing their authority and exploiting the poor.

"This is a warning for all time and for everyone," the Pope emphasized, both for the Church and for society, that we must never abuse our position of authority, crushing others to make money off the poor.

He recommended that we need to ask ourselves how much we are focused on ourselves - whether our appearance, or what we say and do - rather than how we can truly be of service to God and neighbor, especially those most in need.

Trust in God's abundant love

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to watch the poor widow, the Pope noted, and how she gave all she had in her offering to the Temple treasury, but with the certainty that she had her everything in God.

She is an example for everyone because "she trusts in God's abundance, who multiplies the joy of those who give." The Pope said this is why Jesus points to her as a teacher of faith, since "she gives from her heart generously and freely," making the sounds of her few coins "more beautiful than the grandiose offerings of the rich," since they express a life sincerely dedicated to God with all her heart.

In conclusion, the Pope called on us to learn from the poor widow to develop a faith "without external frills" and marked by interior sincerity and "humble love for God and for our brothers and sisters."



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

Recently a high-ranking Vietnamese official accompanied the Vietnamese Prime minister to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> United Nations Climate Change conference in Glasgow, Scotland, and then made an official visit in London at the end of the conference. During the London stay he and some of his mates were spotted at one of the most expensive restaurants in the world where he was mouth-served one of the most expensive steaks, if not the most, by the owner, a famous Turkish chef.

The video clip of the infamous meal was shared by the chef together with the thirty plus thousand pound bill, and this meal has made a lot of people angry, since the official and his companions obviously were insensitive to many Vietnamese who have still struggled to deal with Covid-19 and get food on their tables.

While the overseas-based Vietnamese papers and social media have reacted angrily to the story, the locally based journalist and bloggers have kept silent clearly for fear of retribution. However, there was a clever journalist, who seemed to have a swing at these rotten men by penning an article about the rise of beef in the world market that has turned the item beyond the reach of a lot of ordinary people, particularly in Asia.

This current-affair story somehow reminds us of how apocalyptic writers both in the Early Church and long before that meant to do through their apocalyptic writings, that in order to avoid putting themselves in danger for voicing their criticism at the powerful persecutors, they used symbolic language to describe the brutal times they were made to face, and raise hope in the community for deliverance at the end time to come. Two good examples of that would be both the first reading from the prophet Daniel and the Gospel account we have for this second last one of the liturgical year.

Armed with such a useful background, let us turn our focus particularly on the Gospel passage. Here we see how the writer of the Gospel utilized cosmic elements, such as the darkened sun and moon, to help his contemporary reflect upon the trials and tribulations they had endured under the hands of the Christian-hunting Romans. He, however, had no intention to frighten, but rather to encourage them to stay firm and strong in their faith, since the Son of Man, their Lord, will come in glory with his angels, though his time always remains unknown, even the angels of heaven and the Son Himself. God, the Father alone has enjoyed such a fore knowledge.

With us, who have endured some of the most difficult times of our lives caused by the pandemic, this Sunday Gospel has a special significance, for it seems to remind us of the ever presence of the almighty and powerful God in our lives, and He, in no doubt, will take us through even the valley of death, consequently, we should have no fear, but always hope in Him, the Lord of all.

Today, let us ask the Lord to grant us his faith-strengthening grace, so that we will continue to remain in hope and optimism no matter where we are, or what happens in our lives.

Have a faith-filled week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...



NOVEMBER MASS INTENTIONS

November is the month dedicated to all our deceased. Each year we compile a book of deceased loved ones who

we pray for during the month of November. If you would like to add your loved ones names to the book of Remembrance, it is located at the front of the Church. Special November Mass envelopes are also available which will be placed on the altar for the month of November.



**LOURDES OVER 50's**, for those booked on the courtesy bus on Monday 15 November please be outside the Parish Hall by 8:45am

**LOURDES OVER 50's** meeting is on Thursday 18th November at 10.30am in the Parish Hall. Please bring your own lunch. Tea/coffee cake and sweets supplied. Parishioners are welcome to join us.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parents are reminded we have the Confirmation practice this Tuesday 16 November at 6:30pm.

The Sacrament of Confirmation Mass will be on Thursday 18th November at 7.30pm and will be

celebrated by Bishop Vincent Long.

Please continue to keep these children in your prayers during this important time.

MINISTERS - ROSTER UPDATES DUE MONDAY  
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.



**PIETY SHOP** New stock has arrived in time for Confirmation and First Holy Communion and Baptism. If you haven't been in there for a while call in and see for yourself. We are also selling the 2022 Daily Missal and Ordo. 2022 Columban Art Calendar or the

Josephite Calendar with inspirations from St Mary of the Cross Mackillop, Advent and Christmas prayer books. Please be aware that cash is the only form of payment when visiting the shop on weekends. EFTPOS is available during the week.

Please call Alison in the parish office to make an appointment, Tuesday—Friday 10-2pm 96222920

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ENCYCLICAL LETTER **FRATELLI TUTTI** OF THE HOLY FATHER **FRANCIS** ON FRATERNITY & SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP  
CHAPTER ONE - AN ABSENCE OF HUMAN DIGNITY ON THE BORDERS

*The Illusion of Communication* 42. Oddly enough, while closed and intolerant attitudes towards others are on the rise, distances are otherwise shrinking or disappearing to the point that the right to privacy scarcely exists. Everything has become a kind of spectacle to be examined and inspected, and people's lives are now under constant surveillance. Digital communication wants to bring everything out into the open; people's lives are combed over, laid bare and banded about, often anonymously. Respect for others disintegrates, and even as we dismiss, ignore or keep others distant, we can shamelessly peer into every detail of their lives.

43. Digital campaigns of hatred and destruction, for their part, are not – as some would have us believe – a positive form of mutual support, but simply an association of individuals united against a perceived common enemy. "Digital media can also expose people to the risk of addiction, isolation and a gradual loss of contact with concrete reality, blocking the development of authentic interpersonal relationships". They lack the physical gestures, facial expressions, moments of silence, body language and even the smells, the trembling of hands, the blushes and perspiration that speak to us and are a part of human communication. Digital relationships, which do not demand the slow and gradual cultivation of friendships, stable interaction or the building of a consensus that matures over time, have the appearance of sociability. Yet they do not really build community; instead, they tend to disguise and expand the very individualism that finds expression in xenophobia and in contempt for the vulnerable. Digital connectivity is not enough to build bridges. It is not capable of uniting humanity.

*Shameless aggression* 44. Even as individuals maintain their comfortable consumerist isolation, they can choose a form of constant and febrile bonding that encourages remarkable hostility, insults, abuse, defamation and verbal violence destructive of others, and this with a lack of restraint that could not exist in physical contact without tearing us all apart. Social aggression has found unparalleled room for expansion through computers and mobile devices.

45. This has now given free rein to ideologies. Things that until a few years ago could not be said by anyone without risking the loss of universal respect can now be said with impunity, and in the crudest of terms, even by some political figures. Nor should we forget that "there are huge economic interests operating in the digital world, capable of exercising forms of control as subtle as they are invasive, creating mechanisms for the manipulation of consciences and of the democratic process. The way many platforms work often ends up favouring encounter between persons who think alike, shielding them from debate. These closed circuits facilitate the spread of fake news and false information, fomenting prejudice and hate".

46. We should also recognize that destructive forms of fanaticism are at times found among religious believers, including Christians; they too "can be caught up in networks of verbal violence through the internet and the various forums of digital communication. Even in Catholic media, limits can be overstepped, defamation and slander can become commonplace, and all ethical standards and respect for the good name of others can be abandoned". How can this contribute to the fraternity that our common Father asks of us?

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

13/14 November 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Kilifi Huihui	
Ministers	Vigil: SUB REQ, Charmaine Jansz 8am: Erika Hien, Faylene Kennedy 9.30am: Barbara Chandler, Eugene Miu	
Readers	Vigil: Noreen Do Rosario, Benno Motha 8am: Anne McNally, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Kamela Huihui, Jeanine Nonato	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, Lucas Laus, Amelia Laus 8am: Riley, Erika, Jaylen Naing 9.30am Chloe Attard, Sofia Culili, Majerin Pieris	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Please bring a plate	
Flowers	Claudette and Karen	
Church cleaning	20 November	Helen Gonzales, Dennis Gonzales, Adrian Pinto, Johnson Rozario, Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Urge 8am: Rita Paolini 9.30am: Lena Falzon	

20/21 November 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Noel Emmanuel	
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Louise La Guidara 8am: Eugene Miu, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Paul Gow, Adrian Walker	
Readers	Vigil: Alison Punch, Marinela Simic 8am: Nina Arambulo, Pepito Ferriols 9.30am: Mery Aquino, Helen Katopau	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alex La Guidara, Christina La Guidara, Alex Spadaro 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am Leo Cilili, Celestina Katopau, Oliana Katopau	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Please bring a plate	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church cleaning	24 November	Sue Abela, Jessie Borg, Anne McNally
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain	


## PARISH NEWS...

### REPORT FROM PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

After a long break due to lockdown, members of our Parish Pastoral Council met again last Wednesday and Br Frank was invited to join us as a guest speaker to keep us informed of the Earthcare program and spirituality involving various concrete steps to respond to Pope Francis, Laudato Si encyclical. As part of the program, the Earthcare Families initiative inviting all families to takepart will be launched from 6.30pm-8.00pm on 29<sup>th</sup> of November. Registrations open from November 14 at <https://www.trybooking.com/BUMMY>

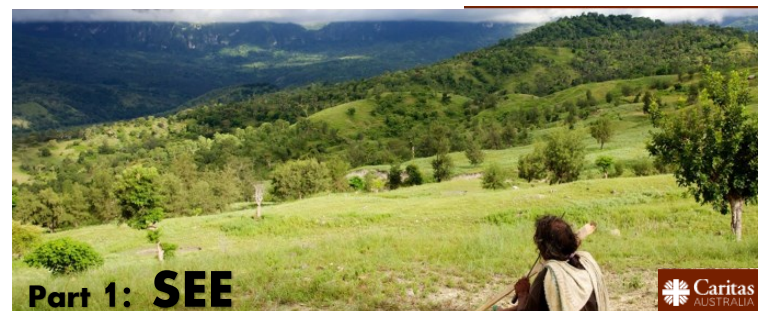
As a personal response to Pope Francis' invitation, we begin to dedicate the weekly Earthcare space in our Parish bulletin as the platform to keep our community informed with the latest news of the Earthcare ministry, to bring awareness of it, and also provide practical tips for all to do to better care for our world and the environment.

You are most welcomed to contact our Parish office for ideas and suggestions to make it work well in our parish.



**EARTHCARE PRAYER FOR FAMILIES**

Love of the poor,  
we pray for all families that they may be 'the place in which life, the gift of God, can be properly welcomed and protected.'  
May they be specially attentive to the Cry of the Poor and work toward the fullness of life for all, especially for the most vulnerable and neglected members of our common family.



**Pause** for a moment and consider your surroundings. What kind of environment do you live, learn and grow in? Is it alpine, coastal, desert, savannah or riverine plains country?

'Country' is the term often used by Aboriginal people to describe the lands, waterways and seas to which they are connected.

Do you know whose Country you are on? If not, use the [Map of Indigenous Australia](#) to find out.

For a moment, **reflect** on how people in the past lived, learned and grew in your local area.

What is *your* special connection to your local environment? If you can, **share a story** of how you are connected to your local environment.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

**INVITATIONS ARE OPEN TO JOIN THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL COUNCIL** Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv is inviting parishioners across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to apply for membership to the Diocesan Pastoral Council. If you feel called to serve in this way or know someone in your parish that would be a wonderful candidate, apply today by visiting [parracatholic.org/diocesan-pastoral-council/](http://parracatholic.org/diocesan-pastoral-council/). Applications close Monday 15 November.

### SYNOD OF BISHOPS—HAVE YOUR SAY

Catholics across Australia are invited to participate in a period of local consultation for the next international Synod of Bishops, which has the theme: "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation and Mission". Pope Francis has invited us to embark on this journey together, with the first step being to contribute our thoughts to the conversation. You can contribute to the conversation at [bit.ly/listeningchurch](http://bit.ly/listeningchurch) and find out more at <http://www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

**LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSE 2022** the enrolment form for the Liturgical Ministry Formation Course 2022 which will commence early next year. Please take one and return by Friday 4th February 2022

### BEING IN TOUCH WITH GOD THROUGH CREATION

St Finbars Glenbrook Parish Reflection Day, led by Cecilia Zammit and Melissa McDonald. Morning tea and lunch provided. Cost: \$5 RSVP by 29/11 [Secretary@stfinbars.org.au](mailto:Secretary@stfinbars.org.au)

### 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).

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NOVEMBER 2021		
15	LOURDES OVER 50'S- BUS TRIP	8.45am
17	BAPTISM PREPARATION MEETING	7.30pm
18	LOURDES OVER 50'S MEETING	10.30am
18	CONFIRMATION	7.00pm
22-26	FR HENRY'S RETREAT	
24	FHC PRACTICE <b>Group 1</b>	6.30pm
28	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS - <b>GRP 1</b>	11.30am
DECEMBER 2021		
1	FHC PRACTICE <b>Group 2</b>	6.30pm
5	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS - <b>GRP 2</b>	11.30am