

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES



Word Bank

PERSECUTE	ENEMY	DISCIPLES
DIED	CURSE	CHRIST
SON	EVIL	GOD
SERVE	JESUS	LOVE

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



TRUE OR FALSE?

- ☐ T ☐ F Jesus taught the people to love their enemies.
- ☐ T ☐ F We should curse those who curse us.
- ☐ T ☐ F We should only give to our friends.
- ☐ T ☐ F We should love only those who love us.
- ☐ T ☐ F We should do good for all people.
- ☐ T ☐ F You should pray for those who mistreat you.



We should love others even if they do not love us



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

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 20 February • Year C • 2022



Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Benjamin, Rosella Booth, Barrie Chamberlain, Elizabeth Ehsman, Anush Fernando, Melvyn Fernandes, Joseph Franco, Jose Garcia, Anthony Janicska, 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: Randy Farparan, Garie Montecarlo, John Thomas Solis, Emily Galea, Fr Joseph Thanh Ngoc Tran OP, Paula Farrugia, Jose Fataunag, Sammy Formosa, Emily Galea, Fred MacCarton, Amor Sadsad, Michelle Scully, Thelma Valdez Spetter, Rev Fr Dindo Rei Tesoro, Josephine Walton, Mimi Wong.

Anniversaries: Fredy Alphonse, Michelle Azzopardi, Michael Bartolo, Josephine Bartolo, Sam Borg, Herman Chelliah, Cini Family, Dennis Clarke, Philomena Corera, Barbara Dodd, Rita de Silva, Rose Fernandes, Fernandes Family, Mangion Family, Zaren Formosa, Joseph and Carmena Formosa, Sheela Franklin, E. Franklin, Ronnie Giller, Harold, Rosine & Marc Lafleur, Cecilia Dayrit Mendoza, William & Emilia Mifsud, Felix & Andranna Muscat, Jim & Alison Muscat, Joshep Nguyen, Mile Perak, Myra Raymond, Cornelio & Illuminada Rondi, Sam Serna, Juana Yu Sing, George Stambouliah, Helen & John Tanti, Maria Trinh, John William.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Carmen Attard, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Silvia and Sam Debbathista, Georgina Falzon, Charlie Galea, Salvam Irudayaraj, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Anton & Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, John & Roseline Ratnam, Jim & Alison Vella.



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.

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.

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Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

BSB: 067 950

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Reference: (Your Planned Giving envelope number or please write 'DONATION')

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Seven Hills Catholic Church

BSB: 062 315

Acc Id # - 00901486

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Wear a face mask

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

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/LOLO7Hills/>

FIRST READING *A reading from the prophet Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23*

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph. So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying around him. Then Abishai said to David, ‘Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.’ David answered Abishai, ‘Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord’s anointed and be without guilt?’ David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul’s head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep., for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them. David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, ‘Here is the king’s spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord’s anointed.’ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

<p>(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful</p> <p>My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. (R.)</p> <p>It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals everyone of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)</p>	<p>The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.(R.)</p> <p>As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him.(R.)</p>
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SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 15:45-49*

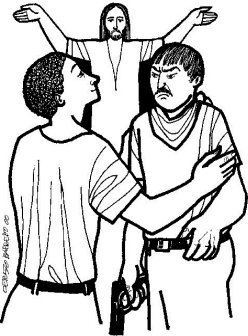
The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment:
Love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 6:27-38*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man that robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ‘Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you; a full measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into you lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.’ 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: THE FRUITFULNESS OF THE AGED REFLECTED IN THEME FOR 2ND WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND ELDERLY

By Francesca Merlo

Pope Francis, on Tuesday, announced the theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and Elderly with a tweet: “In old age they will still bear fruit” (Psalms 92:15). I have chosen this theme for the Second World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, to be held on 24 July 2022, to promote dialogue among the generations, especially between grandparents and grandchildren.

The Day

The explanation of the theme came shortly prior to the Pope's tweet, in a statement from the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life that organises the day.

The World Day for Grandparents and the elderly was established by Pope Francis, one year ago, in 2021. Last year, during Holy Mass marking the day, the Pope reflected on three moments in the Gospel involving bread: “Jesus sees the crowd’s hunger; Jesus shares the bread; Jesus asks that the leftovers be collected.” He summed up these three passages with three verbs: to see, to share, to preserve, thus inaugurating the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly by describing them as “the bread that nourishes our life.” Now, preparations begin for the second World Day, celebrated annually on 24 July throughout the universal Church.

The theme

In its statement, the Dicastery writes that the theme chosen by the Holy Father for the occasion “intends to emphasize how grandparents and the elderly are a value and a gift both for society and for ecclesial communities”.

“The theme is also an invitation to reconsider and value grandparents and the elderly who are too often kept on the margins of families, civil and ecclesial communities. Their experience of life and faith can contribute, in fact, to building societies that are aware of their roots and capable of dreaming of a future based on greater solidarity”, continues the statement, adding that “the invitation to listen to the wisdom of the years is also particularly significant in the context of the synodal journey that the Church has undertaken”.

Finally, the statement concludes stressing that the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life “invites parishes, dioceses, associations and ecclesial communities throughout the world to find ways to celebrate the Day in their own pastoral context, and for this purpose, it will later make available some appropriate pastoral tools”.

The Pope and the elderly

Pope Francis has often expressed the importance of protecting and looking up to grandparents and the elderly. Notably, as the world started suffering the first consequences of the Covid-19 pandemic, of which the elderly were amongst the most affected, Pope Francis urged all young people to be close to them. He has also claimed, on the eve of his birthday two years ago, that “prayers of the elderly are powerful”. Old age is a blessing, he has said, adding that the elderly “have a role in God's saving plan!”

POPE FRANCIS: FORGIVENESS IS A HUMAN RIGHT (continued...)

By Savatore Cernuzio

Prayer

Pope Francis went on to explain the importance of prayer. “Praying is what a child does when he feels limited, powerless,” he said, like a child calling out “daddy, mommy.” Praying, the Pope said, means recognizing “our limits, our needs, our sins.... To pray is to enter with strength, beyond the limits, beyond the horizon, and for us Christians to pray is to encounter ‘papa’.”

“The child,” insisted the Pope, “does not wait for daddy’s answer; when the dad begins to answer, he goes on to another question. What the child wants is for his father’s gaze to be on him. It doesn’t matter what the explanation is, it only matters that papa is looking at him, and that gives him security. Praying is a bit of all this.”

Friends

The questions for the Pope also touched on more personal matters: “Do you ever feel lonely?” Mr Fazio asked. “Do you have real friends?”

Pope Francis answered affirmatively: “Yes, I have friends who help me; they know my life like a normal guy — not that I am normal, no. I have my own abnormalities and they know me well. I have my own abnormalities, eh, but like an ordinary man who has friends; and I like to be with my friends, sometimes to tell them my concerns, [sometimes] to listen to theirs, but really, I need friends. That’s one of the reasons why I didn’t go to live in the papal apartments, because the popes who were there before were saints, but me not so much, I’m not that much of a saint. I need human relationships, that’s why I live in this residence of Santa Marta where you find people who talk with everyone, you find friends. It’s an easier life for me; I don’t feel up to the other one; I don’t have the strength and friendships give me strength. I actually need friends, they aren’t many, but they’re true friends.”

There was no lack of references to the past in the conversation, to his childhood in Buenos Aires, his support for the San Lorenzo football team, his ‘vocation’ as a butcher, his roots in the Italian region of Piedmont, and his experience in the chemistry laboratory — a study, he said, that “seduced” him greatly, but over which the call of God prevailed.

Pope Francis also recalled the vow he made to Our Lady of Carmel, on 16 July 1990, not to watch TV. “I don’t watch television,” he said, “but not because I condemn it.” He spoke, too, about his love of music, especially classical music; and reflected on his sense of humour, which he said, “is a medicine” that “does so much good.”

POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: JESUS’ DISCIPLES ARE POOR AND HAPPY

By Devin Watkins

Pope Francis offered a reflection on Sunday’s Gospel reading (Lk 6:20-23) at the midday Angelus prayer with pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square. Speaking about the Beatitudes, the Pope noted that Jesus was surrounded by a large crowd when he proclaimed them, but that He addressed them to “His disciples”. Pope Francis said Jesus did so because the Beatitudes “define the identity of the disciple of Jesus.” “They may sound strange, almost incomprehensible to those who are not disciples,” he admitted. “However, if we ask ourselves what a disciple of Jesus is like, the answer is precisely the Beatitudes.”

Poor, blessed, humble

The Pope focused his attention on “Blessed are you poor, for yours is the Kingdom of Heaven.”

“Jesus says two things to His people: that they are blessed and poor, and that they are blessed because they are poor.”

Being poor, said Pope Francis, means Christians find our joy in the gifts we receive daily from God—like life, Creation, and our brothers and sisters—and not in money or other material goods.

This type of poverty, he added, urges us to share the goods we have “according to the logic of God, which is gratuitousness.”

“Therefore,” he said, “the disciple is a humble, open person, far from prejudice and inflexibility.”

Paradox of the Beatitudes

Pope Francis went on to recall last Sunday’s Gospel account of St. Peter casting his net at Jesus’ invitation, before leaving his miraculous catch to follow the Lord.

“Peter shows himself to be docile by leaving everything, and in this way, he becomes a disciple. Instead, those who are too attached to their own ideas and their own securities, find it difficult to truly follow Jesus.”

The Pope said some people may listen to Jesus but ultimately refuse to accept the “paradox of the Beatitudes” and end up dissatisfied and sad.

Freed from chains of rigidity

The Beatitudes, noted the Pope, “declare that those who are poor, who lack many goods and recognize this, are blessed, that is, happy.”

“Disciples know how to question themselves, how to humbly seek God every day, and this allows them to delve into reality, grasping its richness and complexity,” he said.

Christian disciples, said the Pope, allow ourselves to be challenged and are willing to undertake a tiring journey to enter the logic of God.

“The Lord, by freeing us from the slavery of self-centredness, breaks our locks, dissolves our hardness, and opens up to us true happiness, which is often found where we do not expect it to be.”

Joy of Christian disciple

Finally, Pope Francis invited Christians to ask ourselves if we enjoy “the disciple’s readiness” or if we prefer to embrace our own rigid mindsets.

“Do I allow myself to be ‘inwardly unhinged’ by the paradox of the Beatitudes, or do I stay within the confines of my own ideas?” asked the Pope.

He concluded his catechesis with a reminder that joy is the true mark of a disciple of Jesus.

“May Our Lady,” he prayed, “the first disciple of the Lord, help us live as open and joyful disciples.”

POPE FRANCIS: MAY OUR LADY OF LOURDES OPEN OUR HEARTS TO ENCOUNTER

By Linda Bordoni

February 11 is the anniversary of the first apparition of the Virgin Mary to Bernadette Soubirous. 30 years ago, Saint John Paul II instituted the World Day of the Sick on this day of the solemnity of Our Lady of Lourdes to highlight the plight of the sick and to call the attention of health institutions, civil society and all believers, to those who take care of them.

It is on this day that Pope Francis has sent a video message of participation and prayer to pilgrims gathered in Buenos Aires at a Shrine dedicated to Our Lady of Lourdes.

A community that goes forth

You are asking Our Lady for very great grace, he says: “Mother, help us to be a community that goes out to encounter everyone.”

Help us, he continues, to be a community that goes out to encounter others, but that also goes forth allowing ourselves to be encountered, because “encounter is mutual.”

The Pope goes on to explain that “encounter is not almsgiving, it is walking together, escaping solitude and isolation to be with others, with friends, with family, with the People of God, all together in prayer before Our Lady.”

“That is why we ask Our Lady to help us to be a community”

A moth that eats away at your heart

Repeating his prayer to Our Lady to help us to be a community, he says “Encounter always means opening up to others; the opposite of encounter is closing our hearts.”

“Mother, may our hearts not be closed, because selfishness is a moth that eats away at your heart.”

Pope Francis concludes his message assuring the pilgrims that he joins them in this celebration and prays for them.

“And I ask you, please, to pray for me,” he says, and he sends his blessing:

“May Jesus bless you very much, and may the Blessed Mother accompany you, holding your hands. Happy feast day!”



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

We all know that love is Jesus’ commandment to us his disciples and love is our Christian duty towards God and others around us.

However, the love Jesus means to teach us is more than just the one the world media has tried to present to us. It, however, is the one known in its Greek form as AGAPE, the exact word Jesus used in the biblical context to distinguish itself from other two forms of love called EROS - erotic love, and PHILIA – brotherly love.

Agape actually is better translated as charity, meaning the fatherly love of God for humanity, and vice versa, the filial love of people for God, which is unconditional and has no attachment.

In the Gospel today, Jesus set out to lay down the foundation for his teaching, namely his commandment of love, which spells out what he expects his disciples and followers to follow, and also counters the accusation from some people in the Jewish circle then, such as the Pharisees and the scribes, that he came to destroy their Jewish laws. With this distinctive teaching Jesus clearly takes his followers to go far beyond the demands of Moses’ law.

Significantly, Jesus makes the extra effort to argue for the case of charity. He tells the disciples the reason why he asked them to bless their enemies, be nice to those who hate them, bless those who curse them, and pray for those who mistreat them, because they must surpass what even sinners can do, that is to be kind and generous to those who show them kindness and generosity, and more importantly because they must follow the example, led by God our heavenly Father, who has been kind and compassionate to all people no matter who they are.

It’s worth noting that people in Jesus’ time tend to wear two robe-like garments called a coat – outer garment and a shirt – inner garment. During the day, the temperature there was warm enough for people to only put on the shirt, but they were required to put the coat on at night to keep them warm, since it was really cold. Consequently Jewish law required that if a person used his coat as collateral for a loan, the lender was to return it to him before nightfall. By asking the disciples to be prepared to

let go of their tunic, even when asked for the coat, the inner garment, Jesus did take an extraordinary step to bring his followers beyond the boundaries of the law then.

Inspired by Jesus’ trademark teaching of love in the Gospel today, let us earnestly pray for the grace to mould our hearts into the heart of our heavenly Father, so that we will be able to warm others around us with love, compassion and generosity as he has been so kind to all of us.

Have a charity-filled week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

PARISH FEAST DAY & DIAMOND JUBILEE

CELEBRATION THANK YOU Our celebration last Sunday went so well and it was so wonderful to see our hall full to its capacity, something we haven’t seen for two years. Let us first give praise and thanks to the Lord and Our Lady of Lourdes for such a wonderful day for us to enjoy.

As lot of different people took a lot of effort to help out from the church to the hall, I would like to sincerely thank all our staff, ministers and volunteers for everything they did no matter big or small, seen and unseen to make the occasion so memorable and enjoyable.

I am very proud of our community spirit and hope that we will continue to keep it up. Thank you everyone once again.

NATIONAL CHURCH LIFE SURVEY– 26/27th February

You will be invited to reflect on your experiences of church life. This is a voluntary and anonymous survey that will take place next week during Mass.

LOLOL MORNING TEA VOLUNTEERS: If you can assist 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.

CHURCH FLOWERS—VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Anyone interested joining the Flower Team? We need someone to join our team to do flowers every 2nd weekend of the month.

Start in March You will be partnered with someone else. Please call Parish Office 9622 2920 for more information.



A SPECIAL THANKS to Lena and Bill Saliba and those who helped with the annual washing and ironing of the 40 altar server robes. All the hard work was greatly appreciated.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED WEDNESDAY 23 FEBRUARY, Annual Staff Retreat Day.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

For our first Parish Pastoral Council meeting of the year last Wednesday night, after the groups’ report we spent a good deal of time to discuss arrangements for our Parish Feast day this year.

The meeting started with the Opening prayer followed by a spiritual reading entitled ‘Service’ by Phyllis Zagano, taken from the book called ‘A Pope Francis Lexicon.’ In this article, Zagano helps readers re-visit Pope Francis’ thoughts on the topic of service, a Christian virtue known by its Greek word as ‘diakonia’.

Pope Francis has reminded all of us that we Catholics are called and inspired by the Holy Spirit to serve with humility and genuine love or charity. Through service we bring Christ to others around us. A life of prayer has to go hand in hand with service, since service is the fruit of a good prayer life, and without service people’s prayer might become a shield for self-centredness entertaining no one but our own egos. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to inspire and empower us all with his grace to make service part of our prayer lives and by this prayer + service may we bring Jesus to all people around us.



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

77. Each day offers us a new opportunity, a new possibility. We should not expect everything from those who govern us, for that would be childish. We have the space we need for co-responsibility in creating and putting into place new processes and changes. Let us take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies. Today we have a great opportunity to express our innate sense of fraternity, to be Good Samaritans who bear the pain of other people's troubles rather than fomenting greater hatred and resentment. Like the chance traveller in the parable, we need only have a pure and simple desire to be a people, a community, constant and tireless in the effort to include, integrate and lift up the fallen. We may often find ourselves succumbing to the mentality of the violent, the blindly ambitious, those who spread mistrust and lies. Others may continue to view politics or the economy as an arena for their own power plays. For our part, let us foster what is good and place ourselves at its service.

78. We can start from below and, case by case, act at the most concrete and local levels, and then expand to the farthest reaches of our countries and our world, with the same care and concern that the Samaritan showed for each of the wounded man's injuries. Let us seek out others and embrace the world as it is, without fear of pain or a sense of inadequacy, because there we will discover all the goodness that God has planted in human hearts. Difficulties that seem overwhelming are opportunities for growth, not excuses for a glum resignation that can lead only to acquiescence. Yet let us not do this alone, as individuals. The Samaritan discovered an innkeeper who would care for the man; we too are called to unite as a family that is stronger than the sum of small individual members. For "the whole is greater than the part, but it is also greater than the sum of its parts". [60] Let us renounce the pettiness and resentment of useless in-fighting and constant confrontation. Let us stop feeling sorry for ourselves and acknowledge our crimes, our apathy, our lies. Reparation and reconciliation will give us new life and set us all free from fear.

79. The Samaritan who stopped along the way departed without expecting any recognition or gratitude. His effort to assist another person gave him great satisfaction in life and before his God, and thus became a duty. All of us have a responsibility for the wounded, those of our own people and all the peoples of the earth. Let us care for the needs of every man and woman, young and old, with the same fraternal spirit of care and closeness that marked the Good Samaritan.

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

19/20 February 2022		
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dining 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Charmaine Jansz 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Chrisha Gonzales 9.30am: Carole Walker, Sarah Lenthall	
Readers	Vigil: Crystal Menezes, Benno Motha 8am: Jo Cabasa, Pepito Ferriols 9.30am Noel Emmanuel, Helen Katopau	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Samuel Thoms SUB REQ 8am: SUB REQ 9.30am Oliana Katopau, Celestina Katopau, Majerin Pieris	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church cleaning	23 February	Sue Abela, Jessie Borg, Anne McNally
Welcomers	Vigil: Not Filled 8am: Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain	

Sunday 26/27 February 2022		
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Faylene Kennedy	
Ministers	Vigil: Chrisha Gonzales, Helen Gonzales 8am: Maricel Santos, SUB REQ 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, SUB REQ	
Readers	Vigil: Alison Punch, Jemma Sarimento 8am: Kathy Walker, Anne McNally 9.30am Adrian Walker, Christina Diaz	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, Karuniya Marutha - nayagam 8am: SUB REQ 9.30am Chloe Attard, Leo Culili	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couple for Christ	
Flowers	Annette & Mary B	
Church cleaning	2 March	Carole Walker, Sandy Manamperi
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Lena Falzon	



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DIOCESAN NEWS

SYNOD 2023: LEARNING TO JOURNEY TOGETHER

We all need to be open to change and ongoing learning. How open are we to change and ongoing learning and how are we formed? Are our leaders open to change & ongoing learning? How can we do better?

Have a prayerful conversation with your family, friends or colleagues, and tell Bishop Vincent and Pope Francis what you find!

Online submissions close **26 February**. Find out more at bit.ly/synod2023

Call Wendy on 0427 863 149 or email

MET@parracatholic.org if you need assistance

World Meeting of Families: 22 – 26 June 2022

Every three years since 1994, the Church has celebrated the World Meeting of Families in a different city of the world. In 2022 the event will be hosted by the Diocese of Rome with Pope Francis leading special celebrations. However, the Holy Father has also asked that the World Meeting of Families be celebrated concurrently in every diocese of the world in 2022. The idea is for families to gather locally in Parishes and/or Deaneries and explore and celebrate the theme of "Family love: a vocation and a path to holiness". Stay tuned for exciting opportunities to participate with the Diocese of Parramatta in 2022

CARITAS PROJECT COMPASSION 2022 STARTS NEXT WEEK

Caritas Australia's Lenten *Project Compassion* campaign will start on Project Compassion Sunday (27 February) and lead us all the way towards Easter. This year's theme *For All Future Generations* comes from the biblical story of the great flood (Genesis 9:12-15). It reminds us that the good we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come. Find out more at caritas.org.au/project-compassion or contact our Diocesan Director of Caritas on Sebastian.Salaske-Lentern@parracatholic.org or 0409 399 505.

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR		
FEBRUARY		
23	Parish Retreat Day - Office closed	
23	Sacrament of Reconciliation- 3rd Meeting	6.30pm
24	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm
24	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
24	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
26	Sacrament of Reconciliation—3rd Meeting RPT	4.30pm
28	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
MARCH		
2	ASH WEDNESDAY	
9	Sacrament of Reconciliation-4th Meeting	6.30pm

DONATE TO CARITAS AUSTRALIA 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.

PASTORAL FORMATION offering leadership and formation courses in 2022

In 2022, we can still deepen our community connections and growth in faith! To encourage this, Pastoral Formation – Diocese of Parramatta has two programs FOR YOU – all offered in a COVID-safe manner.

- 1) Ministry Leadership Program: Perfect for current and aspiring ministry leaders. 10 or 20 sessions (\$10/session).
- 2) Themes of Faith Program: Ideal for people interested in asking life & faith questions in discussion groups. 10 sessions (\$5/session).

See our website pfparra.org.au or

email met@parracatholic.org for more details

CELEBRATING HOLY WEEK FORMATION WORKSHOP FOR ACOLYTES AND MINISTERS AT THE ALTAR:

26 February The Office For Worship is conducting a seminar for Acolytes and Ministers at the Altar on Saturday 26 February from 9:30 am to 3pm at the Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. The workshop will be an opportunity to refine one's skills in their ministry with a special focus on Holy Week celebrations. If you are interested or would like to RSVP, please contact the Office For Worship at anne.stanton@parracatholic.org or (02) 8838 3456.

A LAUDATO SI RETREAT FOR ADULTS

Quantum Spirit in Creation - Pope Francis invites believers to reflect on the truth, that their responsibility within creation and their duty towards Nature and the Creator are an essential part of their faith.

The Holy Spirit is the source of all unity, so, **Quantum Spirit in Creation** starts at the beginning of the New Creation Story to weave a web of connectedness and relationships between God's Creator Spirit and all living beings in an Integral Ecology.

To be held at *Wooglemai Guntawang Environmental Bushland Retreat*
45 Sheeheys Creek Rd, Oakdale NSW 2570
at a cost of \$95.00

7.00pm Friday 1st April, To 2.00pm Sunday 3rd April, 2022.

For a brochure or enquiries email to

antiphon1@outlook.com

Or phone: 0429 595 231

Br Frank Richardson and Mr Adrian Walker

*Come,
Take time to listen
to Creation.*

