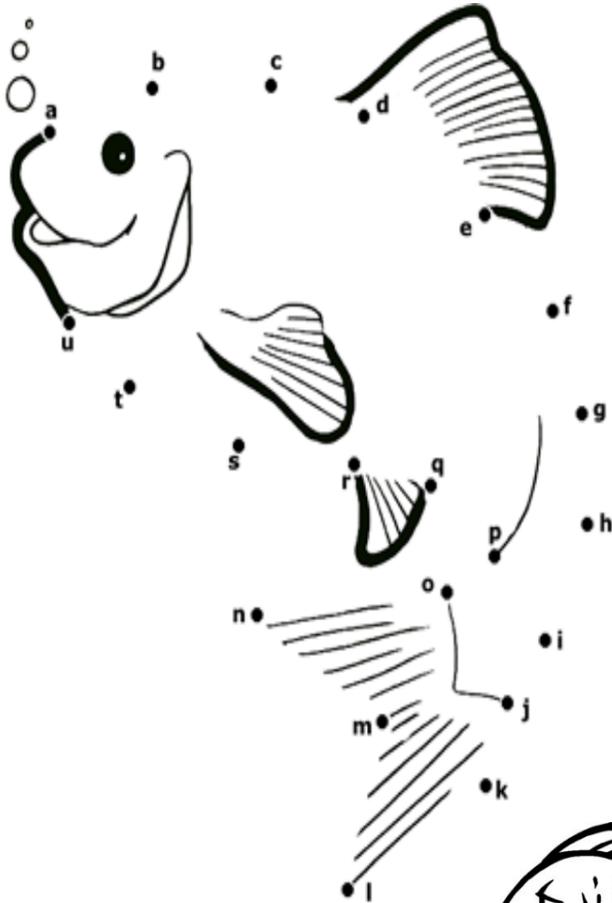


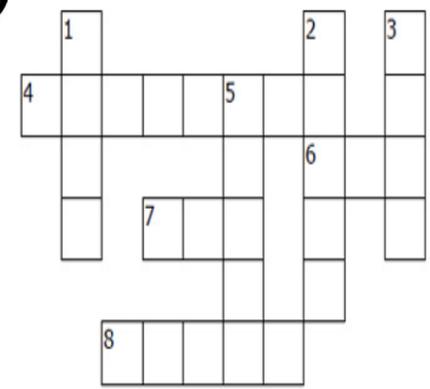
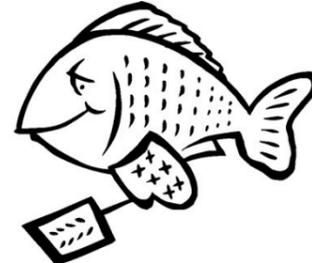
Breakfast on the Beach

John 21:1-14



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FIRE	BOAT	COALS	DISCIPLES	LORD
WATER	FISH	NET	PETER	SHORE
BREAKFAST	SEA	BREAD	FULL	JESUS



ACROSS

- 4. A follower of Jesus
- 6. A large body of salt water smaller than an ocean
- 7. An openwork fabric of cords used to catch fish
- 8. The land along the edge of an ocean, sea, lake

DOWN

- 1. An animal which lives in water and is covered with scales
- 2. The Son of God
- 3. A small vehicle for traveling on water
- 5. One of Jesus' disciples, a fisherman

JESUS	SEA	NET	BOAT
SHORE	FISH	PETER	DISCIPLE



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**Let us Pray for the Sick**  
 Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, Mary Attard, David Benjamin, Rosella Booth, Ruby Chary, Barrie Chamberlain, Elizabeth Ehsman, Anush Fernando, Melvyn Fernandes, Joseph Franco, Jose Garcia, Anthony Janicska, Spencer Leon, Cynthia Lopez, Carmenu M., Marie Marchand, Wiranjan Peiris, Salome Pillay, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Sandra Roseworn, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Joan Spillane, Pummalin Sumcad, Sue Tiplado, Natalie Woodward,

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

**Let us Pray for the Deceased**  
**Recently Deceased:** Myrna Cruz, Charlie Chircop, Mercy Christobel Chary, Lorella Chersovani, Maureen Greenfield, Fjner Lauridsen, Gerard Marcello, Jason Muscat, Ananda Nayana, Hyacinth Perera, Jane Zammit.

**Anniversaries:** Elvina Barnaba, Aloysean Corera, James Daly, Samuel Doraisamy, Andre Fernandes, Rufina Fernandes, Fernandes Family, Juliet Francis, Zoltan Gartner, James McNally, Connie & Vincent Muscat, John O'Sullivan, Lakshman Perera, Estelita Riveral, Jose Sanchez, Alison & Jim Vella.

**Remembrance:** France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Toufic, Debe and Bede Diab, Marcel & Mohsen Diab, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Anton & Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Elizabeth Pinter, John & Roseline Ratnam.



**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.*

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.*

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 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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**FIRST READING** *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 5:27-32, 40-41*

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name. The Word of the Lord.

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**(R.) I will praise you, Lord,  
for you have rescued me.**

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me  
and have not let my enemies rejoice over me.  
O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead,  
restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. (R.)

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him,  
give thanks to his holy name.  
His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life  
At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. (R.)

The Lord listened and had pity.  
The Lord came to my help.  
For me you have changed my mourning into dancing;  
O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. (R.)

**SECOND READING** *A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 5:11-14*

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship. The word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation; he has shown pity on all people.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL** *A reading from the first holy gospel according to John 21:1-19*

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. 'I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.' In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

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 REGINA COELI**

Dear brothers and sisters, *Buongiorno!*

Today, the last day of the Octave of Easter, the Gospel recounts the first and second apparition of the Risen One to the disciples. Jesus comes at Passover, while the Apostles are shut in the Upper Room, out of fear, but since Thomas, one of the Twelve, is not present, Jesus returns eight days later (cf. *Jn 20:19-29*). Let's focus on the two main characters, Thomas and Jesus, looking first at the disciple, and then at the Master. There is a good dialogue between these two.

The Apostle Thomas, first of all. He represents all of us, who were not present in the Upper Room when the Lord appeared, and did not have other physical signs or apparitions from him. We too struggle at times like that disciple: how can we believe that Jesus is risen, that he accompanies us and is the Lord of our life without having seen him, without having touched him? How can one believe in this? Why does the Lord not give us some clearer sign of his presence and love? Some sign that I can see better... Here, we too are like Thomas, with the same doubts, the same reasoning.

But we do not need to be ashamed of this. By telling us the story of Thomas, in fact, the Gospel tells us that the Lord is not looking for perfect Christians. The Lord is not looking for perfect Christians. I tell you: I am afraid when I see a Christian, some associations of Christians who believe themselves to be perfect. The Lord is not looking for perfect Christians; the Lord is not looking for Christians who never doubt and always flaunt a steadfast faith. When a Christian is like that, something isn't right. No, the adventure of faith, as for Thomas, consists of lights and shadows. Otherwise, what kind of faith would that be? It knows times of comfort, zeal and enthusiasm, but also of weariness, confusion, doubt and darkness. The Gospel shows us Thomas' "crisis" to tell us that we should not fear the crises of life and faith. Crises are not sins, they are part of the journey, we should not fear them. Many times, they make us humble because they strip us of the idea that we are fine, that we are better than others. Crises help us to recognize that we are needy: they rekindle the need for God and thus enable us to return to the Lord, to touch his wounds, to experience his love anew as if it were the first time. Dear brothers and sisters, is better to have an imperfect but humble faith that always returns to Jesus, than a strong but presumptuous faith that makes us proud and arrogant. Woe to those, woe to them! And, faced with Thomas' absence and his journey, which is often also our own, what does Jesus do? The Gospel says twice that he "came" (vv. 19, 26). First once, then a second time, eight days later. Jesus does not give up, he does not get tired of us, he is not afraid of our crises, our weaknesses. He always comes back: when the doors are closed, he comes back; when we are doubt, he comes back; when, like Thomas, we need to encounter him and to touch him up close, he comes back. Jesus always comes back, he always knocks on the door, and he does not come back with powerful signs that would make us feel small and inadequate, even ashamed, but with his wounds; he comes back showing us his wounds, signs of his love that has espoused our frailties.

Brothers and sisters, especially when we experience moments of weariness and crisis, the Risen Jesus wishes to return to stay with us. He only waits for us to seek him, to call on him, or even, like Thomas, to protest, bringing him our needs and our unbelief. He always comes back. Why? Because he is patient and merciful. He comes to open the upper rooms of our fears and unbelief because he always wants to give us another chance. Jesus is the Lord of "other chances": he always gives us another one, always. So let us think about the last time – let's try to remember a little – that, during a difficult moment or a period of crisis, we closed in on ourselves, barricading ourselves in our problems and shutting Jesus out of the house. And let us promise ourselves, the next time, in our fatigue, to seek Jesus, to return to him, to his forgiveness – he always forgives, always! – to return to those wounds that have healed us. In this way, we will also become capable of compassion, of approaching the wounds of others without inflexibility and without prejudice.

May Our Lady, Mother of Mercy – I like to think of her as the Mother of Mercy on the Monday after Mercy Sunday – accompany us on the journey of faith and love.

**After the Regina Coeli**

*Dear brothers and sisters,*

Today various Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox, and several Latin communities, celebrate Easter according to the Julian calendar. We celebrated it last Sunday, following the Gregorian calendar. I offer them my warmest wishes: Christ is risen, he is truly risen! May he fill with hope the good expectations of hearts. May he grant peace, outraged by the barbarity of war. Today marks two months since the beginning of this war: instead of stopping, the war has worsened. It is sad that in these days, which are the holiest and most solemn for all Christians, the deadly roar of weapons is heard rather than the sound of bells announcing the Resurrection; and it is sad that weapons are increasingly taking the place of words.

I renew my appeal for an Easter truce, a minimal and tangible sign of a desire for peace. The attack must be stopped, to respond to the suffering of the exhausted population; it must stop, in obedience to the words of the Risen Lord, who on Easter Day repeats to his disciples: "Peace be with you!" (*Lk 24:36; Jn 20:19.21*). I ask everyone to increase prayer for peace and to have the courage to say, to show that peace is possible. Political leaders, please, listen to the voice of the people, who want peace, not an escalation of the conflict.

In this regard, I greet and thank the participants in the special Perugia-Assisi march for peace and fraternity, taking place today, as well as those who have joined in with similar events in other cities throughout Italy.

Today the bishops of Cameroon are making a national pilgrimage, with their faithful, to the Marian shrine of Marianberg, to reconsecrate the country to the Mother of God and to place it under her protection. I pray in particular for the return of peace to their country, which has been ravaged by violence in various regions for more than five years. Let us too raise our prayer, along with our brothers and sisters of Cameroon, that God may soon, by the intercession of the Virgin Mary, grant true and lasting peace to this beloved country.

I greet all of you, Romans and pilgrims from Italy and from many other countries. In particular, I greet the Polish, with a thought for their compatriots who are celebrating the "Day of Good" promoted by Caritas, and also for the victims of accidents in mines. I greet the faithful of Milan, Faenza, Verolanuova, Nembro and the volunteers of the Order of Malta from Vicenza. A special greeting goes to the pilgrimage of young Confirmation candidates from the diocese of Piacenza-Bobbio, accompanied by their bishop, as well as the Confirmation candidates from Mondovì, Almenno San Salvatore, Albegno, Cazzago San Martino and Alta Padovana, and also to the group from Sant'Angelo Lodigiano and the altar boys from Spirano. I greet the devotees of Divine Mercy gathered here today in the church-sanctuary of Santo Spirito in Sassia; and the participants in the journey from the Sacra di San Michele to Monte Sant'Angelo. I wish you all a blessed Sunday! And please do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your lunch, and *arrivederci*.

## POPE FRANCIS LAUNCHES TWO YEAR SYNODAL PATH WITH CALL TO 'ENCOUNTER, LISTEN AND DISCERN'

By Catholic News Agency Staff

Pope Francis formally launched the two-year global consultation process leading to the 2023 synod on synodality on Sunday with a call to "look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say."

Preaching at a [Mass](#) at St. Peter's Basilica on Oct. 10, the pope said that Catholics taking part in the synodal path should strive to "become experts in the art of encounter."

"Not so much by organizing events or theorizing about problems, as in taking time to encounter the Lord and one another," he said.

"Time to devote to prayer and adoration -- this prayer that we neglect so much: to adore, to make room for adoration -- listening to what the Spirit wants to say to the Church."

"Time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations, and ministries."

The [live-streamed](#) Mass, attended by around 3,000 people, was the second of two weekend events officially opening the two-year global consultation process.

The first was a ["moment of reflection"](#) on Oct. 9 featuring speeches from the pope, Cardinal Mario Grech, the secretary general of the Synod of Bishops, Cardinal Jean-Claude Hollerich, S.J., the synod's relator general, and others.

The Vatican [announced](#) in May that the synod on synodality would open with a diocesan phase lasting from October 2021 to April 2022.

A second, continental phase will take place from September 2022 to March 2023.

The third, universal phase will begin with the XVI Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, dedicated to the theme "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission," at the Vatican in October 2023.

In his [homily](#), the pope reflected on the day's Gospel reading, [Mark 10:17-30](#), in which Jesus challenges the rich young man to "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor ... then come, follow me."

He said that the Gospels often showed Jesus in the midst of a journey, meeting people and listening to their deepest concerns.

"Today, as we begin this synodal process, let us begin by asking ourselves -- all of us, pope, bishops, priests, religious and laity -- whether we, the Christian community, embody this 'style' of God, who travels the paths of history and shares in the life of humanity," he urged.

"Are we prepared for the adventure of this journey? Or are we fearful of the unknown, preferring to take refuge in the usual excuses: 'It's useless' or 'We've always done it this way'?"

"Celebrating a synod means walking on the same road, together. Let us look at Jesus, who encounters the rich man on the road; he then listens to his questions, and finally he helps him discern what he must do to inherit eternal life."

The pope built his homily around three verbs -- "encounter, listen, and discern" -- that he hoped would mark the synodal path. He noted that when Jesus encountered the young man, he was fully present to him and did not "keep looking at his watch to get the meeting over."

"Everything changes once we are capable of genuine encounters with Him and with one another, without formalism or pretense, but simply as we are," he observed.

Pope Francis said that Jesus' meeting with the rich man showed that listening was an essential feature of true encounters.

He said: "Let us ask frankly during this synodal process: Are we good at listening? How good is the 'hearing' of our heart?"

"Do we allow people to express themselves, to walk in faith even though they have had difficulties in life, and to be part of the life of the community without being hindered, rejected, or judged?"

He continued: "Participating in a synod means placing ourselves on the same path as the Word made flesh. It means following in his footsteps, listening to his word along with the words of others. It means discovering with amazement that the Holy Spirit always surprises us, to suggest fresh paths and new ways of speaking."

The pope acknowledged that learning to listen was "a slow and perhaps tiring exercise" for bishops, priests, religious, and laity. "Let us not soundproof our hearts; let us not remain barricaded in our certainties. Certainties often close us off. Let us listen to one another," he encouraged Catholics.

The pope said that encounter and listening should lead to discernment.

"We see this in today's Gospel," he explained. "Jesus senses that the person before him is a good and religious man, obedient to the commandments, but he wants to lead him beyond the mere observance of precepts."

"Through dialogue, he helps him to discern. Jesus encourages that man to look within, in the light of the love that the Lord himself had shown by his gaze, and to discern in that light what his heart truly treasures."

"And in this way to discover that he cannot attain happiness by filling his life with more religious observances, but by emptying himself, selling whatever takes up space in his heart, in order to make room for God."

The pope described the synod as "a journey of spiritual discernment" guided by God's word.

"That word summons us to discernment and it brings light to that process. It guides the synod, preventing it from becoming a Church 'convention,' a study group or a political congress, because it is not a parliament, but rather a grace-filled event, a process of healing guided by the Holy Spirit," he said.

"In these days, Jesus calls us, as he did the rich man in the Gospel, to empty ourselves, to free ourselves from all that is worldly, including our inward-looking and outworn pastoral models; and to ask ourselves what it is that God wants to say to us in this time. And the direction in which he wants to lead us."

Pope Francis ended his homily by wishing participants in the synodal path a good journey together.

He said: "May we be pilgrims in love with the Gospel and open to the surprises of the Spirit. Let us not miss out on the grace-filled opportunities born of encounter, listening, and discernment. In the joyful conviction that, even as we seek the Lord, he always comes with his love to meet us first."



### FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

For some time in our Catholic Church circle, particularly from October 10 last year 2021 since Pope Francis' formal launch of the two year- long global consultation process preparing for the 2023 Synod on Synodality, the word 'synodality' which, according to the Pope, means 'on the road together' (syn-hodos), has suddenly become so fashionable in the Catholic world, and everywhere you go to in the Church these days, you might have a chance to hear people talk about it.

It's worth noting that this is not a new idea, since 61 years ago, on Christmas Day 1961 to be exact, Pope Saint John XXIII did bring up the subject in his apostolic constitution Humanae Salutis, the platform to convoke the Vatican II Council reminding Catholics that *'the Church is witnessing a crisis under way within society. While humanity is on the edge of a new era, tasks of immense gravity and*

*amplitude await the Church, as in the most tragic periods of its history. It is a question in fact of bringing the modern world into contact with the vivifying and perennial energies of the gospel..'*

More significantly, the spirit of synodality has been in the Church from its earliest days and the Gospel this Sunday appears to highlight such an inspiring spirit through the synodal way the Risen Christ relates to the Apostles, and the Apostles, in turn, relate to each other in the post-Resurrection time.

Let us look again into the listening process taking place in this account of Jesus' third appearance to the disciples, the writer of John's Gospel reminds us that the disciples have continued to stay together as they used to be, though the Master was no longer with them in a physical way, and when Jesus appears to them after a hard working night at sea with zero results, he invited them to get involved in a conversation with him.

Jesus gently and patiently asked the disciples questions allowing them to identify their needs before offering them the solution, that brought success big and instant, and more importantly leading them to the next level of his relationship with them namely (1) the sacramental, seen through Jesus' treatment of the bread and the fish, a repeat of what he did at the last Supper and asked the disciples to do it in memory of him, the same act he carried out while sharing the table with the two disciples at Emmaus, and (2) the leadership, seen through his confirmation of Peter's leadership in the Church by asking him to feed and look after his sheepfold.

Furthermore, it's remarkable to see the quality Jesus was looking for in Peter, the disciple formally entrusted with the task of feeding and looking after the Church. Jesus asked no question of his skills and qualifications, he, instead, quizzed him on his readiness to love his Master above and before all things and people. For three times, he deliberately asked the poor Peter the same 'do you love me?' question, and the approach obviously made the subject shaken a bit.

As we continue our synodal journey *'to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations, and ministries'* as the bishop of Rome has invited us to engage, let us be mindful of the number one quality Jesus does like his disciples to possess, which is the love for him, and ask the Lord to fill the heart of each one of us with such a genuine and sincere love, consequently we may be able to make each other feel welcome, comfortable, and ready to make his or her contributions to make Jesus love greater in the world.

Have a love-filled week,  
Fr Henry

## PARISH NEWS...

### WELCOME TO BISHOP VINCENT, DIOCESAN

**DISTINGUISHED GUESTS** We warmly welcome Bishop and everyone from all over the Diocese to our Mass this Sunday marking our diocesan launch of the synod of Bishop. Thank you to all who help to organize the event from the diocesan committee to our Parish ministers and volunteers.

### MINISTERS - ROSTER UPDATES

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**PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES**  
Thank you for supporting our Caritas Project Compassion for 2022. It would be appreciated if you could return your Project Compassion boxes as soon as possible. Thank you.



**LOURDES OVER 50's** Lourdes Over 50's meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 12th May from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee supplied.

**LEGION OF MARY** Thursday's at 1.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome

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



**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**  
The 2nd meeting for Confirmation will be held in the Parish Hall Wednesday 4th May at 6.30pm for Parents and Children, with a repeat in the Parish Meeting room on Saturday 7th May at 4.30pm.  
For more information contact Artelle or the Parish office [artelle@olol7hills.com.au](mailto:artelle@olol7hills.com.au).

**"Custody of Creation is custody of God's gift to us and it is also a way of saying thank you to God."**  
— Pope Francis

**DIOCESAN NEWS**

30 April / 1 May 2022	
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Ryan Epondulan 9.30am Kilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: Louise La Guidara, SUB REQ 8am: Fennie Balatbat, SUB REQ 9.30am: Paul Gow, Mercy Aquino.
Readers	Vigil: Marinela Simic, Jemma Sarmiento 8am: Nina Arambulo, Jo Cabasa 9.30am Fayelene Kennedy, Kamela Huihui
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, Alexander Bateman - Paul, Alex La Guidara 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am Karuniya Maruthanayagam, Sofia Culili, Leo Culili, Gabrielle Wanandy, Florencia Wanandy, Diana Park, Sean Park, Philip Park
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish—Please bring a plate for morning tea with Bishop Vincent.
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby & Flo
Church cleaning	4 May Carole Walker, Lourdes Spiteri, Sandy Manamperi, Jerome Peralta
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Lena Falzon

**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

**FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS MANAGER—Put Your Faith Into Action For The Common Good**

Parramatta Catholic Foundation is seeking a dynamic Fundraising Campaigns Manager, following Bronwyn Muir's retirement. This is a heart-warming, for-purpose vocational opportunity to put your faith into action, supporting our mission to share Christ's message of love and salvation with all. The role is pivotal to nurturing faith, hope and charity throughout Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains through the Diocese of Parramatta's ministries including our Holy Spirit Seminary, Clergy Support Foundation (caring for retired and ill priests), Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (Special Religious Education) and Catholic Care's social welfare services. For information please call Dianne Wigan, Head of Fundraising on 0408 922 478.

**DIOCESAN "LAUDATO SI" ACTION CAMPAIGN**

On Friday 22 April, the annual Earth Day, the Diocese of Parramatta responded to the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor by launching a Diocesan "Laudato Si" Action Campaign". Via a video message, Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv invited all Catholic parishes, schools, families, and organisations across the Diocese to participate. Please visit [parracatholic.org/laudatosi](http://parracatholic.org/laudatosi) to download the launch video and for further information.

**SYDNEY ALLIANCE PARRAMATTA FEDERAL CANDIDATES FORUM:**

Thursday 5th May 6:30pm for 7pm-8:30pm (sharp) at Parramatta Mission hall, 119 Macquarie St Parramatta. Cost: free. This will not be a 'debate' format. Our guidelines are "courteous accountability" and "engaged citizenry"! Each candidate will have 4 minutes for their general pitch. Following this will be set questions and stories shared on key areas. Those key areas were prioritized at an Alliance listening process convened in late April with 55 local community leaders. Register at <https://events.humanitix.com/sydney-alliance-parramatta-federal-candidates-forum>

**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.

**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, 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.**

Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School	Seven Hills North	Seven Hills	Vardy's Rd	Hills Sport High
Class/Time	Infants 10.30-11.00am	Kindy- Yr6 11.20-12.00pm	Primary 9.15-9.45am	TBA
Class/Time	Primary 11.30-12.00pm		Infants 10.00-10.30am	
School			Bert Oldfield Public School	
Class/Time	Primary 1.55-2.25pm			
Class/Time	Infants 2.25-2.55pm			

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

7-8 May 2022	
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Laura Bellissimo 8am: SUB REQ, Anne McNally 9.30am: Mercy Aquino, Paul Gow
Readers	Vigil: Crystal Menezes, Stefanie Menezes 8am: Benno Motha, Maricel Santos 9.30am Christina Diaz, Jeanine Nonato
Altar Servers	Vigil: Amelia Laus, Lucas Laus, Alex Spadaro 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Rynan Michael, Florencia Wanandy, Gabrielle Wanandy
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults—Mothers Day
Flowers	Claudette .....
Church cleaning	12 May Cathy Hutchings, Annette Peatmen, Jerome Peralta
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Rita Paolini 9.30am: Maria Michael

**EMERGENCY Ukraine Appeal**

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to people in Ukraine.

**DONATE TODAY**  
[www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine)  
1800 024 413 toll free

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA** Australia's long-standing partner, Caritas Ukraine, is on the ground providing shelter, food, clean water, medicine and psychological support. Donate now to help the people of Ukraine. Donate today at [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine) or call 1800 024 413 toll free. Keep up to date on how Caritas agencies are responding to this crisis by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine-news)

**KEEP UP TO DATE** with a Covid-19 update message sent on behalf of Fr Peter G Williams AM, Vicar General & Moderator of the Curia

By visiting our parish website with news, the bulletin, prayers and much more - a great way to stay up to date with what's on in our parish Visit [www.olol7hills.org.au](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR		
MAY		
1	CELEBRATE THE DIOCESAN REPORT TO THE SYNOD OF BISHOP'S . MASS	9.30am
4	CONFIRMATION—2nd Meeting	6.30pm
5	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
5	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
7	CONFIRMATION—2nd Meeting RPT	4.30pm
8	MOTHER'S DAY	
9	Saint Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm
11	CONFIRMATION—3rd Meeting	6.30pm
11	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
12	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am