

Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Corner

19 December 2021

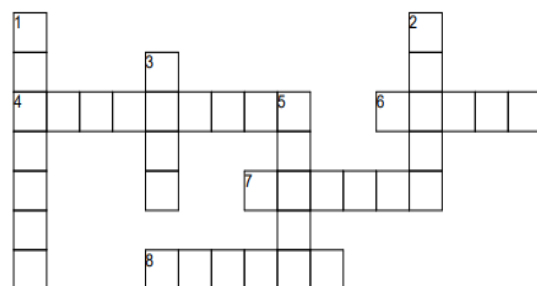
4th Sunday of ADVENT



Mary Visits Elizabeth

A few days later Mary hurried to the hill country of Judea, to the town 40 where Zechariah lived. She entered the house and greeted Elizabeth. Luke 1:39-40 (NLT)

The puzzle is based on Luke 1:39-45 (NLT)



HORIZONTAL

4. The wife of Zechariah.
6. To go see someone or something.
7. To leap; to move suddenly
8. Elizabeth was _____ with the Holy Spirit.

VERTICAL

1. Highly favored; fortunate
2. A young person; a boy or a girl
3. The mother of Jesus.
5. A dwelling where people live

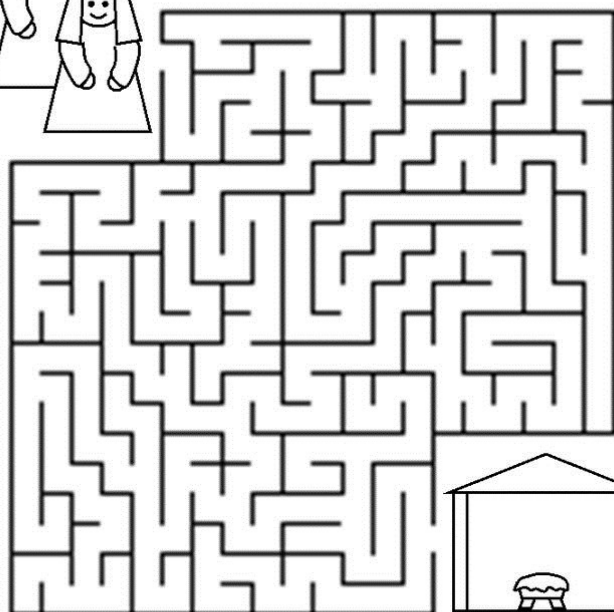
BLESSED	ELIZABETH	JUMPED	HOUSE
MARY	VISIT	CHILD	FILLED



Fourth Sunday of Advent - Love

"Blessed are you"

Help Mary and Joseph get to the stable.



For more creative learning ideas check out
www.makinglearningfun.com



"Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb."

Luke 1: 39-45



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay."

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Parish Office Team: Mrs Erika Hien, Alison Lette, Kim Dang, Sarah Lenthall.
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9am - 3.00pm
WEEKDAY MASS: Tuesday—Friday 8.00am
WEEKEND MASS: Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9:30am

Parish School: OLOL 8869 6800
Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-5:30pm
Baptismal Preparation: 16th February 2022
Baptism: 30th January 2022
Parish Website: www.lol7hills.com.au
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0405833655

Forth Sunday of Advent 19 December • Year C •

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/>



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



Face Masks are strongly encouraged.

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.

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, security system and solar panels on Church.

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.

Let us Pray for the Sick



Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, David Benjamin, Barrie Chamberlain, Myrna G Cruz, Elizabeth Ehsman, Melvyn Fernandes, Jose Garcia, Wendy & Klaus, Anslan Lawrence, Spencer Leon, Cynthia Lopez, Carmenu M, Gerard Marcello, Marie Marchand, Ananda Nayana, Wiranjan Peiris, Salome Pillay, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Sandra Roseworn, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Si-vapatham, Joan Spillane, Pummalin Sumcad, Sue Tipaldo, Natalie Woodward.

If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner that is unwell please contact Father Henry or the Parish Office on 9622 2920. We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Peter Lawman, Alan Kidd, Floyd Fitzgerald, Danielle Blanch, Eric Byrnes, Felicup Carmen, Cruz Fernandez, Zenaida Garcia, Rose Figura, Felina Cabral Mayuyo, Shani Jayatileke, Daniel Gullifer.

Anniversaries: Carmen Attard, Lionel Bosen, Mary Camenzuli, Cini Family, Dennis Clarke, Sam and Sylvia De Bathista, Philomena Corera, Rita de Silva, Ivan Elisher, MA Fernando, Theodore Garcia, Stephen Gravina, Salvam Iru-dayaraj, Martha Joseph, Mangion Family, Irene Moroney, Thelma Morrissey, Anton & Xavier Mocha, Paul Mula, Aurora Nonato, Gil Opina, Jose Reyes, Laureano Reyes, Tony Vassollo, Jim and Alison Vella.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Toufic, Debe, Bede Diab, Marcel & Monsen Diab, Linda Elumba, Bonosa Enfesta, Luiga Farugia, Fernando & Hilda Medina, Medino-Ipor Family, Pauline Meilak, Morales-Martinez family, Lourda Mocha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Muscat Family, Roseline Ratnam, Sem Serna, Sofia Vispo,



Our Lady of Lourdes

Ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy,
health of the sick, refuge of sinners,
comfort of the afflicted, you know my needs,
my troubles, my sufferings;
cast on me a look of pity.

By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes,
you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary,
from which you dispense your favours,
and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of
their infirmities, both spiritual and physical.
I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to
implore your maternal intercession.
Obtain most loving mother, my requests,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING
A reading from the prophet Micah 5:1-4

The Lord says this: You, Bethlehem Ephrathah, the least of the clans of Judah, out of you will be born for me the one who is to rule over Israel; his origin goes back to the distant past, to the days of old. The Lord is therefore going to abandon them till the time when she who is to give birth gives birth. Then the remnant of his brothers will come back to the sons of Israel. He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord, with the majesty of the name of his God. They will live secure, for from then on he will extend his power to the ends of the land. He himself will be peace. The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O lord, come to our help. (R.)

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

God of hosts, turn again,
we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine which your right hand has planted. (R.)

SECOND READING A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 10:5-10

This is what Christ said, on coming into the world: You who wanted no sacrifice or oblation, prepared a body for me. You took no pleasure in holocausts or sacrifices for sin; then I said, just as I was commanded in the scroll of the book, ‘God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will.’ Notice that he says first: You did not want what the Law lays down as the things to be offered, that is: the sacrifices, the oblations, the holocausts and the sacrifices for sin, and you took no pleasure in them; and then he says: Here I am! I am coming to obey your will. He is abolishing the first sort to replace it with the second. And this will was for us to be made holy by the offering of his body made once and for all by Jesus Christ. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the servant of the Lord:
may his will for me be done.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 1:39-44

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah’s house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, ‘Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.’
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 AT ANGELUS: DURING ADVENT ASK WHAT WE SHOULD DO FOR JESUS AND OTHERS

By Vatican News staff writer

During the Angelus on this Third Sunday of Advent, **Pope Francis greeted the many pilgrims present**, including many families with their children, who brought little statuettes of the Child Jesus to be blessed on this day, known as "Bambinelli Sunday". Saint Pope Paul VI started this tradition over fifty years ago.

Speaking from the window of the Apostolic Palace overlooking the Square, Pope Francis greeted the children present, wishing them and their families a blessed Christmas. He blessed the figurines of the Child Jesus they brought with them to be placed in their Christmas nativity scenes back home.

He also offered special greetings to pilgrims from Latin America present in St. Peter's Square as part of a group dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose feast is celebrated annually on December 12. He also greeted all those from Caritas Internationalis celebrating their 70th anniversary, and praised their work helping the most vulnerable in the world, especially those affected by environmental degradation.

What should we do?

Before leading the recitation of the Angelus, the Pope reflected on today's Gospel reading, which recounts John the Baptist responding to those who come to him asking how to change their lives for the better, since their hearts were touched by the Lord. It reflects an enthusiasm for the Lord's coming and a desire to prepare themselves concretely for this joyous, life-changing experience. In the same way, we too should ask ourselves what we should do within our own lives, the Pope suggested, and reflect on what we are called to do and become.

Each of us has a mission to accomplish

The question of what we are to do recalls that "life has a task for us", the Pope said. It is not something left to chance, but rather, "It is a gift that the Lord grants us", since He asks to discover ourselves and "to work hard to make the dream that is your life come true". We all have a mission to accomplish, he explained, and we should not be afraid to ask the Lord this question often: What can we do for the Lord, and what can we for ourselves, our brothers and sisters, the Pope asked, and how can this be translated concretely into contributing to the good of the Church and society? Advent is the time we need "to stop and ask ourselves how to prepare for Christmas", what we should do for Jesus and others.

Faith is incarnated in concrete actions

John the Baptist, in responding to those who ask him "what should we do?", gives each person a very concrete reply to their life situation. And this offers a precious teaching, the Pope said, that "faith is incarnated in concrete life", touching us personally and transforming our lives.

In conclusion, he encouraged everyone to think concretely about what we can do, small or big, in our own lives as we prepare for Christmas. This could mean visiting someone who is alone, helping the elderly or the ill, or serving the poor or someone in need. It may also mean asking for forgiveness for our mistakes, paying a debt, clarifying a misunderstanding, or praying more. We can all find something concrete to do, the Pope emphasized, adding, "May the Blessed Mother help us!"

POPE FRANCIS: LET US NOT EXPERIENCE A FAKE, COMMERCIAL CHRISTMAS

By Adrea Torielli

Pope Francis on Friday exhorted Christians to keep clear of a fake, commercial Christmas, polluted by consumerism and indifference. He made the remark to a group of 3 delegations who donated two Nativity Scenes and a Christmas tree to the Vatican this year.

This year's Nativity Scene in St. Peter Square's is a gift from Peru and comes from the Chopcca Nation, which comprises several communities located in the Huancavelica region in the highlands of the Andes mountains. The scene comprising more than 30 life-sized figurines in typical Andean costumes, are made of ceramic, maguey wood and fibreglass, and features alpacas, vicunas and the Andean condor, Peru's national symbol.

Next to the crib, the majestic 28-meter-high red fir Christmas tree as well as its wooden decorations are from the Andalo forest of the northern Italian region of Trentino.

Another Nativity Scene has also been set up at the Vatican's Paul VI audience hall, where the Pope received the delegations. It is a gift of the young people of the parish of San Bartolomeo in Gallio, in the Italian Diocese of Padua.

The crib – the universal call to salvation

Addressing the groups, Pope Francis reflected on the meaning of Christmas. The characters in the crib made from materials and clothes characteristic of the area, he said, "represent the peoples of the Andes and symbolize the universal call to salvation". "Jesus, in fact, came to earth in the concreteness of a people to save every man and woman, of all cultures and nationalities. He made Himself small so that we could welcome Him and receive the gift of God's tenderness."

Christmas tree - rebirth

On the other hand, the fir tree is a sign of Christ, the tree of life, a tree to which man had no access because of sin, the Pope said. With the birth of Christ, divine life joined human life. Hence the Christmas tree evokes rebirth, the gift of God who unites Himself with man forever, who gives us His life. "The lights of the fir tree recall that of Jesus, the light of love that continues to shine in the nights of the world."

AN ADVENT KINDNESS CALENDAR,

Based on our names for Jesus

Select a card each day, read the name for Jesus and the Scripture. Read the 'Action' and live it out that day. These actions will help you, as you wait and prepare for Jesus to come into your hearts this Christmas.

19

Jesus did good things for others. Look after someone who might be struggling or unhappy today.



"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd for the sheep"
John 10:11

21

Jesus taught us many things. Recall one of the stories Jesus told and the message He wanted us to learn.



Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth, give me an undivided heart to revere your name.
Psalm 86:11

23

We are all God's children and God loves us so much. Today, offer a hug to the people you care about and remind them how much you love them.



I say, 'You are God's children of the Most High all of you.'
Psalm 82:5

25

Remember today is Jesus' birthday. Say thank you to God for giving us the best present ever- Jesus! Enjoy celebrating with your loved ones.



Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."
John 14:6

18

Share with a friend or family member, five things that make you unique and special.



Nathanael replied; "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"
John 1:49

20

God was proud of Jesus. Ask your parents to tell you three reasons why they are proud of you.



'And I will be your father and you shall be my sons and daughters, say the Lord Almighty
2 Corinthians 6:18

22

Remember to begin and end the day with a gratitude prayer.



"I am the Alpha and the Omega" says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come the Almighty.
Revelation 1:8

24

Choose a family member and name three things you love about them.



To you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour who is the Messiah the Lord.
Luke 2:11

LAUDATO SI' GOALS



1. Am I hearing and responding to the cry of the earth?

- Reducing reliance on fossil fuels (coal, oil, gas).
- Using power from renewable non-polluting sources (solar, wind).
- Minimizing fossil fuel-based road and air travel.
- Reducing plastics and packaging, trying to buy in bulk.



2. Am I hearing and responding to the cry of the poor?

- Making lifestyle changes which will care for the world's poorest.
- Purchasing goods and using energy which support sustainable, ethical and fair production.

3. Am I considering and acting on ecological economics?

- Moving finances and investments from banks, superannuation and shares that fund fossil fuels or other activity harmful to the planet.

4. How am I faring with adopting a simpler lifestyle?

- Adopting the 5 Rs. Refuse what you don't need, Reduce what you do need, Recycle, Re-use and Rot (compost)
- Eating less meat, poultry and fish and more plant-based foods.
- Buying locally grown foods and locally made products.
- Growing more trees and plants and my own food.
- walking cycling, using public transport more often.

5. Am I educating myself and others towards integral ecology to further my awareness and action?

- Learning more about climate change, biodiversity loss and the threat of extinction and teaching others.
- Getting reputable information from independent sources (not those influenced by fossil fuel interests or other vested interests).

6. How am I faring in developing ecological spirituality?

- Focusing on the wonders of the natural world.
- Praising and thanking God for creation.
- Respecting culture and ecological spirituality of indigenous peoples.

7. Am I engaging in and participating in community action for care of creation?

- Supporting public action on climate change and environment.
- Calling on political and industry leaders for stronger action on carbon emissions and environmental protections.

Adapted from Laudato Si Week and ARCC—living the Change websites



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

My paternal grandmother was born and grew up in a town called Cao Lanh which is about 30 kms away from our ancestral house. In my childhood memory, I remember and treasure the times her mum, my great grandmother came to visit her and stayed with us for a few days.

It was such a festive time, and all were so happy and jovial. Food was off course much better, and we children loved to gather around her to listen to endless Buddhist stories, totally new to us and much different to those we learnt from Catholic school. Most of them aimed to deter children from the wicked way of life and try to follow the good path, therefore they all sound rather scary. However, we just loved them and always asked for more after dinner. Unfortunately when she passed, I couldn't attend her funeral due to circumstances of the time, and about six years ago I managed to make the trip to visit her tomb for the first time with my uncle and cousins.

I just can't help recall my great grandma's visits when I was young, as I read the Gospel account this Sunday about Mary's inspiring visit to Elizabeth, her cousin, and the famous exchange between them then took place and became the backbone to bring forth one of the most popular and much loved prayers in the Catholic Church, the Hail Mary. Mary's effort to spend time with her cousin did not simply excite Elizabeth alone, had it done to John, the baby in her womb as well. Luke reported this significant point, and Elizabeth herself also confided to Mary such amazing response from her child. She confessed, 'for the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leap for joy.'

Another interesting point, worth for us to explore, is the term 'the fruit of your womb' Elizabeth used in her greeting to describe the blessed child Mary had conceived, since her expression highlights what her contemporary might have thought of human pregnancy.

As we know, ancient people had no sophisticated medical equipment like the ultra sound like we do today, so their understanding of the human reproductive system was rather primitive and simplistic. They believed life was in the man's sperm, which, they reasoned, was like a seed containing life within itself. Just as life begins to emerge once someone plants the seed in the ground, the man has to plant the seed in the woman's womb.

Based on such an analogy, they imagined the womb as the garden, in which the seed planted, taken root and grown, and this belief then led them to the step of calling the baby 'the fruit of the womb' as Elizabeth said of Jesus in the Gospel today.

Have a life-transforming week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

COVID -19 UPDATE The NSW Government has announced some changes to the reopening roadmap for the COVID-19

restrictions. Based on the announcement, the restrictions will ease further when NSW reaches 95% double vaccination or on 15 December 2021, whichever comes first. The following will apply to places of worship when the state hits the milestone:

- There will no longer be any social distancing
- Masks are not mandatory but strongly encouraged.
- Singing will be permitted for everyone in attendance.

Check in using the NSW QR CODE of all attendees is still required.

CHURCH CLEANING: extra help needed especially for the 1st Wednesday in the month for one hour after the 8 am weekday morning Mass. Extra help would also be appreciated for the other weeks.

Please phone Mary on 0447 676 371 if you can help.



ADVENT WREATH It is usually constructed around a circular based as you can see ours. This circular base is traditionally taken to symbolize the ever-renewing cycle of the seasons, and the four candles, of course, represents the four Sundays of Advent. The fourth candle, the "Candle of Love," reminds Christians that God loves them enough to send his only Son to Earth...

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Parish Second Rite:

Tuesday 21 December at 7.30pm.

First Rite:

22, 23 December from 8.30am-9.30am,
& 18 December from 4.30pm-5.30pm



MINISTERS FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES: If you currently help out with weekend Masses and would like to volunteer for Christmas Masses, please add your name to the Christmas Roster at the Sacristy.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING AT THE PIETY SHOP

The Piety Shop has a lovely range of ideas for Christmas, come have a browse at the back of Church, or call Alison during office hours, 9622 2920.

Christ Community Prayer Group

will resume 6 January 2022

Our Lady of Lourdes

Seven Hills

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve –

FRIDAY 24th December

6pm, Family Mass

9pm Mass

Christmas Day -

SATURDAY 25th December

12am Midnight Mass

8 am

9.30am

Followed by the weekend Masses

Saturday Vigil Mass 6pm

Sunday Mass 8am & 9.30am





ENCYCLICAL LETTER **FRATELLI TUTTI** OF THE HOLY FATHER **FRANCIS** ON FRATERNITY & SOCIAL FRIENDSHIP
CHAPTER TWO—A STRANGER ON THE ROAD *Abandoned on the wayside*

63. Jesus tells the story of a man assaulted by thieves and lying injured on the wayside. Several persons passed him by, but failed to stop. These were people holding important social positions, yet lacking in real concern for the common good. They would not waste a couple of minutes caring for the injured man, or even in calling for help. Only one person stopped, approached the man and cared for him personally, even spending his own money to provide for his needs. He also gave him something that in our frenetic world we cling to tightly: he gave him his time. Certainly, he had his own plans for that day, his own needs, commitments and desires. Yet he was able to put all that aside when confronted with someone in need. Without even knowing the injured man, he saw him as deserving of his time and attention.

64. Which of these persons do you identify with? This question, blunt as it is, is direct and incisive. Which of these characters do you resemble? We need to acknowledge that we are constantly tempted to ignore others, especially the weak. Let us admit that, for all the progress we have made, we are still “illiterate” when it comes to accompanying, caring for and supporting the most frail and vulnerable members of our developed societies. We have become accustomed to looking the other way, passing by, ignoring situations until they affect us directly.

65. Someone is assaulted on our streets, and many hurry off as if they did not notice. People hit someone with their car and then flee the scene. Their only desire is to avoid problems; it does not matter that, through their fault, another person could die. All these are signs of an approach to life that is spreading in various and subtle ways. What is more, caught up as we are with our own needs, the sight of a person who is suffering disturbs us. It makes us uneasy, since we have no time to waste on other people’s problems. These are symptoms of an unhealthy society. A society that seeks prosperity but turns its back on suffering.

66. May we not sink to such depths! Let us look to the example of the Good Samaritan. Jesus’ parable summons us to rediscover our vocation as citizens of our respective nations and of the entire world, builders of a new social bond. This summons is ever new, yet it is grounded in a fundamental law of our being: we are called to direct society to the pursuit of the common good and, with this purpose in mind, to persevere in consolidating its political and social order, its fabric of relations, its human goals. By his actions, the Good Samaritan showed that “the existence of each and every individual is deeply tied to that of others: life is not simply time that passes; life is a time for interactions”.^[57]

67. The parable eloquently presents the basic decision we need to make in order to rebuild our wounded world. In the face of so much pain and suffering, our only course is to imitate the Good Samaritan. Any other decision would make us either one of the robbers or one of those who walked by without showing compassion for the sufferings of the man on the roadside. The parable shows us how a community can be rebuilt by men and women who identify with the vulnerability of others, who reject the creation of a society of exclusion, and act instead as neighbours, lifting up and rehabilitating the fallen for the sake of the common good. At the same time, it warns us about the attitude of those who think only of themselves and fail to shoulder the inevitable responsibilities of life as it is.

68. The parable clearly does not indulge in abstract moralizing, nor is its message merely social and ethical. It speaks to us of an essential and often forgotten aspect of our common humanity: we were created for a fulfilment that can only be found in love. We cannot be indifferent to suffering; we cannot allow anyone to go through life as an outcast. Instead, we should feel indignant, challenged to emerge from our comfortable isolation and to be changed by our contact with human suffering. That is the meaning of dignity.

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

18/19 December 2021			25/26 December 2021		
Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Noel Emmanuel		Acolytes	Vigil: Kilifi Huihui 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Charmaine Jansz 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Louis Fernandes 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Carole Brooks		Ministers	Vigil: SUB REQ Kamela Huihui 8am: Erika Hien, SUB REQ 9.30am: Maria Michael, Eugene Miu	
Readers	Vigil: Laura Bellissimo, Noreen Do Rosario 8am: Kathy Walker, Anne McNally 9.30am: Helen Katopau, SUB REQ		Readers	Vigil: Jemma Sarmiento, Marinela Simic 8am: Maricel Santos, Nina Arambulo 9.30am Christina Diaz, Faylene Kennedy	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Samuel Thoms, Noah Ebb 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am Olina Katopau, Celestina Katopau Leo Culili		Altar Servers	Vigil: Alex Spadaro SUB REQ 8am: SUB REQ 9.30am Rynan Michael, Gabrielle Wanandy, Florenca Wanandy	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Please bring a plate		Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Please bring a plate	
Flowers	Fennie and Angela		Flowers	Annette and Mary B	
Church cleaning	18 December	Helen Gonzales, Dennis Gonzales, Adrian Pinto, Johnson Rozario, Maricel Santos.	Church cleaning	22 December	Sue Abela, Jessie Borg, Anne McNally
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Lena Falzon		Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain	

DIOCESAN NEWS

SUNDAY OBLIGATION In March 2020 Catholics from the Diocese of Parramatta were dispensed from their Sunday Mass obligation until further notice by virtue of a Decree issued by Bishop Vincent Long Van Nguyen OFM Conv. From December 15 2021 this Decree is now revoked and the Sunday obligation is now imposed once again given that public health orders no longer require adherence to density limits in our church buildings. <https://parracatholic.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/20211214-AdClerum-821.pdf>

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>

BLUE MOUNTAINS EPIPHANY PILGRIMAGE AND FIESTA 2022: 2 – 3 January 2022

Celebrate the Christmas season with a two-day pilgrimage and fiesta! Choose from a classic pilgrimage experience or family adventure pilgrimage on Sunday, 2 January then join the family-friendly festivities at St Finbar’s Parish, Glenbrook including Mass, a festive meal and children’s movie night. Stay overnight at St Finbar’s, then continue the celebrations on Monday 3 January with a morning pilgrimage and Mass in the bush. For more information and to register visit www.epiphanypilgrimage.org.

INTERCULTURAL CHRISTMAS ALBUM, to raise funds for House of Welcome

A new CD featuring classic Christmas songs in eight languages from the Asia Pacific – Samoan, Filipino, Fijian, Tamil, Tongan, Mandarin, Indonesian and Japanese is raising money for the House of Welcome in the Diocese of Parramatta. Find how to order at linktr.ee/SoundsChristmasAsiaPacific

CAMPION COLLEGE AUSTRALIA 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

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DECEMBER 2021		
21	2ND RITE OF RECONCILIATION	7.30PM
22	INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS	8.30-9.30AM
23	INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS	8.30-9.30AM
24	CHRISTMAS EVE	
25	CHRISTMAS DAY	

AN ADVENT KINDNESS CALENDAR, Based on our names for Jesus



Select a card each day, read the name for Jesus and the Scripture. Read the ‘Action’ and live it out that day. These actions will help you, as you wait and prepare for Jesus to come into your hearts this Christmas.

