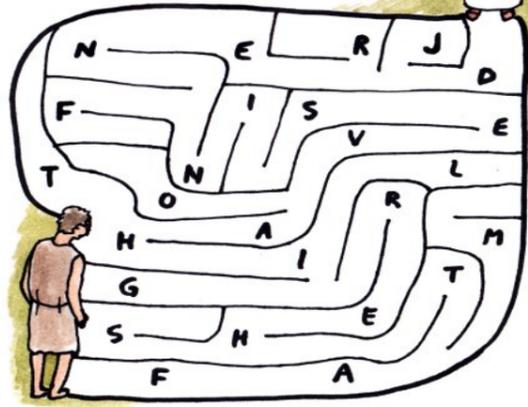


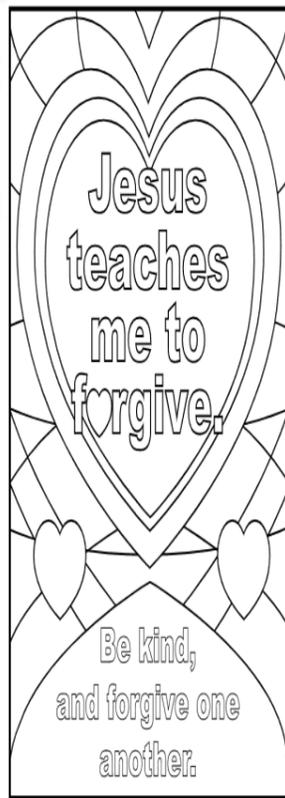
The Kids' Bulletin

Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 27th, 2022

What did the son in today's Gospel reading say to show his father he was sorry?
Luke 15.1-3, 11-32



As you go through the maze, use only the letters in the right path to fill in the blanks:



Our Father forgives us.
Like the father in the story of the prodigal son, God rejoices when we return to Him.

Help the lost son find his way home.



The Son who was Sorry



Today's Gospel reading tells us about God's forgiveness. We are like the son who ran away and wasted all his money whenever we don't use our gifts or talents to serve God or others.

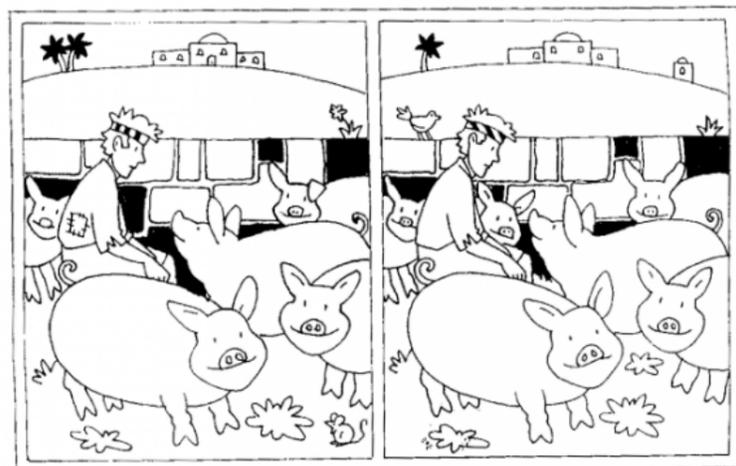
God is like the father in this story. He lets the younger son do whatever he wants, but he loves him even when he chooses to be bad. All he wants is for his son to come home and be sorry. He is ready and waiting to forgive the prodigal son.

God is waiting to forgive us too, in the sacrament of Confession. He wants us to be sorry for our sins and tell Him we are sorry so He can take them away.

Try to make sure you go to confession before Easter so your soul will be clean and ready for the great celebration!



Find 10 differences between the pictures



Connect the dots.



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Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, David Benjamin, Rosella Booth, Ruby Chary, Barrie Chamberlain, Elizabeth Ehsman, Anush Fernando, Melvyn Fernandes, Joseph Franco, Jose Garcia, Maureen Greenfield, Anthony Janicska, Spencer Leon, Cynthia Lopez, Carmenu M, Gerard Marcello, Marie Marchand, 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: Karen Reyes, Generoso Flame, Nancy 'Audrey' Cheliah, Tom Morrissey Snr, Lorraine Clariage, Jason Muscat, Danilo Carayag Salangvit, Rev Father Hyacinth Perera, Mercy Christobel Chary, Ananda Nayana, Fjner Lauridsen, Charlie Chircop, Randy Farparan, Emily Galea, Dolly Huertas, Garie Monteclaro, Hyacinth Perera, John Thomas.

Anniversaries: France Angseesing, Carmen Attard, Sam Batista, Sylvia Batista, Fe Licup Carmen, Saviour Caruana, Catherine Chandra, Aloysean Coreira, Dominic, Conception & Monica D'Souza, Samuel Doraisamy, Tran Thi Mai Dung, Paul Falzon, Fernandes Family, Joseph and Caremena Formosa, Christine Gomez, Ivica Komar, Ruth Marsden, Harold, Debbie Mifsud, Fr Joseph Tran Minh, Irene Moroney, Tom Morrissey Snr, Felix & Andranna Muscat, John Putre, Klaus Schader, Victorio Sing, Joshep Trinh.

Remembrance: Carmen Attard, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Silvia and Sam Debbathista, Ngan Siu Eng, 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, Myra Raymond, Mary Zammit.

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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Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

COVID- 19 UPDATE

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

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.



PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Love your neighbours as God loves you

Help Catholic Care support those who are isolated or have nowhere to turn

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal



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FIRST READING *A reading from the book of Joshua 5:9-12*

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.' The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded. The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called;
the Lord heard him and rescued him from
all his distress. (R.)

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians 5:17-21*

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise and honour to you,
Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven
and against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL *A reading from the first holy gospel according to Luke 15:1-3,11-32*

The tax collectors and sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes the sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them: 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father. 'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your Son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him, put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him, but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found." 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 PROMULGATES APOSTOLIC CONSTITUTION ON ROMAN CURIA 'PRAEDICATE EVANGELIUM'

By Andrea Tornielli & Sergio Centofanti

On the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, Pope Francis promulgated the new Apostolic Constitution on the Roman Curia, entitled "*Praedicate evangelium*". The text, which governs the Roman Curia, will enter into force on 5 June 2022, the Solemnity of Pentecost. The Constitution marks the outcome of a lengthy listening process that began with the General Congregations that preceded the Conclave of 2013. The new Constitution replaces "*Pastor bonus*", which Pope St. John Paul II promulgated on 28 June 1988 and in force since 1 March 1989 and consisting of 250 articles.

On Monday, 21 March at 11:30 a.m., *Praedicate evangelium* will be presented at the Holy See Press Office by Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints, Bishop Marco Mellino, Secretary of the Council of Cardinals, and Jesuit Father Gianfranco Ghirlanda, canonist and emeritus professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University.

The text, as mentioned, is the result of lengthy collegial work, which took its cue from the 2013 pre-conclave meetings, and involved the Council of Cardinals with meetings from October 2013 to last February, taking place under the guidance of Pope Francis and with various contributions from the local Churches around the world.

Evangelization-focused Curia

It should be noted that the new Constitution calls for a path of reform that has already been almost entirely implemented over the past nine years, through the mergers and adjustments that have taken place and have led to the creation of new dicasteries. The text emphasizes that "the Roman Curia is composed of the Secretariat of State, the Dicasteries and the Offices, all of which are legally equal."

Among the most significant developments in this regard contained in the document is the unification into the Dicastery for Evangelization of the former Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples and the Pontifical Council for the New Evangelization. The two heads of these offices both become pro-prefects, because the prefecture of this new department is reserved to the Pope. In fact, the Constitution reads: "The Dicastery for Evangelization is presided over directly by the Roman Pontiff."

Charity toward the poor and marginalized

The Dicastery for the Service of Charity, represented by the Office of Papal Charities, is then established, which thus assumes a more significant role in the Curia.

"The Dicastery for the Service of Charity, also called the *Apostolic Elemosinaria*, is a unique expression of mercy and, beginning with the option for the poor, the vulnerable and the marginalized, carries out around the world the work of assistance and help to them in the name of the Roman Pontiff, who in cases of particular privation or other necessity, personally arranges for the aid to be given." The Apostolic Constitution begins by presenting in the following order: the Dicasteries for Evangelization, the Doctrine of the Faith, and the Service of Charity.

Another unification concerns the Commission for the Protection of Minors, which becomes part of the Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith, continuing to operate with its own norms and having its own president and secretary.

Missionary disciples

A fundamental part of the document is that which regards general principles. The preamble recalls that every Christian is a missionary disciple.

Fundamental among the general principles is the designation that everyone – including the lay faithful - can be appointed to roles of government in the Roman Curia by virtue of the vicarious power of the Successor of Peter.

"Every Christian, by virtue of Baptism, is a missionary disciple to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ

Jesus. One cannot fail to take this into account in the updating of the Curia, whose reform, therefore, must provide for the involvement of laymen and women, even in roles of government and responsibility."

At service of Pope and local Churches

The Constitution also underscores that the Curia is an instrument at the service of the Bishop of Rome also for the benefit of the universal Church and therefore of the episcopates and local Churches.

"The Roman Curia does not place itself between the Pope and the Bishops; rather, it places itself at the service of both in ways that are proper to the nature of each." Another significant point concerns spirituality: the members of the Roman Curia are also "missionary disciples."

Synodality in particular is highlighted as an ordinary way of working for the Roman Curia, a path already in place, and to be developed more and more.

Term limit for clerics and religious

Other aspects contained in the document include emphasizing the definition of the Secretariat of State as "papal secretariat", the transfer of the Curia Personnel Office to the Secretariat for the Economy (SPE), and the indication that the Administration of the Patrimony of the Apostolic See (APSA) must carry out its work through the instrumental activity of the Institute for the Works of Religion. The Constitution also establishes that for clerics and religious serving in the Roman Curia, the mandate is for five years and may be renewed for a second five-year term, at the end of which they return to their dioceses and communities of origin.

"As a rule, after five years, clerical Officials and members of Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life who have served in curial institutions and offices return to pastoral care in their diocese/parish, or in the Institutes or Societies to which they belong. Should the Superiors of the Roman Curia deem it opportune, the service may be extended for another period of five years."

POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: THE STYLE OF GOD IS CLOSENESS

By Vatican News

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

We are at the heart of our Lenten journey, and today the Gospel begins by presenting Jesus who comments on some news of the day. While people still remember the eighteen who died when a tower collapsed on them, they tell Him about some Galileans whom Pilate had killed (cf. Lk 13:1). And there is a question that seems to accompany these tragic affairs: who is to blame for these terrible events? Perhaps those people were guiltier than others and God punished them? These are questions that also come up today. When bad news weighs on us and we feel powerless before evil, we often ask ourselves: is it perhaps a punishment from God? Did He bring about a war or a pandemic to punish us for our sins? And why does the Lord not intervene?

We must be careful: when evil oppresses us, we risk losing our clarity and, to find an easy answer to what we are unable to explain, we end up putting the blame on God. And so often the very bad habit of using profanities comes from this. How often we attribute to Him our woes and misfortunes in the world, to Him who instead leaves us always free and hence never intervenes imposing, but only proposing; He who never uses violence and instead suffers for us and with us! Indeed, Jesus refuses and contests strongly the idea of blaming God for our evils: those persons who were killed by Pilate and those who died when the tower collapsed on them were not any more at fault than others, and they were not victims of a ruthless and vindictive God, which does not exist! Evil can never come from God because "He does not deal with us according to our sins" (Ps 103:10), but according to His mercy. This is God's style. He cannot treat us otherwise. He always treats us with mercy.

Rather than blaming God, Jesus says we need to look inside ourselves: it is sin that produces death; our selfishness can tear apart relationships; our wrong and violent choices can unleash evil. At this point the Lord offers the true solution, and that is conversion: He says, "unless you repent you will all likewise perish" (Lk 13:5). It is an urgent call, especially during this time of Lent. Let us welcome it with an open heart. Let us turn from evil, let us renounce the sin that seduces us, let us be open to the logic of the Gospel because where love and fraternity reign, evil has no more power!

But Jesus knows that conversion is not easy, and he wants to help us here, given that so many times we repeat the same mistakes and the same sins. We can become discouraged, and sometimes our commitment to do good can seem useless in a world where evil seems to rule. So, after his appeal, He encourages us with a parable that tells of the patience God has for us. We must keep in mind God's patience that He has for us. He offers the consoling image of fig tree that does not bear fruit during the accorded season, but it is not cut down. He gives it more time, another possibility. I like thinking that a nice name for God could be "the God of another possibility": God always gives us another opportunity, always, always. That is what His mercy is like. This is how the Lord works with us. He does not cut us out of his love. He does not lose heart or tire of offering us again His trust with tenderness. Brothers and sisters, God believes in us! God trusts us and accompanies us with patience, the patience of God with us. He does not get discouraged, but always instills hope in us. God is Father and looks after you like a father. As the best of fathers, He does not look at the achievements you have not yet reached, but the fruits you can still bear. He does not keep track of your shortcomings but encourages your potential. He does not dwell on your past, but confidently bets on your future. This is because God is close to us. Let us not forget that the style of God is closeness, He is close with mercy and tenderness. In this way God accompanies us: with closeness, mercy, and tenderness.

So let us ask the Blessed Virgin Mary to fill us with hope and courage, and kindle in us the desire for conversion.

After the Angelus

Dear brothers and sisters,

Unfortunately, the violent aggression against Ukraine does not stop, a senseless massacre where every day there is a repetition of slaughter and atrocities. There is no justification for this! I plead with all those involved in the international community to truly commit to ending this abhorrent war.

This week again missiles and bombs have fallen on civilians, the elderly, children, and pregnant mothers. I went to see the wounded children who are here in Rome. One was missing an arm; one had a head injury...innocent children. I think of the millions of Ukrainian refugees who must flee leaving everything behind, and I feel a great pain for those who do not even have the possibility to escape. So many grandparents, sick and poor people separated from their own families, so many children and fragile people are left to die under the bombs without being able to receive help and find safety even in the air raid shelters. All this is inhuman! Indeed, it is also sacrilegious because it goes against the sacredness of human life, especially against defenseless human life, which must be respected and protected, not eliminated, and this comes before any strategy! Let us not forget it is inhuman and sacrilegious cruelty! Let us pray in silence for those who are suffering.

It comforts me to know that the people left under the bombs do not lack the closeness of their pastors, who in these tragic days are living the Gospel of charity and fraternity. I have spoken with some of them on the phone during these days, they are close to the people of God. Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, for this witness and for the concrete support you are offering courageously to so many desperate people! I also think of the apostolic nuncio, who was just made a nuncio, Archbishop Visvaldas Kulbokas, who since the beginning of the war has stayed in Kyiv together with his collaborators and who with his presence brings me close every day to the martyred Ukrainian people. Let us be close to this people, let us embrace them with affection, with concrete commitment and prayer. And please, let us not get used to war and violence! Let us not tire of welcoming them with generosity as we are doing now not only during the emergency, but also in the weeks and months to come. As you know at first, we do all we can to welcome everyone, but then we can get used to it, and our hearts cool a bit, and we forget about it. Let us think of these women and children who in time, without work, separated from their husbands, will be sought out by the 'vultures' of society. Please, let us protect them.

I invite every community and all the faithful to unite with me on Friday 25 March, the Solemnity of the Annunciation, for the Solemn Act of Consecration of humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, so that she, the Queen of Peace, may help us obtain peace.

I greet all of you, Romans and pilgrims who have come from Italy and various countries. In particular, I greet the faithful from Madrid, the international group "Agorà degli abitanti della terra", the doctors and rescuers of the 118 Emergency Service, the Rinnovamento Carismatico Cattolico "Charis" – the only one officially recognized, "Charis", not others -, and the members of the Focolari Movement. I greet the Piccolo Coro dell'Antoniano di Bologna choir with the band from the Polizia di Stato, the "Ensemble Vox Cordis" choir of For-novo San Giovanni, the "San Vincenzo Grossi" choir of Pizzighettone, the young people of the profession of faith of Angera, Sesto Calende e Ternate, the pilgrimage of the Diocese of Asti, and the faithful from Venice and Sassari.

I wish all of you a good Sunday. And please, do not forget to pray for me. Have a good lunch and *arrivederci*.

I wish you all a blessed Sunday. Please, do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your lunch, and *arrivederci*!



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

Jewish people in Jesus' time probably had this very strong idea about God, that God is their one and only King in its strictest sense, and as a result they developed a huge dislike for tax collectors, whom they considered as sinners, because they collaborated with the Romans trying to takeover God's place by imposing on them taxes, which should go to God, their King, for the purpose of running the Jerusalem temple.

This background information will help us understand the reason why the Jews express their complaint in the Gospel today that Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them, while they keep a distance from them.

In reply to their criticism, Jesus entertains them with the Gospel narrative highly symbolic and known to us as the Prodigal son or the Forgiving father depending on which angle we look at it.

From an exegetical perspective, there are some important points about this Gospel we need to know, in order to enjoy it better.

First, according to Jewish law of inheritance, the eldest son is entitled to have twice as much inheritance as his brother(s), because he would become the head of the family, and consequently have more responsibilities. For instance, if a family has two sons, the properties are supposed to be divided into three parts. The older one receives two-thirds of it and the younger one has one-third. So, the younger son in the Gospel this Sunday did cause a great financial hardship on his family for getting his share.

Second, the way he was welcomed back by his father at his return really tells us how much his old man longed to see him, since the robe his dad asked the servant to put on him was a symbol of royalty, the ring he was given symbolized authority and power, and the sandals served as indications of his important place in the community. These symbolic objects perhaps meant to convey this message that the repentant bad boy was offered a royal home welcome treatment and even restored to his previous position in the family despite his brother's jealous protest.

Third, the three main characters represent God and all of us. As the good father, God is ever kind, generous and ready to forgive, and we in turn, could be unkind, selfish, careless, wasteful, jealous and unforgiving just like the two sons.

However, no matter who we are and how bad we are, God is always a good dad filled with love, kindness and forgiveness. He will never say no to any sinner when the person decides to come home for a reunion through his forgiving grace.

Today let us ask the Lord to help us remember how sinful each of us is, just like Pope Francis who has given us a good example by publicly confessing that 'I am a sinner', consequently we realize our need to be forgiven and reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation we have or the Confiteor we recite at Mass.

Have a reconciliation-oriented week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

FIRST RECONCILIATION CONGRATULATIONS AND

THANK YOU Congratulations to the first group our children who made their First Reconciliation last Wednesday and let us continue to pray for them as they prepare for the First Holy Communion.

Please keep the second group of children making their First Reconciliation on Wednesday 30 March in your prayer. Thank you parents for your ongoing support to the children, and Artelle, our Sacramental coordinator for her help to prepare the children.

CONFIRMATION 2022 INFORMATION NIGHT

Parents are invited to attend an information and Enrolment meeting on Tuesday 29th March in the Parish Meeting Room at 6:30pm

LOURDES YOUNG ADULTS GROUP AT CYP SPORTS

DAY! March 27 8:30am-4pm

We invite anyone 16-40yo to join our Lourdes Young Adults Group to compete in sports: Basketball, Volleyball, Soccer and Touch Football against 16 parishes of the Diocese of Parramatta on Sunday, 27 March 8:30am-4pm at Parramatta Marist High School, Westmead. Please wear YELLOW, bring lunch & \$10 cash for registration. Please contact Ian Epondulan for more info: 0401161264 or youtholol7h@gmail.com

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS IN APRIL

Tuesday 12th	8.30 - 9.30am
Wednesday 13th	8.30 - 9.30am
Thursday 14th	8.30 - 9.30am
Saturday 16th	9.30 - 10.30am

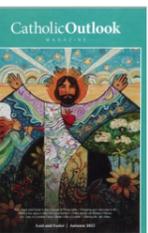


Daylight Savings Reminder!

Daylight saving ends **next Sunday 3rd April**. Please put your clocks **back** one hour.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK LENT/EASTER

EDITION OUT NOW! Catholic Outlook Easter edition is out now and free to all parishioners. We feature a range of articles on choosing your next step in life as well as how the faithful across the Diocese celebrate Holy Week. (be sure to check out pages 42 & 44)



LENT

During the season of Lent, we will have a number of opportunities to gather for prayer to help prepare for Easter.

Fri 1st April	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm
Fri 8th April	Stations of the Cross	7:30pm
Tue 12th April	Parish 2nd Rite of Reconciliation	7:30pm
Th 14th April	HOLY THURSDAY MASS	7:30pm
Th 14th April	Night of Prayer Adoration	11.00pm
Fri 15th April	GOOD FRIDAY	
	Stations of the Cross	10am
	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	3pm
Sat 16th April	EASTER VIGIL MASS	6pm
Sun 17th April	EASTER SUNDAY MASS	8am, 9:30am

26/27 March 2022	
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Kilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: Stefanie Menezes, Louise La Guidara 8am: Maricel Santos, SUB REQ 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Benno Motha
Readers	Vigil: SUB REQ , Marinela Simic 8am: Nina Arambulo, Pepito Ferriols 9.30am Christina Diaz, Kamela Huihui
Altar Servers	Vigil: SUB REQ 8am: SUB REQ 9.30am Sofia Culili, Leo Culili
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couples for Christ
Flowers	Annette and Mary B
Church cleaning	2 April Judith Deloso, Michelle Touma, Adrian Walker
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Rita Paolini 9.30am: Lena Falzon

2/3 April 2022	
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario, John Jordan 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Noel Emmanuel
Ministers	Vigil: Crystal Menezes, Benno Motha 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Maricel Santos 9.30am: Carole Walker, Sarah Lenthall
Readers	Vigil: Alison Punch, Noreen Do Rosario 8am: Pepito Ferriols, Kathy Walker 9.30am Christina Diaz, Adrian Walker
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, VOLUNTEER 8am: Sean Park, Philip, Diana Park 9.30am Chloe Attard, Majerin Pieris
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby and Flo
Church cleaning	6 April Carole Walker, Lourdes Spiteri, Sandy Manamperi, Jerome Peralta
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici, VOLUNTEER 8am: Joyce Hilbrick, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain, VOLUNTEER



2023 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN.
Please contact the school Office for an enrolment pack. e: OLOLSHills@parra.catholic.edu.au
p: [02 8869 6800](tel:0288696800)

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.

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference



Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

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 your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413.



DIOCESAN NEWS



EMERGENCY Ukraine Appeal

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to people in Ukraine.

DONATE TODAY
www.caritas.org.au/ukraine
1800 024 413 toll free



IS GOD CALLING YOU?

BECOME A CATECHIST AN SRE VOLUNTEER!

SRE's are parish volunteers who:

- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
- Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
- Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
- Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SRE's (previously known as Catechists) go into Seven Hills North, Bert Oldfield, Vardys Road State primary schools and The Hills Sports High School.

New volunteers SRE's will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper.

To register your interest please call Bob McNally 0439604203 email: mcnallyanne@yahoo.com.au or contact the parish office. 96222920

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR

MARCH		
26 / 27	GOOD SAMARITAN BISHOPS APPEAL	All Masses
28	Saint Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
29	CONFIRMATION Parent Info Night	6.30pm
30	FIRST RECONCILIATION LITURGY GRP 2	7.00pm
31	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
31	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
APRIL		
1	Stations of the Cross	7.30pm

CLIMATE ACTION SOCIAL JUSTICE TABLE TALK

by Voices for Power (VfP) - March 29: 7-8:30pm

Make a change in our local environment and have a say on what actions can we do in Blacktown LGA! Join us to hear stories about heat stress and practical ways we can tackle climate change in our communities on Tuesday, 29 March 7-8:30pm in the Parish Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes. For more info and registration at: events.humanitix.com/climate-table-talk or email Peter Hyder: pdhyder@gmail.com

ENERGY TRAINING WORKSHOP by Social Justice Group & VfP - April 2: 9:30am-3:30pm

Want to save on your electricity bills and tips to save energy? Join us for a workshop on reading bills and practical tips on Saturday, 2 April 9:30am-3:30pm in the Parish Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes. Please contact Ian Epondulan for more info: 0401161264 or youtholol7h@gmail.com

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.

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>

PARRAMATTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Love your neighbours as God loves you

Help Catholic Care support those who are isolated or have nowhere to turn

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal

DONATE NOW

BISHOPS GOOD SAMARITAN APPEAL RAISING FUNDS FOR CATHOLIC CARES COMMUNITY DROP-IN CENTRES. 26-27TH MARCH

Catholic Care is working hard to reach our neighbours in need and to reduce social isolation and loneliness throughout our community. Will you be a Good Samaritan and help Catholic Care reach our vulnerable neighbours, so they have safe, welcoming places to connect with others and access support? Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Samaritan Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan the QR code. Thank you for your heartfelt prayers and support.

