

# Second Sunday of Lent

## "The Transfiguration of Our Lord"

Peter  
James  
John  
Mountain  
Sun  
White  
Light  
Moses  
Elijah  
Shelters  
Voice  
Cloud  
Lord  
Jesus



Find the  
hidden  
words



Jesus shone like  
the sun when He  
took his three  
friends up the  
mountain.

Luke 9:28-36



Peter was confused and  
said something without  
thinking. What did he  
say he could make?

Connect the dots to find out!



OUR LADY OF LOURDES

PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS

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### 13 March • 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  
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lane, 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: Fjner Lauridsen, Charlie Chircop, Randy Farparan, Emily  
Galea, Dolly Huertas, Garie Monteclaro, Hyacinth Perera, John Thomas,  
Mimi Wong.

Anniversaries: Carmen Attard, Michelle Azzopardi, Josephine Bartolo, Sam Batis-  
ta, Sylvia Batista, Fe Licup Carmen, Dominic, Conception & Monica D'Souza, Tran  
Thi Mai Dung, Paul Falzon, Rose Fernandes, Fernandes Family, Zaren Formosa,  
Joseph and Carmena Formosa, Jean, Elsie & Marc Garrick, Ronnie Giller, Christine  
Gomez, Ivica Komar, Apolinario Maglaya, Harold, Debbie Mifsud, William & Emilia  
Mifsud, Fr Joseph Tran Minh, Irene Moroney, Tom Morrissey Snr, Felix & Andranna  
Muscat, Jim & Alison Muscat, Myra Raymond, Rosary Silva, Victorio Sing, Ber-  
nard & Pauline Soares, Joseph Taroti, Joshep Trinh, John William.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Michelle Azzopardi, Carmen Attard, Roy,  
Mary & Des Barney, Silvia and Sam Debbathista, Ngan Siu Eng, Georgina Falzon.  
Sammy Formosa, Felina Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Doris Mifsud,  
Anton & Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Ngan  
Pin, 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 infir-  
mities, both spiritual and physical.

I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to im-  
plore your maternal intercession.

Obtain most loving mother, my requests,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

### COVID- 19 UPDATE

- **MASKS:** are no longer mandatory but still  
*strongly encouraged*
- **CHECK- IN & RECORD KEEPING :** no longer required
- **SINGING:** Both choir and congregation are able to sing  
at our Churches

As previously communicated, density limits are no longer  
applicable for our Churches and other buildings within the  
Parish since December 2021.

HOWEVER OUR SAFETY PLAN STILL RECOMMENDS  
SOCIAL DISTANCING WHERE POSSIBLE.

**PLEASE DO NOT ATTEND IF YOU ARE  
EXPERIENCING ANY FLU LIKE SYMPTOMS.**

*Please Help Us Keep Our Community 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.

### 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

**FIRST COLLECTION or Matt's Point** is for the support  
of Priests throughout the Diocese.

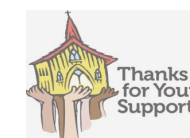
### ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

Account name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy

BSB: 067 950

ACC: 00 00 4265

Reference: Seven Hills - 6035



*Your generosity is greatly appreciated.*

All are welcome to join us for **Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills, Sydney, NSW, Australia Facebook LIVE-STREAM WEEKEND MASSES**  
celebrated by **Fr. Henry Huu Duc Tran** on **Saturdays 6PM (Vigil), Sundays: 8AM, 9:30AM** <https://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/>



FIRST READING A reading from the book of Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, ‘Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants’ he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. ‘I am the Lord’ he said to him ‘who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you heir to this land.’ ‘My Lord, the Lord’ Abram replied ‘how am I to know that I shall inherit it?’ He said to him, ‘Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.’ He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.’ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
‘Seek his face.’ . (R.)

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. (R.)

I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord! (R)

SECOND READING A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:17-4:1

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, ‘This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.’ And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silent and, at that time, told no one what they had seen. 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 AUDIENCE: TEACHING OF WOMEN OF DOCTORS OF CHURCH OFFER LIGHT AND HOPE TO OUR WORLD

By Christopher Wells

The example of Sts Teresa of Avila, Catherine of Siena, Thérèse of Lisieux, and Hildegard of Bingen; of Sts Bridget of Sweden and Theresa Benedicta of the Cross “highlights some of the elements that make up that femininity so necessary to the Church and to the world,” Pope Francis said on Tuesday.

Light and hope for the world

In a message to an international academic conference on Women Doctors of the Church and the Co-Patronesses of Europe, the Pope said their “preeminent teachings... are particularly timely due to their enduring depth and relevance, and in the present circumstances, can offer light and hope to our fragmented and fractious world.” He noted that all of these women “offered the witness of a holy life,” learning to be docile to the Holy Spirit through the grace of baptism, and drawing strength “from the love of God that filled their hearts.”

Necessary femininity

Pope Francis noted, “Our world today recognized that the dignity and intrinsic worth with which the Creator endowed them be restored to all women.”

In the female Doctors of the Church and Patrons of Europe, he said, we can see “elements that make up that femininity so necessary to the Church and the world,” including “the courage to face difficulties; the capacity for being practical; a natural desire to promote what is most beautiful and human according to God’s plan; and a far-sighted, prophetic vision of the world and of history.”

He also highlighted their great love for the Church and the Pope, while recognizing their call to help remedy the sins and sufferings of the ages in which they lived.

Feminine holiness

The Pope concluded his message with the hope that the conference might prove an incentive to promote “that ‘feminine holiness’ which makes the Church and the world so fruitful.”

POPE FRANCIS APPEALS FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

By Thaddeus Jones

Pope Francis made the following appeal for an end to the hostilities in Ukraine and that humanitarian corridors be assured so those fleeing can reach emergency aid and shelter. He made the appeal during his Sunday Angelus address in St. Peter’s Square where 25,000 pilgrims were onhand, some bearing Ukrainian flags.

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**And I would also like to thank the journalists who put their lives at risk to provide information. Thank you, brothers and sisters, for this service! A service that allows us to be close to the tragedy of that population and enables us to assess the cruelty of a war. Thank you, brothers and sisters.**

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**POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS** *By Vatican News*

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

The Gospel of the Liturgy today, first Sunday of Lent, takes us into the desert, where Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit, for forty days, to be tempted by the devil (cf. Lk 4:1-13). Jesus too was tempted by the devil, and He accompanies us, every one of us, in our temptations. The desert symbolizes the fight against the seductions of evil, to learn to choose true freedom. Indeed, Jesus lives the experience of the desert just before beginning his public mission. It is precisely through this spiritual combat that he decisively affirms what type of Messiah he intends to be. Not this type of Messiah, but that one: I would say that this is indeed the declaration of Jesus' messianic identity, the messianic way of Jesus. "I am the Messiah, but on this path". Let us then look closely at the temptations he is battling.

Twice the devil addresses him, saying: "If you are the Son of God..." (vv. 3, 9). He is thus proposing to him to exploit his position: first to satisfy the material needs he feels, hunger (cf. v. 3), then to increase his power (cf. vv. 6-7); and, finally, to have a prodigious sign from God (cf. vv. 9-11). Three temptations. It is as if he were saying, "If you are Son of God, take advantage of it!". How often this happens to us: "But if you are in that position, take advantage of it! Don't lose the opportunity, the chance", that is, "think of *your* benefit". It is a seductive proposal, but it leads you to the enslavement of the heart: it makes us obsessed with the desire to have, it reduces everything to the possession of things, power, fame. This is the core of the temptations. It is the "poison of the passions" in which evil is rooted. Look within ourselves, and we will find that our temptations always have this mindset, this way of acting.

But Jesus opposes the attractions of evil in a winning way. How does he do this? By responding to temptations with the Word of God, which says not to take advantage, not to use God, others and things for oneself, not to take advantage of one's own position to obtain privileges. Because true happiness and true freedom are not found in possessing, but in sharing; not in taking advantage of others, but in loving them; not in the obsession of power, but in the joy of service.

Brothers and sisters, these temptations also accompany us on the journey of life. We must be vigilant – do not be afraid, it happens to everyone – and be vigilant, because they often present themselves under an apparent form of good. In fact, the devil, who is cunning, always uses deception. He wanted Jesus to believe that his proposals were useful to prove that he was really the Son of God. And he does so with us too: he often arrives "with sweet eyes", "with an angelic face"; he even knows how to disguise himself with sacred, apparently religious motives!

And I would like to emphasize something. Jesus does not converse with the devil: he never conversed with the devil. Either he banished him, when he healed the possessed, or in this case, when he has to respond, he does so with the Word of God, never with his own word. Brothers and sisters, never enter into dialogue with the devil: he is more cunning than we are. Never! Cling to the Word of God like Jesus, and at most answer always with the Word of God. And on this path, we will never go wrong.

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For instance, how often we heard

"I have done strange things, but I have helped the poor"; "I have taken advantage of my role – as a politician, a governor, a priest, a bishop – but also for good"; "I have given in to my instincts, but in the end, I did no harm to anyone", these justifications, and so on, one after the other. Please: no compromises with evil! No dialogue with the devil! We must not enter into dialogue with temptation, we must not fall into that slumber of the conscience that makes us say: "But after all, it's not serious, everyone does it"! Let us look at Jesus, who does not seek accommodation, does not make agreements with evil. He opposes the devil with the Word of God, who is stronger than the devil, and thus overcomes temptation.

May this time of Lent also be a *time of the desert* for us. Let us take time for silence and prayer – just a little, it will do us good – in these

spaces let us stop and look at what is stirring in our hearts, our inner truth, that which we know cannot be justified. Let us find inner clarity, placing ourselves before the Word of God in prayer, so that a positive fight against the evil that enslaves us, a fight for freedom, may take place within us.

Let us ask the Blessed Virgin to accompany us in the Lenten desert and to help us on our way of conversion.

***After the Angelus***

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Rivers of blood and tears are flowing in Ukraine. It is not merely a military operation, but a war, which sows death, destruction and misery. The number of victims is increasing, as are the people fleeing, especially mothers and children. The need for humanitarian assistance in that troubled country is growing dramatically by the hour.

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Promoting Integral Human Development. The presence of the two Cardinals there is the presence not only of the Pope, but of all the Christian people who want to get closer and say: "War is madness! Stop, please! Look at this cruelty!".

I greet you all, Romans and pilgrims from Italy and other countries. In particular, I greet the faithful of Concord, California, those from various cities in Poland, and those of Cordoba and Sobradriel in Spain. I greet the community of the French Seminary of Rome, with their relatives, the faithful of Vedano al Lambro, young people of Saronno, Cesano Maderno, Baggio and Valceresio, diocese of Milan, and those of Papiano and Cerqueto, diocese of Perugia. I greet the volunteer donors of the Italian State Police, as well as the participants in the pilgrimage in memory of [my visit to Iraq](#), exactly one year ago.

This afternoon, along with the collaborators of the Roman Curia, the Spiritual Exercise will begin. We keep all the needs of the Church and the human family in our prayer. And you too, please, pray for us.

I wish you all a blessed Sunday and a fruitful Lenten path! Enjoy your meal, and *arrivederci*.



**FROM FR. HENRY DUC**

Dear Friends,

In our Catechism of the Catholic Church, we regard heaven as both the firmament and God's own place, where God is with the saints and the spiritual creatures (cf. No 326).

Compared to our view mentioned above, Jewish people were more concrete in their understanding of heaven, for they believed that the Kingdom of God is the place where God resides as its King and where its citizens, the righteous ones are dressed in white clothes and live in tents, just like the way their ancestors lived in the desert prior to their settlement in the Promised Land.

They also gave a special respect to Moses and Elijah, since they considered them the two figures representing both the Law (Moses) and the Prophets (Elijah), another name for their Scriptures, known to us Christians as the Old Testament. More specifically Moses represents the laws God gave him on Mt Sinai, laws Jewish people considered as a guideline to holiness and a place in God's Kingdom, and Elijah, on the other hand, was greatly revered by the Jews as one of the greatest prophets of theirs whose return marks the coming of the messiah.

Due to the appearance of the symbolic images of the tents, Moses, and Elijah in the Gospel narrative this Sunday, we could find such a background knowledge mentioned above rather useful, for it would help us appreciate the Gospel story much better.

The presence of both Moses and Elijah at the same time and place to chat along with Jesus seems to pave the way for the message that the Father solemnly declares at the end of the story that Jesus in fact is the Son of God, the Chosen one, and all people should listen to him. 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him,' said the Father from the cloud.

Moreover, their presence with Jesus also means to tell us that just as God once worked to save the Jewish people from their physical enemies in the days of the Old Testament, he is now working through Jesus, his Son to save the entire human race from its spiritual enemy, the devil and bring all into his Kingdom.

It's also fascinating how the Transfiguration experience had made an impact on Peter, John and James, that they fell asleep for the whole time while Moses and Elijah were talking to Jesus, and that Peter felt so good about the occasion and had no intention to leave the place, he, instead pleaded with Jesus to set up three tents for Jesus and his guests. In short Peter felt as if he and his friends had already set foot in the Kingdom of God, the place most desirable to them and the place we were prepared to leave everything behind to look for.

Let us ask Jesus today for the grace to strengthen our faith in Him, the one our Heavenly Father proudly proclaimed 'This is my Son, the Chosen One', and pray that we may be able to listen to his teachings and put them into practice as God wish us to do.

Have a Christ-centric week.

Fr Henry

**PARISH NEWS...**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT**

At our last meeting, members of the Council planned to have three special celebrations for our parish this year, namely Welcome Back Multicultural Day in July, Fr Henry's Jubilee in October and Parish' Diamond Jubilee in December and the actual dates are to be decided. Council members also spent some time on the article called Refugee by Rhonda Miska taken from A Pope Francis Lexicon edited by Joshua J. McElwee and Cindy Wooden, which deals with one of Pope Francis' most endearing subjects. It was an appropriate time to read such an article, for it helps participants to be in touch both (1) with what the pope has encouraged the Church to do for migrants and refugees, such as a sense of solidarity with them, and a new evangelization for the Church, and (2) with the plight of nearly two millions of refugees from Ukraine recently.

**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 a lot of different people took lots 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 how 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.

**PARISH WORKING BEE THANK YOU**

Thank you all for sparing your time to come along and help out with our Lenten Working Bee. Your great effort to make our church surrounding areas look tidier and better is much appreciated.

Thank you to our volunteers who helped to prepare lunch for the team.

**CHURCH FLOWERS—VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED**

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

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



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

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



**Stations  
of the Cross**

Every  
**FRIDAY**  
During **LENT**  
**7.30pm**



12/13 March 2022		
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil: Noreen Do Rosario, Crystal Menezes 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Kathy Walker 9.30am: Christina Diaz, Noel Emmanuel	
Readers	Vigil: Chisha Gonzales, Helen Gonzales 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Benno Motha 9.30am Carole Walker, Sara Lenthall	
Altar Servers	Vigil: <b>SUBS REQ</b> 8am: <b>SUB REQ</b> 9.30am Leonardo Costello, Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group	
Flowers	Claudette & Volunteer Required	
Church cleaning	19 March	Helen & Dennis Gonzales, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: <b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b> 8am: Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain	

19/20 March 2022		
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Faylene Kennedy	
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Jemma Sarmiento 8am: Anne McNally, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Paul Gow, VOLUNTEER	
Readers	Vigil: Laura Bellissimo, Alison Punch 8am: VOLUNTEER, Erika Hien 9.30am Mercy Aquino, Helen Katopau	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Samuel Thoms, VOLUNTEERS 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Leo Cullili, Celestina Katopau, Oliana Katopau	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Rammel Lagare & Mercy Aquino	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church cleaning	23 March	Sue Abela, Anne McNally, Jerome Peralta
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: VOLUNTEER	



**2023 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN.**  
Please contact the school Office for an enrolment pack. e: [OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au](mailto:OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au)  
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## PRAYER FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE IN UKRAINE

God of peace and justice,  
who change the hardened heart  
and break the power of violence,  
we entrust the people of Ukraine to you.

Protect them in this time of peril;  
let them know not death but life,  
not slavery but freedom.

You are Father of all;  
we are brothers and sisters.

Give us the strength  
to live that truth in love,  
choosing peace not war.

Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.



Caritas Australia's Lenten **Project Compassion** campaign has begun and will 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.

**Biru 30**, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneur ship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.

Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with disability and paved the way For All

**Future Generations. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes available from our Parish, by visiting [lent.caritas.org.au](http://lent.caritas.org.au), or by calling 1800 024 413.



## DIOCESAN NEWS

**AUSTRALIAN BISHOP'S RESPONSE TO THE UKRAINE CRISIS** The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has prepared a statement (see attached) on the unfolding violence in Ukraine, quoting Conference president Archbishop Mark Coleridge and Bishop Mykola Bychok, the leader of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia. A Prayer for Peace and Justice in Ukraine has also been created and is attached. The media release and prayer card can also be accessed here: <https://mediablog.catholic.org.au/bishops-call-for-peace-in-ukraine-generous-australian-response/>

**SYNOD OF BISHOPS LOCAL SUBMISSIONS CLOSE THIS WEEKEND!** The local consultation period for the global Synod on Synodality has been extended. Submissions can now be received through the online portal until **Sunday 13 March**. Don't miss out on this chance to take part in a global conversation about the Catholic Church. How are we called to walk together as Christians? How can we listen to one another in making important decisions about our faith and our mission? Find out more and share your contribution at: <https://catholic.org.au/synodalchurch>

### 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](http://pfparra.org.au) or email [met@parracatholic.org](mailto:met@parracatholic.org) for more details

### LOL PARISH CALENDAR

#### MARCH

14	Saint Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
16	Sacrament of Reconciliation– 5th Meeting	6.30pm
17	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
17	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
18	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm
19	Sacrament of Reconciliation- 5th Meeting <b>RPT</b>	4.30pm
23	FIRST RECONCILIATION LITURGY GRP1	7.00pm
25	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm
26 / 27	GOOD SAMARITAN BISHOPS APPEAL	All Masses

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS ACROSS THE DIOCESE ARE ENROLLING NOW!** Our 80 Catholic schools are enrolling now for 2023. Come along to an open day to learn more and see what a Catholic education can offer your child. Find your local Catholic school and it's open day at <https://www.parra.catholic.edu.au/whats-on/coming-up/catholic-school-open-days>

**DR LAURIE WOODS GOSPEL STUDY SERIES: Starting 29 April** All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for catechesis on the Gospel of St Luke with Dr Laurie Woods over 5 Fridays starting 29 April. The sessions will be held from 10am to 2pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre (formerly the IFM), Blacktown. To RSVP, please contact [ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com](mailto:ccassar.ccdparra@hotmail.com)

### TOONGABBIE PARISH POSITION VACANT

St Anthony of Padua Parish, Toongabbie are seeking a permanent part time role classified under the "Clerks Private Sector Award 2010" as level 1, or above, dependent on the experience of applicant. The successful applicant will Co-ordinate the Sacramental Program, the Special Religious Education Program (SRE) and provide administrative assistance to the Parish Priest and Parish Secretary. Hours will be 18 hours per weeks worked over 3 days. Please forward applications and resumes to the parish secretary ([secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au](mailto:secretary@stanthonyschurch.org.au)) by 16 March 2022.

### YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION: 13 March

Young adults aged 18 to 35 are invited to a young adults faith formation session on Sunday 13 March at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy St, Minchinbury, starting from 7pm. Seminarian Tom Green will lead discussion on historicity and reliability of the Gospels. A donation of \$5 is suggested. Come along for fun, faith and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

**'THE WELL' offers spiritual nourishment** Need some inspiration and spiritual encouragement ? Why not check out The Well? The Diocese's 'on demand' streaming site has a tonne of video and prayer resources for you to explore and engage with during this difficult time. Check it out on [www.thewell.org.au](http://www.thewell.org.au)

### A LAUDATO SI RETREAT FOR ADULTS

**Quantum Spirit in Creation** - Pope Francis invites believers to reflect on the truth, that their responsibility with-in 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](mailto:antiphon1@outlook.com)  
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