

6 February 2022

"Go Fish!"

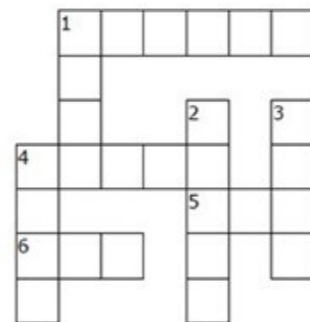
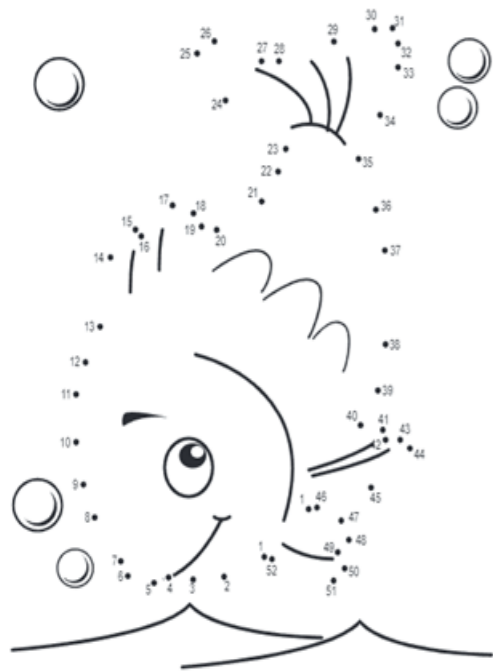
Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." Luke 5:10 (NIV)

Based on Luke 5:1-11



Peter Catches a Big Fish CONNECT THE DOTS

Begin at number 1 and draw a line to each number after that to connect all of the dots. When you finish you will have a picture you can color too!



ACROSS

1. To get behind someone and go where they go
4. The land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake, or river
5. A large area of salty water, smaller than an ocean
6. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish

DOWN

1. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
2. The Son of God
3. A small vehicle for travelling on water
4. To go down below the surface of the water

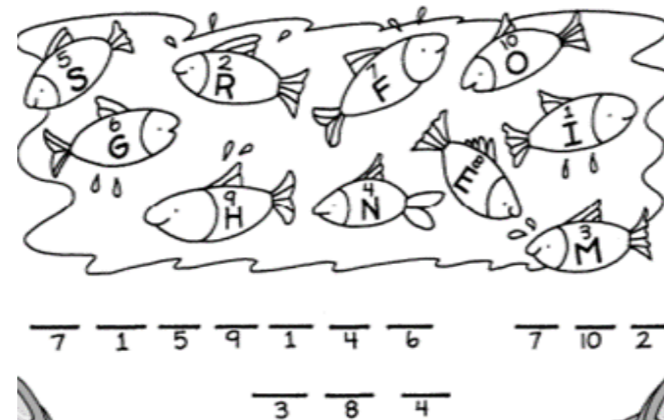
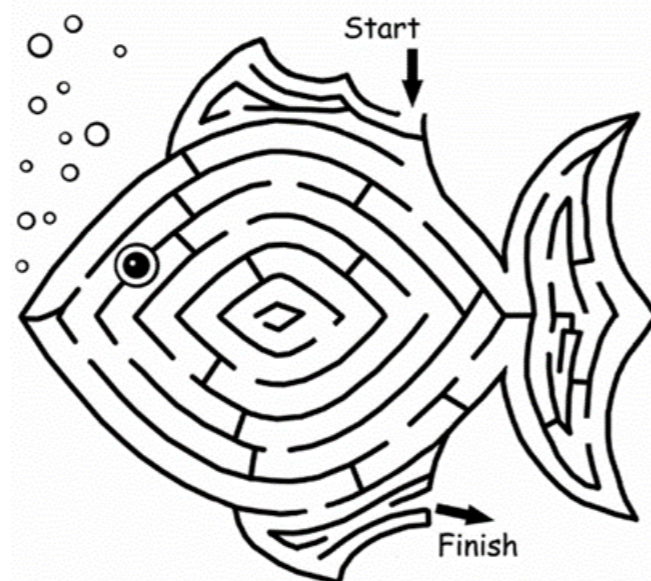
NET
FOLLOW

SEA
JESUS

FISH
BOAT

SINK
SHORE

I like to follow Jesus!



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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27th February 2022

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 6 February • Year C • 2022

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/>



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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

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

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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Let us Pray for the Sick



Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Barrow, David Benjamin, Rosella Booth, Barrie Chamberlain, Myrna G Cruz, Elizabeth Ehsman, Anush Fernando, Melvyn Fernandes, Jose Garcia, Anthony Janicska, 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 Sivapatham, Joan Spillane, Pummalin Sumcad, Sue Tipaldo, Natalie Woodward, Jane Zammit.

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

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Fr Joseph Thanh Ngoc Tran OP, Joe Falzon, Paula Farrugia, Jose Fatlaunag, Sammy Formosa, Dolly Huertas, Fred MacCarton, Dr Joe Periera, Michelle Scully, Thelma Valdez Spetter, Rev Fr Dindo Rei Tesoro, Josephine Walton, Mimi Wong

Anniversaries: Michael Bartolo, Rolily Burac, Herman Chelliah, Cini Family, Dennis Clarke, Philomena Corera, Norma Lorenzo, Cecilia Dayrit Mendoza, Ngan Pin, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondam, Rita de Silva, Mangion Family, Felix & Andranna Muscat, Helen & John Tanti.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Carmen Attard, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Silvia and Sam Debbathista, Ngan Siu Eng, Fernandes Family, Salvam Irudayaraj, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Anton & Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Muscat Family, John & Roseline Ratnam, Bibiano Villanueva.



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 Isaiah 6:1-8*

In the year of King Uzziah’s death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings. And they cried out to one another in this way, ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.’ The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said: ‘What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.’ Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said: ‘See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.’ Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying: ‘Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?’ I answered, “Here I am, send me.’The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,
you have heard the words of my mouth.
Before the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

All earth’s kings shall thank you
when they hear the words of your mouth.
They shall sing of the Lord’s ways:
‘How great is the glory of the Lord!’ **(R.)**

You stretch out your hand and save me,
your hand will do all things for me.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.**(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:1-11*

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything. Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it. I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God’s grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 5:1-11

Jesus was standing one day by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon’s – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, ‘Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.’ ‘Master,’ Simon replied, ‘we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.’ And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boats to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point. When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, ‘Leave me, Lord; I am a sinful man.’ For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon’s partners. But Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.’ Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him. 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: PANDEMIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE WORKER SOLIDARITY

Intergenerational exchange

He also held up the example of St. Joseph as model of how to overcome difficulties while giving full value to each individual’s talents. The Pope encouraged an intergenerational exchange of work experience and enthusiasm to fuel new innovation, calling it a challenge of the current crisis. “It is important to favor an exchange of the wisdom of the elders and the enthusiasm of the young,” he said. “I think of young people who are passionate about a sector as original as your own, and need to find the “elders in the field” who have much to teach, not only on a technical level but also on a human one.”

Environmental impact

Pope Francis then turned to the environmental impact of the leather production sector, a reality acknowledged by the Association’s president in his introductory speech. The Pope said humanity consumes many products that use chemicals in their production without realizing their impact on the planet.

“You too, therefore, are called to offer your specific contribution to the care of our common home, and you can do so in the way

you carry out your work.”

Associations, he added, are an excellent way to pool knowledge, experiences, and juridical and technical advances to “grow together in a social and ecological responsibility.”

In conclusion, Pope Francis thanked the Italian leather chemists for their visit and blessed them and their work.

Opportunity to know religious women better

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POPE FRANCIS’ FEBRUARY INTENTION: FOR CONSECRATED WOMEN

By Devin Watkins

“What would the Church be without religious sisters and consecrated laywomen? The Church cannot be understood without them.”

Pope Francis made that affirmation in his February prayer intention, released on Tuesday by the Pope’s Worldwide Prayer Network.

The Pope encouraged all consecrated women to discern how best they can respond to the challenges facing humanity. “I exhort them to keep working and to have an impact with the poor, with the marginalized, with all those who are enslaved by traffickers,” he said. “I especially ask them to make an impact on this.”

Unfair treatment

Pope Francis also prayed for the many women religious who “show the beauty of God’s love and compassion” through their ministry as catechists, theologians, and spiritual guides, even when they encounter obstacles. “I invite them to fight when, in some cases, they are treated unfairly, even within the Church,” he urged, “when they serve so much that they are reduced to servitude —at times, by men of the Church.” When faced with these difficulties, women religious should “not be discouraged,” said the Pope. “May you keep making God’s goodness known through the apostolic works you do. But above all through your witness of consecration.”

Church’s gratitude

The Pope then urged all Catholics to pray for the women who have consecrated their lives to God, and to express their appreciation for their courage and mission. “Thank you,” Pope Francis told the Church’s consecrated women,” for what you are, for what you do, and for how you do it.”

Vocational dynamism

The Pope Video for this month was produced with the collaboration of the International Union of Superiors General (UISG), according to a press release accompanying the prayer intention. The organization brings together over 1,900 religious congregations, representing over 630,000 women religious throughout the world. Sr. Jolanta Kafka, President of the UISG, said the Pope’s prayer intention for February encourages women religious to continue in their vocation of service to the Church. “We share with [young people] the dynamism of the vocation to which we are called, to participate in the joy of the Gospel and in hope, in a world where we are all brothers and sisters,” she said.

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POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: FIND JESUS IN THOSE WHO ARE CLOSE TO YOU EVERY DAY

By Linda Bordoni

Reflecting on the passage from the Gospel of Luke that tells of how Jesus met with incomprehension and hostility when he gave his first sermon in his home town, Nazareth, Pope Francis invited Christians to believe in good, even when faced with closures and rejection (Lk 4:21-30).

Speaking during the Sunday Angelus, the Pope recalled that in Nazareth, Jesus is received with incomprehension and hostility. Rather than a word of truth, he explained, his fellow villagers “wanted miracles and prodigious signs.”

They reject him, he said, and “Jesus therefore utters a phrase that has become proverbial: “No prophet is acceptable in his own country.”

The Pope explained that these words reveal “that Jesus’ failure was not entirely unexpected. He knew his people, he knew the risk he was running, he took rejection into account.”

“And, so, we might wonder: why, if he foresees a failure, does he go to his hometown all the same? Why do good to people who are not willing to accept you?”

This, Pope Francis continued, is a question that we too often ask ourselves. But it is a question that helps us understand God better: “Faced with our closures, he does not withdraw: *he does not put brakes on his love.*”

Leave no stone unturned in doing good

He noted that this is exemplified by the unconditional love of parents who are aware of the ingratitude of their children, but do not cease to love them and do good to them. God, he added, “is the same, but at a much higher level. And today he invites us too to believe in good, to leave no stone unturned in doing good.”

Readiness and humility

Something else, the Pope said, is revealed by what happens in Nazareth that causes us to ask ourselves questions pertaining to our own hostility and unwelcoming attitudes.

“Let us look at the models of acceptance that Jesus proposes today,” he said, noting that “They are two foreigners: a widow from Sarepta of Sidon and Naaman, the Syrian.”

Both of them, he recalled welcomed prophets: “the first Elijah, the second Elisha.” But neither was an easy reception, and both went through trials.

The widow and Naaman, in short, accepted through willingness and humility, the Pope said, explain that faith passes through readiness and humility.

“*The widow and Naaman did not reject the ways of God and his prophets; they were docile, not rigid and closed.*”

Jesus asks us to accept him in our daily reality

Jesus, the Pope said, also goes the way of the prophets: he presents himself as we would not expect. “He is not found by those who seek miracles, new sensations, a faith made up of power and external signs. He is found instead by those who accept his ways and his challenges, without complaint, without suspicion, without criticism and long faces.”

In other words, he said, “Jesus asks you to accept him in the daily reality that you live; in the Church of today, as it is; in those who are close to you every day; in the reality of those in need. He is there, inviting us to purify ourselves in the river of availability and in many healthy baths of humility.”

Our Lady shows us the way to welcome Jesus

Perhaps, Pope Francis concluded, “after many years as believers, we think we know the Lord well, with our ideas and our judgments. The risk is that we get used to Jesus, we close ourselves up to his newness, frozen in our positions. Instead, the Lord asks us for an open mind and a simple heart.

“*May Our Lady, model of humility and willingness, show us the way to welcome Jesus.*”

POPE FRANCIS: PANDEMIC AN OPPORTUNITY TO IMPROVE WORKER SOLIDARITY

By Devin Watkins

“The current crisis can be approached as an opportunity to grow together in solidarity and the quality of work.”

Pope Francis expressed that belief on Saturday during an audience with members of the Italian Leather Chemists Association. The group represents scientists who draw on chemistry, biochemistry, and microbiology to produce leather from raw cattle hide and sheepskins, a process also known as tanning.

Technical advancements

Speaking to the Italian association, the Pope expressed his appreciation for the organization’s specific nature, which he said, offers an original contribution to the “great polyhedron of global society.”

“Your profession applies scientific and technical knowledge to an artisanal activity with an ancient tradition, both in Italy and in other countries, even my own, Argentina,” he said.

Pope Francis added that he studied in high school to become a chemical technician, “and this draws me a little to your own category of work.”

Pandemic-induced challenges

The Holy Father went on to acknowledge the myriad difficulties many sectors are dealing with during the Covid-19 pandemic, and renewed the Church’s concern for “the world of work.”

“*Many workers and families are living through difficult situations, aggravated by the pandemic. But the pandemic cannot and must not become an alibi to justify failures in justice or security. Rather, the current crisis can be approached as an opportunity to grow together in solidarity and the quality of work.*”



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

Welcome to our first bulletin of both 2022 and the year of the Tiger encouraging us to roar louder in the world the Good News of our beloved teacher as Christian tigers throughout this 60th Diamond Jubilee year of our parish, and it’s very appropriate for us to have a Gospel reading highlighting Jesus’ call of his key collaborators, namely Peter, James and John to help him out in his saving mission.

Prior to calling them to change their fishing profession and commit their focus on catching people’s souls, Jesus deeply impressed Peter and his friends with the miracle allowing them to catch so many fish, exactly two boats filled with fish up to the sinking point, though their hard work at sea brought them nothing the night before.

All they were required to do was to cast the nets again out into deep water, they reluctantly followed his advice, but the result was far beyond their expectation.

Such a miraculous catch seemed to open Peter’s eyes to see not just the unbelievable power from Jesus, but also something special about him, something that made Peter realize his sinfulness, that he was a sinful man, something that inspired him and his friends to say yes, when Jesus told them, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch’.

What Peter confessed to Jesus after witnessing the miracle obviously seems to recall Pope Francis’ expression when journalists first asked about who he was, and he humbly acclaimed that ‘I am a sinner.’ Both St Peter and Pope Francis constantly remind us of our human condition, that no matter who we are and what we do, all of us are nothing but simply sinners before God, the Almighty, the Creator of us all.

Let us pray today for the grace to help us to be aware of our sinfulness and limitations, and we are always in need of God’s mercy, consequently we shall humble ourselves before God, and endeavor to be more tolerant and compassionate to all around us.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

HAPPY NEW YEAR

On the occasion of this Lunar New Year, I would like to wish you all a very blessed New Year.

May the Lord help us to become true tigers in his jungle roaring bravely and loudly his message of love both by our inspiring words and examples.



SACRAMENTAL PROCESS ENROLLMENT MASS –

Reconciliation and First Communion Enrolment Mass Sunday 6th February at the 9:30am Mass, we will

welcome the children and their families from our parish enrolling in the sacramental program for 2022. Please keep these children in your prayers as they begin this important part of their faith journey. For parents wishing to have their child enrolled at this Mass who have not already received an enrolment form and information pack, please contact Artelle Lenthall as soon as possible.

artelle@olol7hills.com.au



PARISH FEAST DAY – FIRST CELEBRATION OF OUR PARISH DIAMOND JUBILEE

Please join us in the Thanksgiving Mass next Sunday 13th February at 9.30am for the first celebration of our Parish 60th Anniversary.

Though we can’t afford to get any diamond for the parish, we managed to add some silverware to our liturgical collection such as the new ciborium, the cruets, and the altar candles.

There will be an outdoor BBQ in the grass area between the church and parish office after Mass and everyone is invited to partake. You are most welcome to bring a plate and leave it in the Parish Meeting Room before Mass.

PARISH PASTORAL MEETING

Our first Parish Pastoral Meeting this year will be on Wednesday 9 February, and all members of the Parish Council are invited to attend the meeting in the Parish Meeting Room at 7.30PM.

LOURDES OVER 50’S Lourdes Over 50's: with the current pandemic situation our meeting on 10th February has been cancelled. Hopefully we will get together on Thursday 10th March at 10.30 am.

LOL MORNING TEA VOLUNTEERS: If you can assist and make the workload for all our volunteers a little easier and are able to join our roster for 2022 please contact Alison in the Parish Office. We need Morning Tea Volunteers once a month after the 9.30am Mass, everything is supplied. If you are interested and please contact the Parish Office on 9622 2920.

LEGION OF MARY Thursday 9th December 1.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome

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



Lourdes Young Adults Group Night

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

[The characters of the story](#)

72. The parable begins with the robbers. Jesus chose to start when the robbery has already taken place, lest we dwell on the crime itself or the thieves who committed it. Yet we know them well. We have seen, descending on our world, the dark shadows of neglect and violence in the service of petty interests of power, gain and division. The real question is this: will we abandon the injured man and run to take refuge from the violence, or will we pursue the thieves? Will the wounded man end up being the justification for our irreconcilable divisions, our cruel indifference, our intestine conflicts?

73. The parable then asks us to take a closer look at the passers-by. The nervous indifference that makes them pass to the other side of the road – whether innocently or not, whether the result of disdain or mere distraction – makes the priest and the Levite a sad reflection of the growing gulf between ourselves and the world around us. There are many ways to pass by at a safe distance: we can retreat inwards, ignore others, or be indifferent to their plight. Or simply look elsewhere, as in some countries, or certain sectors of them, where contempt is shown for the poor and their culture, and one looks the other way, as if a development plan imported from without could edge them out. This is how some justify their indifference: the poor, whose pleas for help might touch their hearts, simply do not exist. The poor are beyond the scope of their interest.

74. One detail about the passers-by does stand out: they were religious, devoted to the worship of God: a priest and a Levite. This detail should not be overlooked. It shows that belief in God and the worship of God are not enough to ensure that we are actually living in a way pleasing to God. A believer may be untrue to everything that his faith demands of him, and yet think he is close to God and better than others. The guarantee of an authentic openness to God, on the other hand, is a way of practising the faith that helps open our hearts to our brothers and sisters. Saint John Chrysostom expressed this pointedly when he challenged his Christian hearers: “Do you wish to honour the body of the Saviour? Do not despise it when it is naked. Do not honour it in church with silk vestments while outside it is naked and numb with cold”.

[58] Paradoxically, those who claim to be unbelievers can sometimes put God’s will into practice better than believers.

75. “Robbers” usually find secret allies in those who “pass by and look the other way”. There is a certain interplay between those who manipulate and cheat society, and those who, while claiming to be detached and impartial critics, live off that system and its benefits. There is a sad hypocrisy when the impunity of crime, the use of institutions for personal or corporate gain, and other evils apparently impossible to eradicate, are accompanied by a relentless criticism of everything, a constant sowing of suspicion that results in distrust and confusion. The complaint that “everything is broken” is answered by the claim that “it can’t be fixed”, or “what can I do?” This feeds into disillusionment and despair, and hardly encourages a spirit of solidarity and generosity. Plunging people into despair closes a perfectly perverse circle: such is the agenda of the invisible dictatorship of hidden interests that have gained mastery over both resources and the possibility of thinking and expressing opinions.

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

5/6 February 2022		
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Fayelene Kennedy	
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Jemma Sarmiento 8am: Anne McNally, Chrisa Gonzales 9.30am: Kamela Huihui, Carole Brooks	
Readers	Vigil: Stefanie Menezes, Laura Bellissimo 8am: Kathy Walker, Jo Cabasa 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Adrian Walker	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, 8am: NOT FILLED 9.30am Leo Culili, Chloe Attard	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Group	
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby & Flo	
Church cleaning	10 February	Chuck Baquial Karen Baquial
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Helen Gonzales 9.30am: Lena Falzon	

12/13 February 2022		
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Kilifi Huihui	
Ministers	Vigil: Michael Mifsud, Marinela Simic 8am: Maricel Santos, SUB REQ 9.30am: Paul Gow, SUB REQ	
Readers	Vigil: Noreen Do Rosario, Alison Punch 8am: Erika Hien, Nina Arambulo 9.30am Kamela Huihui, Christina Diaz	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Amelia Laus, Lucas Laus, Alex Spadaro 8am: SUB REQ 9.30am Gabrielle Wanandy, Florencia Wanandy, Sofia Culili	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults	
Flowers	Claudette & Rosemary	
Church cleaning	19 February	Helen Gonzales, Dennis Gonzales, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Urge 8am: Rita Paolini 9.30am: Volunteer	

DIOCESAN NEWS

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>

LITURGICAL MINISTRY FORMATION COURSES 2022

The Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses will begin in February. This is formation for anyone interested in serving within the Liturgical Ministries either as Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, Communion to the Sick and Dying and Ministers at the Altar. If you are interested or would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or visit our website to download an enrolment form at <https://officeforworship.org.au/>

GLENBROOK PARISH LITURGICAL FORMATION DAY: 19 FEBRAURY

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a liturgy formation day on 'The Mass – we go there but we don't get it' on Saturday 19 February, beginning with Morning Mass at 9.15am and finishing at 1pm with lunch. Fr Peter Williams AM, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia will present a talk, followed by a Q&A session. Cost is a donation for catering purposes. Please RSVP by 15 February to secretary@stfinbars.org.au

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION INTRODUCTION AND RENEWAL DAY: 20 FEBRUARY

You are invited to a Christian Meditation Introduction and Renewal Day at St Benedict's Monastery, 121 Arcadia Rd, Arcadia, on Sunday 20 February from 10.30am to 3pm, with registration from 10am. BYO picnic lunch and other refreshments. No need to register ahead of time. Donations welcome. For enquiries, please contact either Ann Bergman on anniebergman@hotmail.com or Ann Lomas on atlomas@bigpond.com or (02) 9653 2637.

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR		
FEBRUARY		
9	Sacrament of Reconciliation-1st Meeting	6.30pm
9	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
10	Over 50's meeting – CANCELLED	
10	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
10	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
12	Sacrament of Reconciliation— RPT	4.30pm
13	OLOL FEAST DAY - 60th Anniversary	9.30am

DONATE TO CARITAS ASUTRALIA EMERGENCY APPEAL FOR TONGA

Tonga is reeling after a violent underwater volcano eruption triggered tsunamis, destroyed telecommunications and blanketed the country in ash and rock. Roads, bridges and homes are damaged. Water supplies have been contaminated by volcanic ash and saltwater. Tonga needs your prayer and support urgently. Give now to help with emergency response. Visit www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/pacific or call 1800 024 413 toll free to make your donation.

HOLY SPIRIT MISSION The Holy Spirit Mission has been shortened to one day and will be held in the Parish Hall on Saturday, 19 February 2022, from 9:15am to 4pm. This Mission will begin with the Rosary followed by morning tea and a talk by Gerry Galam, our new Chairman. After lunch some praise and worship ending with a powerful healing ministry. Please bring your own lunch. Coffee and tea will be available at morning tea and lunch. Parishioners are most welcome to come along and can be assured of a very personal and spiritually relaxing day. See you there !



BECOME AN EARTHCARE

PARISH / FAMILY In 2015, Pope Francis wrote his environmental encyclical *Laudato Si'* in which he implores us to protect our common home. To escalate the implementation of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis has now established the *Laudato Si' Action Platform* with its 7 Goals for 7 sectors over 7 years. Our *Australian Bishops Social Justice Statement 2021-22*, '*Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor*' reinforces the call to care for all creation and invites us to join them in taking action and committing to the *Laudato Si'* goals. Catholic Earthcare Australia has made it easy for parishes & families to take up the Bishops' invitation by developing a process to assist you on the journey towards these 7 goals and to becoming living *Laudato Si'* communities. Become a Catholic Earthcare Parish/Family at <https://catholicearthcare.org.au>

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February 5-6 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Synod 2023: Sharing Responsibility Our Church is

all about participation and shared responsibility. How well do we do we balance authority with teamwork and responsibility? How do we encourage lay participation, involvement and leadership? Have a prayerful conversation with your family, friends or colleagues, and tell Bishop Vincent and Pope Francis what you find! Online submissions close February 26. Find out more at bit.ly/synod2023 Call Wendy 0427863149 or email MET@parracatholic.org for assistance

