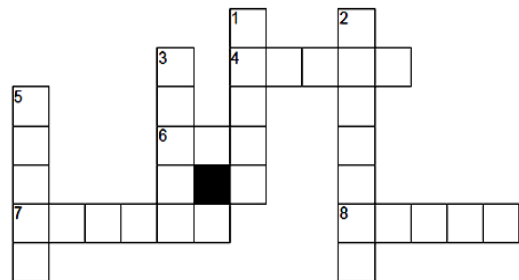


LOL Kids Bulletin 5th Sunday of LENT 3rd April 2022

Pointing Fingers & Throwing Stones

When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let any one of you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." John 8:7 (NIV)
Puzzle is based on John 8:1-11



ACROSS

4. To send something such as a rock or a ball through the air
6. To break God's laws or commandments
7. To say that someone has done something wrong
8. Prophet who received the 10 Commandments

DOWN

1. Another name for a rock
2. To judge someone; to sentence someone for a crime
3. The Son of God
5. An adult female person

WOMAN	SIN	JESUS	CONDEMN
ACCUSE	MOSES	STONE	THROW

A crowd of people wanted to punish a woman for doing wrong. Jesus stopped them. He showed them that we all make mistakes sometimes!

Join the dots to see what Jesus said to the woman

FORGIVE
TO TRY TO
GOOD ALAIS



How Does Jesus Treat Sinners?



In the Old Testament, God gave His people rules that said they should punish the people who sinned. That's why in today's Gospel the Pharisees and scribes brought a sinful woman to Jesus to see what He had to say about the law.

Instead of telling them that they should punish her according to the law, Jesus told them that they should only punish her if they themselves had never sinned.



Sometimes we hear about a sin that someone else did. God does not want us to be mean to that person because of what they did. Does that mean that they didn't do a sin? No. Jesus told the woman to go and not sin again. That means that she did sin, but He was giving her another chance. We should try to be merciful like Jesus, and we should be kind to sinners because we are sinners too.

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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 Si-vapatham, 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: Pastora Villarta, Karen Reyes, Nancy 'Audrey' Chel-liah, Tom Morrissey Snr, Lorraine Claridge, Jacques Ferre, Jason Muscat, Danilo Carayag Salangit, Mercy Christobel Chary, Ananda Nayana, Fjner Lauridsen, Charlie Chircop, Randy Farparan, Emily Galea, Dolly Huertas, Garie Monteclaro, Hyacinth Perera.

Anniversaries: Saviour Caruana, Catherine Chandra, Aloysean Corera, Samuel Doraisamy, Fernandes Family, Rosa Maria Fernandes, Mr & Mrs Francis, Joseph and Caremena Formosa, Leonie Jordan, Ivica Komar, Ruth Marsden, Doris Mifsud, Fr Joseph Tran Minh, Albert Moroney, Klaus Schader, John Putre.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Anton & Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Edward & John O'Sullivan, John & Roseline Ratnam, Myra Raymond.



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 *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.

More information about Isolation & Exposure

https://www.health.gov.au/sites/default/files/documents/2022/01/covid-19-test-isolate-national-protocols_1.pdf
https://www.nsw.gov.au/sites/default/files/2022-02/Factsheet-Information_for_people_exposed_to_COVID-19-18_February_2022.pdf

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')

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

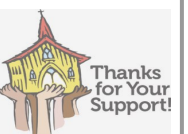
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All are welcome to join us for Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills, Sydney, NSW, Australia Facebook LIVE-STREAM WEEKEND MASSES celebrated by Fr. Henry Huu Duc Tran on Saturdays 6PM (Vigil), Sundays: 8AM, 9:30AM <https://www.facebook.com/LOL7Hills/>

FIRST READING

A reading from the prophet Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord, who made a way through the sea, a path in the great waters; who put chariots and horse in the field and a powerful army, which lay there never to rise again, snuffed out, put out like a wick: No need to recall the past, no need to think about what was done before. See, I am doing a new deed, even now it comes to light; can you not see it? Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness, paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me, jackals and ostriches, because I am putting water in the wilderness (rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink. The people I have formed for myself will sing my praises. The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.	
When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs. (R.)	Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. (R.)
The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!' What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad. (R.)	They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Philippians 3:8-14

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to receive in Christ Jesus. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ,
king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

A reading from the first holy gospel according to John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus. 'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

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 CONSECRATES RUSSIA & UKRAINE: ‘SPIRITUAL ACT OF TRUST AMID CRUEL WAR.

By Devin Watkins
Pope Francis presided over the annual “24 Hours for the Lord” Lenten penitential service in St. Peter’s Basilica on Friday evening, as the Church marked the feast of the Annunciation. Toward the end of the liturgy, the Pope prayed the Act of Consecration of humanity, especially of Russia and Ukraine, to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He prayed the Act in communion with all Catholic Bishops across the globe, as the Papal Almoner, Cardinal Konrad Krajewski, did the same at the Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, in Portugal. The Pope’s renewal of the Consecration came in response to the war in Ukraine and at the request of the Blessed Virgin Mary made in an apparition at Fatima on 13 July 1917. Spiritual act of trust In his homily at the Celebration of Penance, Pope Francis reflected on humanity’s need for God’s forgiveness and on the meaning of the Consecration. He said the renewal of the Act of Consecration is meant to consecrate the Church and all the whole of humanity, especially Russia and Ukraine, to Mary’s Immaculate Heart. “*This is no magic formula but a spiritual act. It is an act of complete trust on the part of children who, amid the tribulation of this cruel and senseless war that threatens our world, turn to their Mother, reposing all their fears and pain in her heart and abandoning themselves to her.*” The Pope added that we place all that we have and are into “pure and undefiled heart, where God is mirrored.” Helplessness in face of vicious war Pope Francis lamented the “vicious war” in Ukraine, which has killed many and caused immense suffering. “*In these days, news reports and scenes of death continue to enter our homes, even as bombs are destroying the homes of many of our defenceless Ukrainian brothers and sisters.*” The war, added the Pope, reminds us of our “helplessness and our inadequacy”, as well as of our need for the “closeness of God and the certainty of His forgiveness.” God alone, he said, can eliminate evil, disarm resentment, and restore peace to our hearts. Pope Francis recalled that God chose the Virgin Mary to change history by beginning a new story of “salvation and peace.” “*If we want the world to change, then first our hearts must change.*” Sacrament of joy The Pope went on to reflect on Mary’s encounter with the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation, in which God invites her to become the mother of the Son of God. The angel Gabriel gave Mary the only true reason for joy, said the Pope, with his words that “the Lord is with you.” Pope Francis said Catholics experience something similar in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, since God draws near to us when we present ourselves with humble, repentant hearts. Confession is the “sacrament of joy,” he said. “The Lord enters our home, as he did that of Mary in Nazareth, and brings us unexpected amazement and joy.” The Pope also urged priests to always express God’s forgiveness in Confession, and never project an air of rigidity or harshness. “If a priest doesn’t possess this attitude with the proper sentiments in his heart,” he said, “then it would be better he not act as a confessor.” Weakness turned into resurrection Pope Francis also said the angel Gabriel tells Mary: “Do not be afraid.” God, he added, already knows our weaknesses and failures, but that He invites us to lay them at His feet in the person of the priest when we receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our weaknesses can then become “opportunities for resurrection.” Mary, in turn, now invites us to return to the source of our life, to the Lord, “who is the ultimate remedy against fear and emptiness in life.” Pope Francis concluded that Mary’s response to God’s invitation was “a lively desire to obey God”. “*May she now take our own journey into her hands. May she guide our steps through the steep and arduous paths of fraternity and dialogue, along the way of peace.*”

POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: ‘DO NOT STAY FOCUSED ON ERRORS’

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday, *buongiorno!*

The Gospel for this Sunday’s Liturgy recounts the so-called Parable of the Prodigal Son (cf. *Lk* 15:11-32). It leads us to God’s heart who always forgives compassionately and tenderly. Always, God always forgives. We are the ones who get tired of asking for forgiveness, but he always forgives. It [the parable] tells us that God is a Father who not only welcomes us back, but rejoices and throws a feast for his son who has returned home after having squandered all his possessions. We are that son, and it is moving to think about how much the Father always loves us and waits for us.

But there is also the older son in the same parable who goes into a crisis in front of this Father. It can put us into crisis as well. In fact, this older son is also within us and, we are tempted to take his side, at least in part: he had always done his duty, he had not left home, and so he becomes indignant on seeing the Father embracing his son again after having behaved so badly. He protests and says: “I have served you for so many years and never disobeyed your command”. Instead, for “this son of yours”, you go so far as to celebrate! (cf. vv. 29-30) “I don’t understand you!” This is the indignation of the older son.

These words illustrate the older son’s problem. He bases his relationship with his Father solely on pure observance of *commands*, on a sense of duty. This could also be our problem, the problem among ourselves and with God: to lose sight that he is a Father and to live a distant religion, composed of prohibitions and duties. And the consequence of this distance is rigidity towards our neighbour whom we no longer see as a brother or sister. In fact, in the parable, the older son does not say *my brother* to the Father. No, he says *that son of yours*, as if to say, “he is not my brother”. In the end, he risks remaining outside of the house. In fact, the text says: “he refused to go in” (v. 28), because the other one was there.

Seeing this, the Father goes out to plead with him: “Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours” (v. 31). He tries to make him understand that for him, every child is all of his life. The ones who know this well are parents, who are very close to feeling like God does. Something a father says in a novel is very beautiful: “When I became a father, I understood God” (H. de Balzac, *Il padre Goriot*, Milano 2004, 112). At this point in the parable, the Father opens his heart to his older son and expresses two needs, which are not commands, but essentials for his heart: “It was fitting to make merry and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive” (v. 32). Let us see if we too have in our hearts these two things the Father needs: *to make merry and rejoice*.

First of all, *to make merry*, that is, to demonstrate that we are near to those who repent or who are on the way, to those who are in crisis or who are far away. Why should we do this? Because this helps to overcome the fear and discouragement that can come from remembering one’s sins. Those who have made mistakes often feel reproached in their own hearts. Distance, indifference and harsh words do not help. Therefore, like the Father, it is necessary to offer them a warm welcome that encourages them to go ahead. “But father, he did so many things”: warm welcome. And we, do we do this? Do we look for those who are far away? Do we want to celebrate with them? How much good an open heart, true listening, a transparent smile can do; to celebrate, not to make them feel uncomfortable! The Father could have said: “Okay, son, go back home, go back to work, go to your room, establish yourself and your work! And this would have been a good way to forgive. But no! God does not know how to forgive without celebrating! And the Father celebrates because of the joy he has because his son has returned.

And then, like the Father, we need to *rejoice*. When someone whose heart is synchronized with God’s sees the repentance of a person, they rejoice, no matter how serious their mistakes may have been. Do not stay focused on errors, do not point fingers at what they have done wrong, but rejoice over the good because another person’s good is mine as well! And we, do we know how to rejoice for others?

I would like to recount an imaginary story, but one that helps illustrate the heart of the father. There was a pop theatrical, three or four years ago, about the prodigal son, with the entire story. And at the end, when that son decides to return to his father, he talks about it with a friend and says: “I’m afraid my father will reject me, that he won’t forgive me!” And the friend advised him: “Send a letter to your father and tell him, ‘Father, I have repented, I want to come back home, but I’m not sure that will be happy. If you want to welcome me, please put a white handkerchief in the window’. And then he began his journey. And when he was near home, where the last curve in the road was, he was in front of the house. And what did he see? Not one handkerchief: it was full of white handkerchiefs, the windows, everywhere! The Father welcomes like this, totally, joyfully. This is our Father!

May the Virgin Mary teach us how to receive God’s mercy so that it might become the light by which we see our neighbours.

After the Angelus:
Dear brothers and sisters,
More than a month has gone by since the beginning of the invasion of Ukraine, of the beginning of this cruel and senseless war, that, like every war, represents a defeat for everyone, for everyone of us. We need to reject war, a place of death where fathers and mothers bury their children, where men kill their brothers and sisters without even having seen them, where the powerful decide and the poor die.

War does not devastate the present only, but the future of a society as well. I read that from the beginning of the aggression in Ukraine, one of every two children has been displaced from their country. This means destroying the future, causing dramatic trauma in the smallest and most innocent among us. This is the bestiality of war – a barbarous and sacrilegious act!

War should not be something that is inevitable. We should not accustom ourselves to war. Instead, we need to convert today’s anger into a commitment for tomorrow, because if, after what is happening, we remain like we were before, we will all be guilty in some way. Before the danger of self-destruction, may humanity understand that the moment has come to abolish war, to erase it from human history before it erases human history.

I beg every political leader to reflect on this, to dedicate themselves to this! And, looking on battered Ukraine to understand how each day of war worsens the situation for everyone. Therefore, I renew my appeal: Enough. Stop it. Silence the weapons. Move seriously toward peace. Let us continue to pray untiringly to the Queen of Peace, to whom we consecrated humanity, in particular Russia and Ukraine, with such a huge and intense participation for which I thank all of you. Let us pray together. Hail Mary...

I greet all of you from Rome and pilgrims from Italy and from various countries. In particular, I greet the members of the faithful from Mexico, Madrid and Lyon; the students from Pamplona and Huelva, and young people from various countries who participated in formation in Loppiano. I greet the parishioners of Our Lady of in Roma, and those from Saint George in Bosco, Bassano del Grappa and Gela; the Confirmation candidates from Frascati and the “Friends of Zacchaeus” groups from Reggio Emilia; as well as the Commission promoting the Perugia-Assisi March for Peace and Fraternity who have come with a group of schoolchildren to renew their commitment to peace.

I greet those participating in the Rome Marathon. This year, through an initiative of Vatican Athletes, a number of athletes are involved in an initiative of solidarity with people who are in need in the city. Congratulations to you!

Precisely two years ago, in this piazza, we lifted up our plea for the end of the pandemic. Today, we have done so for an end to the war in Ukraine. At the Square’s entrances, you will be given a book as a gift, produced by the Vatican Covid-19 Commission with the Dicastery for Communication. It is an invitation to pray without fear during moments of difficulty, always having faith in the Lord. I hope all of you have a good Sunday and, please, do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your lunch and *arrivederci*.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

Perhaps most of us might have heard of the Sharia law that Muslims are expected to follow. It was considered as a means to help them to observe the rights of humans known as ‘Fiqh’, and the rights of God known as ‘Hudud’, and for those who dare to violate them, the consequences were often very severe. According to the Sharia law, those who commit adultery or fornication were considered as violating the hudud have to face various degrees of physical punishments from 100 lashes to living in exile for a year for single people to a death by stoning for married men and women, though the Qumran also requires four reliable witnesses to verify the act, and orders any false accuser to be punished with 80 lashes for slander.

Compared to the Sharia law, Jewish law was also tough in moral matters as we see in the Gospel this Sunday through what the scribes and Pharisees said to Jesus, when they brought the unfaithful woman before him, that ‘Moses has ordered us in the law to condemn women like this to death by stoning.’

Yes, it was very clear that there was no escape from death for the woman according to her religious law, and the authority could go ahead with her execution without consulting Jesus. They, however, had a bigger plan than just stoning the woman, they were after Jesus’ head as well, so they used her as a bait to lure him into a deadly trap by posing this courteous question, ‘what have you to say’ about dealing with her?

The way they framed their question was obviously aimed for one thing, namely Jesus’ self-destruction, for whichever way he opted for, he put himself into nothing but troubles. A veto for her execution would turn him into an enemy of the law, something they had accused him of trying to do, and on the other hand, an approval would make him contradict to his teaching of love and forgiveness.

Out of their malicious expectation, Jesus managed to walk away safely from their nasty ambush by avoiding to say neither yes nor no to their question. He, instead, chose to approach the thorny issue in his own way, which was to bend down and finger-write something on the ground.

We have no idea of the content of his writing, since the evangelist gave us no information of it, but people are inclined to think that he probably wrote down the secret sins of the woman’s accusers, the ones which made them rather shameful in public, consequently they had to quietly withdraw from the scene one after another following his challenge ‘if there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’

With just a genial twist and turn, Jesus was able to change the situation around by turning the Scribes and Pharisees from accusers into the accused, and they had to accept the defeat and go into their mass retreat.

What Jesus said to the woman next was truly significant, that ‘neither do I condemn you, go away and don’t sin anymore.’ Through this woman, Jesus seems to highlight the aim of his mission, which is not about condemnation but rather about salvation for those who believe in him.

Let us ask for the grace to give us the courage to follow the way of empathy and compassion Jesus has shown us today by refusing to condemn the unfaithful woman despite the pressure from the authority. Pray that we may be less judgmental and more understanding in our relationship with others around us.

Have a blessed week filled with empathy and compassion.
Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

FIRST RECONCILIATION CONGRATULATIONS AND

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

Thank you parents for your ongoing support to the children, and Artelle, our Sacramental coordinator for her help to prepare the children.

HOLY WEEK MASSES - Can you help?

If you would like to serve at one of our Holy Week Masses, please add your name to the sheet at the Dress Sacristy door.

LOURDES YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Night Friday 8 April 2022 6:45-9:30pm
Please join us for a special edition of our Lourdes Young Adults Group Night in the Season of Lent, this Friday, 8th of April 2022 from 6:45pm in the Parish Hall for a light supper, followed by the Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm in the church and continuing with our formation program in the hall till 9:30pm.

LENT

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

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


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



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 Adrian Walker, VOLUNTEER	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, VOLUNTEER 8am: Sean Park, Philip, Diana Park 9.30am Chloe Attard, VOLUNTEER	
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: VOLUNTEER 8am: Joyce Hilbrick, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain, VOLUNTEER	

9/10 April 2022		
Acolytes	Vigil: Kilifi Huihui 8am: Ryan Epondulan 9.30am Eugene Miu	
Ministers	Vigil: Louise La Guidara, Michael Mifsud 8am: Maricel Santos, SUB REQ 9.30am: Paul Gow, SUB REQ	
Readers	Vigil: Kamela Huihui, Jemma Sariato 8am: Erika Hien, Anne McNally 9.30am Faylene Kennedy, Jeanine Nonato	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alex LA Guidara, Christina La Guidara 8am: SUB REQ 9.30am Sofia Culili, Leo Culili, Gabrielle and Florencia Wanandy.	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group	
Flowers	Claudette & VOLUNTEER	
Church cleaning	14 April	Chuck Baquial, Karen Baquial
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: VOLUNTEER	

 **OUR LADY OF LOURDES**
Seven Hills

2023 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN.
Please contact the School Office for an enrolment pack. e: 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.



Shaniella 23, grew up in a remote village in the Solomon Islands in a province which has limited educational and job opportunities— and one of the country's highest poverty rates. After leaving school, she decided to move closer to the capital city, Honiara, to study hospitality and tourism. However, her vocational training school was hit by a landslide and a cyclone in quick

succession, destroying its water supply system and the vegetable garden that it relies on for food. With your generous support, Caritas Australia has helped the school to install water tanks, re-establish its garden and provided training in disaster risk reduction. Shaniella can now complete her job skills training and the school has enough food and water for its students.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Shaniella 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.



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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/>

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR		
APRIL		
6	CONFIRMATION 1st Meeting	6.30pm
8	SCHOOL TERM 1 ENDS	
8	STATIONS OF THE CROSS	7.30pm
9	CONFIRMATION 1st MEETING - RPT	4.30pm
10	PALM SUNDAY	
10	FR. HENRY'S BIRTHDAY	
12	2nd RITE RECONCILIATION	7.30pm



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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

CYP GOOD FRIDAY WALK 15 April

Young people are invited to join Catholic Youth Parramatta and Bishop Vincent for the annual 21km Good Friday Night Walk from Blacktown to the Cathedral. For more information and to register visit <https://parracatholic.org/goodfridaywalk/>

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

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 or contact the parish office. 96222920