



Jesus is Our King!

### Letter Tile Puzzle

Unscramble the tiles to reveal a message from today's Gospel story. Each tile has the same number of characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). Spaces are shown as blanks on the letter tiles.

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**Kings' Things.** Today's Gospel story talks about King Herod and the king we worship — Jesus. Below are pictures of some "king things." If you think it's a picture of something King Herod would have, draw a big "X" through it. If it's a picture of something that makes you think of Jesus, draw a circle around it.



Our Lord, Jesus Christ, King of the Universe



Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." John 18:33-37

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WORD TILES  
EVERYONE WHO  
BELONGS TO THE TRUTH  
LISTENS TO MY VOICE.



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:** 24th November 2021 7:30pm

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

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**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

**•Year B - 21 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/LOL7Hills/>

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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**

**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)

### Let us Pray for the Sick



Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, David Benjamin, Barrie Chamberlain, Myrna G Cruz, Elizabeth Ehsman, Melvin Fernandes, Jose Garcia, 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:** Most Rev Bill Wright, Des Adams, Clarissa Flores, Edna Bacud, Vicki Oddo, Eric Balagtas,

Denis Brophy, Mary Grace Cepe, David Quan Hien Dang, Peter Diab, Denisa Fantillo, Wilfredo Faunal, Cruz Fernandez, Marie Hossen, Shanil Jayatilake, Paul Mowbray, Hanh My Thi Nguyen, Salvacion Palamos, Fr. Renato Mario Paras, Frank Papallo, Deacon Owen Rogers, Thai Tran Van, Maria Ly Thi Tran, Leo Vinci,

**Anniversaries:** Carmen Attard, Antonio, Alberto, Charlie Axiak, Carolina Borg, Bertram Bosen, Gladys Bosen, Sam Debatatta, Silvia Debatatta, Christiansen Dias, Cini Family, Ngan Siu Eng Florencio Flores, Mr & Mrs Francis, Michael and Alice de Robillard, Rose Fernandes, Charlie Gauci, Martha Joseph, Ajay Kallukalam, Felicidad Maglaya, Ngoc Khuong Mai, Mangion Family, Edouard Mahomudally, Pauline Meilak, Joe Moutia, Lourda Motha, Connie and Vincent Muscat, Joseph Thang Xuan Nguyen, Romeo M Palamos, Alex Pinto, Lee Pisch, Roseline Ratnam, Felcy Rodrigues, Cyprian Rodrigues, Jose Sanchez, Nunelon de los Santos, Natalie Spiteri, Tony Vassallo, Jim and Alison Vella, Mr & Mrs Zan

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

### 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.*



FIRST READING  
A reading from the prophet Daniel 7:13-14

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed. The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed;  
the Lord has robed himself with might,  
he has girded himself with power. (R.)

Truly your decrees are to be trusted.  
Holiness is fitting to your house,  
O Lord, until the end of time (R.)

The world you made firm, not to be moved;  
your throne has stood firm from of old.  
From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R.)

SECOND READING A reading from the book of Apocalypse. 1:5-8

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. ‘I am the Alpha and the Omega’ says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father,  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 18:33-37

‘Are you the king of the Jews?’ Pilate asked. Jesus replied, ‘Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?’ Pilate answered, ‘Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?’ Jesus replied, ‘Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.’ ‘So you are a king then?’ said Pilate. ‘It is you who say it’ answered Jesus. ‘Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.’  
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 (final)

The Lord is good and will save everyone. Don't say this out loud [laughs], but the Lord desires that everyone be saved, but please, don't make the Church deny her truth. Many, many people with a homosexual orientation approach the sacrament of penance to seek counsel from priests and the Church helps them move forward in their own lives, but the sacrament of marriage is something else.  
Then the Pope added:  
And thanks to all of you! Do you want to know something beautiful about one of you -- I leave this as a *fioretto* before taking my leave. It is said that this journalist is available 24 hours a day for work and that she always lets others go first, she behind, and that she always gives the floor to others and remains silent. How beautiful to say this about a journalist, and this is what Manuel Beltran says about our Eva Fernandez. Thank you!

POPE FRANCIS: ST JOSEPH, AN EXAMPLE AND A WITNESS FOR OUR TIMES

By Christopher Wells  
Pope Francis began a new cycle of catecheses on St Joseph at his weekly Audience on Wednesday, explaining that “today, as never before, in this time marked by a global crisis,” St Joseph can offer us “support, consolation, and guidance.” As the year of St Joseph draws to a close, the Pope said he hoped his reflections might “further help us to allow ourselves to be enlightened by his example and by his witness.”

A man full of faith

The Holy Father set the stage for his teaching with a reflection on the biblical context of the life of St Joseph. Recalling the figure of Joseph, the son of Jacob, in the Old Testament, Pope Francis noted that the name “Joseph” – Hebrew for “may God increase, may God give growth” – is “a wish, a blessing based on trust in God’s providence and referring especially to fertility and raising children.” This, he said, “reveals an essential aspect of Joseph of Nazareth’s personality. He is a man full of faith in God, in His providence.”  
Pope Francis went on to consider the places associated with St Joseph, especially Bethlehem and Nazareth, which “assume an important role in our understanding” of the saint.  
Bethlehem, he said, means “house of bread” or, in Arabic, “house of meat,” both expressions that are full of significances in light of the Incarnation and the Eucharist. Bethlehem also recalls the story of Ruth, the great grandmother of David the king, from whom Joseph traces his descent; as well as the prophecy of Micah, who foretold the coming of the Messiah from Bethlehem. While Jerusalem was “the city loved by the Lord, the ‘holy city’,” it was Bethlehem and Nazareth, both outlying villages, “far from the clamour of the news and the powers of the time” that are most associated with Saint Joseph. “The choice of Bethlehem and Nazareth tells us that the periphery and marginality are preferred by God,” Pope Francis said. “Failure to take this fact seriously is equivalent to not taking seriously the Gospel and the work of God.”

Going to the peripheries

Jesus, the Pope emphasized, goes out especially in search of those on the peripheries, not only sinners, but also “those who have done no evil but have suffered it: the sick, the hungry, the poor, the least.”  
Now, as then, the Pope said, “there is a centre and a periphery” in society; and, as in the time of Jesus, “the Church knows that she is called to proclaim the good news from the periphery.” Here St Joseph can be an example, reminding each of us to accord special importance “to what others cast aside.” In this sense, the Pope said, St Joseph “is truly a master of the essential: he reminds us that what truly matters does not attract our attention, but requires patient discernment to be discovered and appreciated.”  
Pope Francis asked us to pray for Joseph’s intercession, “that the whole Church might recover this insight,” adding, “Let us start again from Bethlehem, let us start again from Nazareth.”  
And to all those living on the geographical or existential peripheries, the Pope had this message: “May you find in Saint Joseph the witness and protector to whom you can look.”

Prayer to St Joseph

Concluding his catechesis, Pope Francis offered the following prayer to St Joseph:  
Saint Joseph,  
you who always trusted God,  
and made your choices  
guided by His providence  
teach us not to count so much on our own plans  
but on His plan of love.  
You who come from the peripheries  
help us to convert our gaze  
and to prefer what the world discards and marginalises.  
Comfort those who feel alone  
and support those who work silently  
to defend life and human dignity. Amen

POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: THOSE WHO DO GOOD ARE INVESTING IN ETERNITY

By Linda Bordoni

Taking his cue from the Gospel passage of the day, Pope Francis explained that Jesus tells us that everything passes but His words, and he invited the faithful to build Heaven on earth, “because good is never lost, it lasts forever.”

**Speaking during the Sunday Angelus** in St. Peter’s Square, the Pope recalled the Gospel of Mark in which Jesus says “The sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven.”

However, he continued, the Lord was not a doomsayer, His intention is to make us understand that sooner or later everything in this world passes except for God’s love and the Gospel’s saving message.

A guide for the important things in life

The Pope said this valuable message guides us in the important decisions in life.

Urging us not to give too much value to things that give us immediate satisfaction, and not to be too attached to things that pass, “like money, appearance, physical well-being,” he said it is important to go beyond the immediate, with patience, and build one’s life doing good.

The invitation he said, is not to build your life on sand: “According to Jesus, the faithful disciple is the one who founds his life on the rock, which is His Word.”

Quoting from Saint Paul, the Pope said “*Love never ends*” and he reminded us that “Those who do good, are investing in eternity.”

Building Heaven on earth

“When we see a person who is generous and helpful, meek, patient, who is not envious, does not gossip, does not brag, is not puffed up with pride, does not lack respect, (*Cor* 13:4-7), this is a person who builds Heaven on earth. They may not be noticed or have a career, and yet, what they do will not be lost because good is never lost, it lasts forever,” he said.

Thus, the Pope continued, that to base one’s life on His Word “is not an escape from history, but an immersion into earthly realities in order to make them solid, to transform them with love, imprinting on them the sign of eternity, the sign of God.”

He concluded by inviting believers to make important choices bearing this in mind: “Before deciding, let us imagine that we are standing in front of Jesus, as at the end of life, before Him who is love. Imagining ourselves there, in His presence, at the threshold of eternity, we make the decision for today. It may not be the easiest, the most immediate, but it will be the right one.”

Christ is present in the poor

After the recitation of the Marian prayer, the Pope recalled that today we celebrate the Fifth World Day of the Poor. He reminded those following that it was established “as a fruit of the Jubilee of Mercy.”

“Christ is present in the poor,” he said, adding that “The cry of the poor, united to the cry of the earth,” resounded in recent days at the United Nations Climate Change Summit, COP26, in Glasgow.

“I encourage those with political and economic responsibilities to act now with courage and foresight,” the Pope said, and he highlighted the fact that today, on the World Day of the Poor, registrations open for the *Laudato si’ Action Platform* that promotes integral ecology.

World Diabetes Day

Finally, Pope Francis marked “World Diabetes Day,” celebrated annually on 14 November. Noting that it is a chronic disease that afflicts many people, including young people and children, the Pope said “I pray for all of them and for those who share their difficulties every day, as well as for the health care workers and volunteers who assist them.”

POPE FRANCIS INFLIGHT INTERVIEW FROM THE RECENT EUROPEAN TRIP (final)

**Stefano Maria Paci (Sky Tg 24):** Good afternoon, Holy Father. Knowing you, I think you will consider this message I am about to give you as a type of gift. Knowing that I would be traveling with you, she asked me to give this to you. It was sent to me yesterday evening by Edith Bruck, the Jewish writer, deported to Auschwitz at 13 years old, winner of the Strega Giovani Prize. And you, completely out of the normal, went to her home in the center of Rome to meet her. It is a long message signed, “Your Sister Edith,” in which she thanks you for your repeated appeals and deeds against anti-Semitism on this trip. the first words are: “Dear Pope Francis, your words about anti-semitism not having been eradicated today are more relevant than ever, not only in the countries you are visiting, but in all of Europe”.

**Pope Francis:** This is true. Anti-Semitism is fashionable, it is resurging. It is an ugly, ugly, ugly thing....

**SMP: And a question about the family: You spoke about it with the Hungarian authorities, you repeated it yesterday in your meeting with young people. And a resolution came from Strasbourg, the news arrived precisely yesterday from the European Parliament that is inviting Member States to recognize same sex marriage and related parental relationships. Holy Father, what is your thought about this?**

I have spoken clearly about this, no? Marriage is a sacrament. *Matrimony* is a sacrament. The Church has no power to change the sacraments as the Lord has instituted them. There are laws that try to help the situations of many people who have a different sexual orientation. And this is important, that people be helped...but without imposing things that, but its nature, don't go in the Church. But if they want to bear life together, a homosexual couple, the States have the possibility, civilly, to support them, to give them an assurance regarding inheritance, healthcare, but... The French have a law regarding this, not only for homosexuals, but for all people who want to associate themselves together. But marriage as a sacrament is clear, it is clear. But that there be civil laws that... three widows, for example, who want to join together by law to have health services, to have a bit of inheritance among them, they do these things. This is the French PACS [editor: civil solidarity pact] this law, I don't know it well... it has nothing to do with homosexual couples; that homosexual couples use it, can use it, but matrimony as a sacrament is between man and woman. Sometimes, as I was saying, confusion is created. Yes, we must...everyone is equal, respect everyone:



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

I just wonder how many parishioners in our parish were born in 1925? I hope we might have a few amongst us born in such a year, which has something to do with the feast, namely Christ the King we celebrate to mark the end of our liturgical year this weekend.

Prior to the institution of the feast by Pope Pius XI on 12 December, 1925 through his ‘Quas primas’ encyclical, the rise of nationalism, authoritarianism, and secularism had suddenly popped up all over the world. For instance, Benito Mussolini decided to dissolve the Italian parliament and took control of the country as a dictator; Adolf Hitler resurrected his political party and Paul von Hindenburg, a conservative, mendacious German war-hero was elected president of Germany and went on to appoint Hitler as chancellor; and the Communist party in China expanded its membership from a few hundred members to more than 20,000 under the anti-imperialist banner.

Establishing the feast of Christ the King, the pope aimed to emphasize the sovereignty of our Lord Jesus Christ over all forms of political governance, meaning that he is above all rulers, kings and queens and leaders on earth. The claim of Christ’s kingship has enjoyed the support of the New Testaments writers such as Mark (cf. Mk 11.9-10; 13.26; 15.29-39), Paul (cf. Col 1.12-20) and John in the Gospel today (Jn 18.33-37).

From a theological perspective, this feast means to celebrate these two dimensions of Christ’s kingship, namely messianic and universal. As the messianic king, Christ came to bring salvation to all men and women on earth by his life, death and resurrection, and lead us into the kingdom of God, and as a universal king, he rules the hearts and minds of all citizens of the world, and no one on earth is not subordinate to his sovereignty.

Although initially intended to challenge the rise of political absolutism, recent scholarship has begun to turn its focus on the ecclesiological implications of the title. For instance, it can help to highlight the concept of the Church as the servant of the Kingdom of God. Since the kingdom of God regularly talked about by Jesus throughout his ministry is not fully realized, the task of the Church is not about drawing all people into itself, but rather about going out to bear witness to Christ the King beyond church-boundary, in other words, the Church needs to turn itself into a missionary Church as Pope Francis has encouraged us. In his own words, Jesus in the Gospel this Sunday describes his kingship in term of truth when Pilate asked him whether he is a king. Jesus had no hesitation to say yes to Pilate, and then went on to clarify what his kingship was about, that it meant to bear witness to the truth and gather all who listen to his invitation, in other words, it has nothing to do with power, glory and glamour as the rest of the worldly kingship.

As we say good bye to this liturgical year filled with wonders and surprises, let us give praise and thanks to the Lord for keeping us safe, despite the unprecedented hurdle of the pandemic we have to overcome. Let us ask the Son of God (1) to strengthen our faith in him as the King, the Master of all, whose power surpasses our mind and understanding, and (2) to take us out of the valley of Covid-19 and bring our lives back to normal.

Have a blessed week filled with praise and thanks to Christ, our King.

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.



NEW LIFE IN CHRIST ADVENT BOOK

As a way to help all members of our parish better prepared for Christmas this year, I would like to encourage each family in our community to obtain a copy of New Life in Christ published by the archdiocese of Brisbane for this coming Advent. The cost is \$3.50/each, and we ask for gold coin donation if you don’t mind.

**LEGION OF MARY** Starts back Thursday 25th November 1.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome

**CHRIST COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP** Thursday 9am in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome

**RECONCILIATION** will be held in the church, on **Saturdays 4:30pm-5:30pm**.

**FR HENRY’S ANNUAL RETREAT** As required, I will be away from Monday 22 to Friday 26 November for an annual retreat, and Fr Luan Le OFM Cap is generous to offer his help to say our weekday Masses. Please make him feel welcome, and I would like to thank him for his generosity.

CANCELLATION OF CONFIRMATION

Due to all year 6 students in our parish isolation, we had to cancel our recent Confirmation and are working to re-schedule it at another time, probably before Christmas, so our year 6 children can receive the sacrament of Confirmation before they leave primary education. I would like to thank all children and parents for their patient co-operation.

**PIETY SHOP** New stock has arrived in time for 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 Alisoni@olol7hills.com.au







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

**Information without wisdom** 47. True wisdom demands an encounter with reality. Today, however, everything can be created, disguised and altered. A direct encounter even with the fringes of reality can thus prove intolerable. A mechanism of selection then comes into play, whereby I can immediately separate likes from dislikes, what I consider attractive from what I deem distasteful. In the same way, we can choose the people with whom we wish to share our world. Persons or situations we find unpleasant or disagreeable are simply deleted in today's virtual networks; a virtual circle is then created, isolating us from the real world in which we are living.

48. The ability to sit down and listen to others, typical of interpersonal encounters, is paradigmatic of the welcoming attitude shown by those who transcend narcissism and accept others, caring for them and welcoming them into their lives. Yet "today's world is largely a deaf world... At times, the frantic pace of the modern world prevents us from listening attentively to what another person is saying. Halfway through, we interrupt him and want to contradict what he has not even finished saying. We must not lose our ability to listen". Saint Francis "heard the voice of God, he heard the voice of the poor, he heard the voice of the infirm and he heard the voice of nature. He made of them a way of life. My desire is that the seed that Saint Francis planted may grow in the hearts of many".[\[49\]](#)

49. As silence and careful listening disappear, replaced by a frenzy of texting, this basic structure of sage human communication is at risk. A new lifestyle is emerging, where we create only what we want and exclude all that we cannot control or know instantly and superficially. This process, by its intrinsic logic, blocks the kind of serene reflection that could lead us to a shared wisdom.

50. Together, we can seek the truth in dialogue, in relaxed conversation or in passionate debate. To do so calls for perseverance; it entails moments of silence and suffering, yet it can patiently embrace the broader experience of individuals and peoples. The flood of information at our fingertips does not make for greater wisdom. Wisdom is not born of quick searches on the internet nor is it a mass of unverified data. That is not the way to mature in the encounter with truth. Conversations revolve only around the latest data; they become merely horizontal and cumulative. We fail to keep our attention focused, to penetrate to the heart of matters, and to recognize what is essential to give meaning to our lives. Freedom thus becomes an illusion that we are peddled, easily confused with the ability to navigate the internet. The process of building fraternity, be it local or universal, can only be undertaken by spirits that are free and open to authentic encounters

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

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	

27/28 November 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: Derrick Soares 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Fayelene Kennedy	
Ministers	Vigil: Jemma Sarimento, Rosey Soares 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Anne McNally 9.30am: Antony Terrance Joseph, Carole Brooks	
Readers	Vigil: Catherine Rodrigues, Benno Motha 8am: Kathy Walker, Maricel Santos 9.30am SUB REQ, Adrian Walker	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Noah Ebb, Alexander Bateman Paul 8am: Leonardo Costello, Saoires Costello, Sebastian Costello 9.30am Chloe Attard, Saofia Culili, Majerin Pieris	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Please bring a plate	
Flowers	Annette & Mary B	
Church cleaning	1 December	Carole Brooks, Lourdes Spiteri, Suzi Nemnorin, Novelo Paylaga
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici 8am: Rita Paolini 9.30am: Maria Michael	

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### BEING IN TOUCH WITH GOD THROUGH CREATION

St Finbars Glenbrook Parish Reflection Day, 4TH December 10:30am-4pm.led by Cecilia Zammit and Melissa McDonald. Morning tea and lunch provided. Cost: \$5 RSVP by 29/11 Secretary@stfinbars.org.au



### SUMMER PROGRAM JANUARY 2022

Registration for the Campion College Summer Program is now open! If you know a 16-20 year old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for one of the immersive four-day programs in January 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: [www.campion.edu.au/summer-program](http://www.campion.edu.au/summer-program)

### ADVENT 2021 WITH BRUCE DOWNES, THE CATHOLIC GUY

You are invited to 'Expect the Unexpected' this Advent. Join me each day for a short, free Advent Daily Devotional Video that will guide you on a life-changing journey. Starting November 28th you'll receive short inspirational videos each day from Bruce Downes, full of real life stories and practical ways to become all that God has created you to be! Register now or for more information: <https://brucedownes.org/registerforadvent/> Email: [info@brucedownes.org](mailto:info@brucedownes.org)

### BISHOPS CHRISTMAS APPEAL –PRE WEEKEND

No mother or child should be homeless and without support at Christmas. Catholic Care's Houses to Homes provides hope for vulnerable women and children facing abuse and hardship. Your kind donation today will help change the lives of homeless young women, who like Mary, seek a safe haven to raise their newborn child. Please give generously via the Bishop's Christmas Appeal giving envelopes or online at [yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal](http://yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal)

O L O L PARISH CALENDAR		
NOVEMBER 2021		
22-26	FR HENRY'S RETREAT	
24	FHC PRACTICE Group 1	6.30pm
24	BAPTISMAL PREP MEETING	7.30pm
25	LEGION OF MARY	1.30pm
25	FINANCE MEETING	8.00pm
27-28	BISHOPS CHRISTMAS APPEAL	
28	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS - GRP 1	11.30am
DECEMBER 2021		
1	FHC PRACTICE Group 2	6.30pm
5	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS - GRP 2	11.30am

## DIOCESAN NEWS

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

### HELP OUR INMATES FEEL THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

With the beginning of the Season of Advent upon us, the Diocese of Parramatta, through CatholicCare Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains, are collecting blank Christmas cards that will be distributed by our prison chaplains to inmates to send to their families this Christmas. You can leave unused Christmas cards at any CatholicCare offices across the Diocese, which can be found by visiting <https://catholicoutlook.info/inmatecards>

### 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 [paracatholic.org/diocesanfooddrive](http://paracatholic.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 [safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org) or [maria.kervin@parracatholic.org](mailto:maria.kervin@parracatholic.org).

**EARTHCARE**  
**CRY OF THE EARTH - CONSUMERISM**  
"The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth."  
Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* n21

We live in a disposable culture where consumer goods are produced in their millions, usually powered by fossil fuels and with a short life span, but at what cost to our environment?

**PLASTIC**  
Humans use lots of plastic. Did you know plastic never breaks down? It can only be physically broken into smaller pieces or recycled.

**E-WASTE**  
Millions of electronic devices like televisions, computers and mobile phones are discarded in Australia every year. **Blacktown Council have FREE drop off sites.** <https://www.blacktown.nsw.gov.au/Services/Waste/Special-waste/Special-waste#section-3>

start recycling or improve current recycling

start a compost bin

Start using material bags or reuse thick plastic bags for shopping

Reuse cardboard boxes from mail

Ditch plastic drink bottles

make an old t-shirt into a bag