

The Sheep and the Shepherd

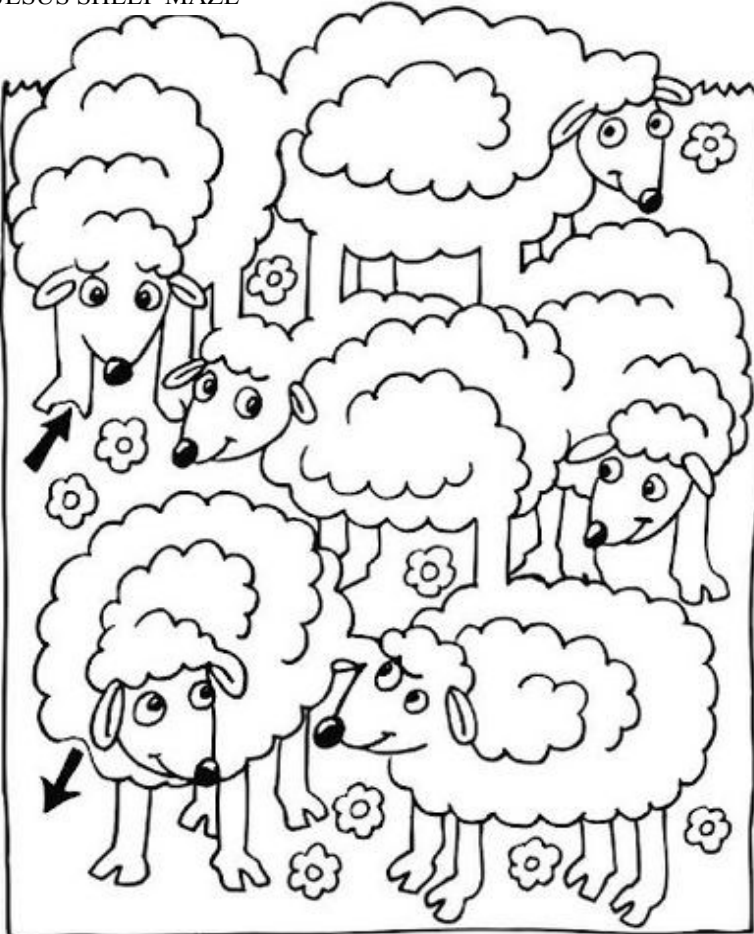
In today's Gospel reading Jesus tells us about His sheep. Do you know who His sheep are? We are His sheep! He loves us and protects us just like a shepherd cares for his sheep. And what do the sheep do in return? They listen to His voice and follow Him.

We also hear about Jesus being called the "Lamb of God." When He became man, He was like one of the sheep in God's sheepfold. But He was not the same as all the rest of us. He never did any sins Himself, but he died for us on the cross to save us from our sins. That is why at every Mass we say, "Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world. Have mercy on us."

Now that Jesus is not visibly here on earth, He has left us another shepherd to care for His flock. Do you know who that is? It's the pope! God gives him grace to guide and protect the Church. Can you say a Hail Mary for Pope Francis today?



JESUS SHEEP MAZE



Safe in His Hands

I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one can snatch them out of my hand. John 10:28 (NIV)
The puzzle is based on John 10:22-30



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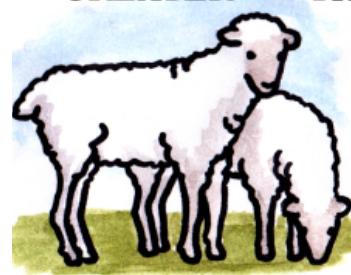
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Jesus' Sheep Word Puzzle

Use the words in the list to fill in the blanks.
Use the numbered letters to fill in the blanks at the very end.

Jesus _____⁴ John 10:27-30
"My sheep hear my voice;
I _____³ them
and they _____² _____⁷
I give them eternal life;
and they shall never _____⁸ _____
and no one can take them out of my _____¹²
My Father, who has _____¹ _____¹⁰ them to me,
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and no one can take _____⁶ _____
out of the Father's hand.
The _____⁹ and I _____¹¹ one."

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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, Rita Leon, 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 Tipaldo, 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, Mercy Christobel Chary, Edmundo Deloso, Maureen Greenfield, Gerard Marcello, Lorna Miranda, Ananda Nayana, Marie Nigli, Rev Fr. Hyacinth Perera, Jocelyn Van Snek, Jane Zammit.

Anniversaries: Aloysean Corera, Hassib Diab, Nilesh Evans, Andre Fernandes, Rufina Fernandes, Lala Fernandes, Georgina Falzon, Mark Falzon, Fernandes Family, Theodore Garcia, Maxy Gomez, Ginny Heke, Cameron Jones, James McNally, Connie & Vincent Muscat, John O'Sullivan, Lakshman Perera, Alison & Jim Vella, Priscilla Villanueva.

Remembrance: Gregorio Almodovar, France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Fe Licup Carmen, Narcisa Carvajal, Conchita Deloso, Ngan Siu Eng, Joan Falzon, Jeffrey Hunter, Felina and Apolinario Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Anton & Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Jason Muscat, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, John & Roseline Ratnam, Choling Sabale, Cua Sing.



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.

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

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

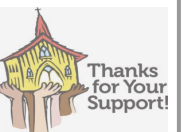
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FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 13:14,43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the sabbath and took their seats. When the meeting broke up, many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealous, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.' It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.		
Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)		Indeed, how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. (R.)
Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him, we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)		

SECOND READING A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 7:9, 14-17

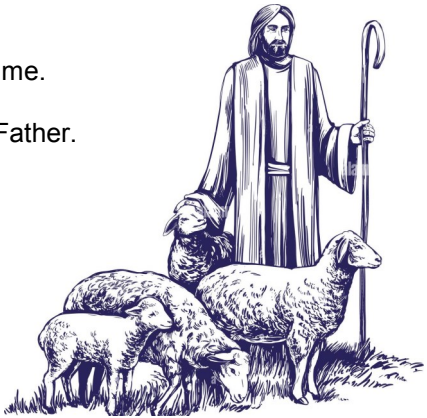
I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said to me, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.' The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep and mine know me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the first holy gospel according to John 10:27-30

Jesus said: 'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them eternal life; they will never be lost and no one will ever steal them from me. The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone, and no one can steal from the Father. The Father and I are one.' 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: I AM READY TO MEET PUTIN IN MOSCOW By Vatican News

"I have a torn ligament; I will have an operation with infiltrations and we will see... I've been like this for a long time; I can't walk. There was a time when popes used to go with the gestatorial chair. It requires a little humiliation." This is how Pope Francis justified the fact that he could not get up to greet Luciano Fontana and the deputy director Fiorenza Sarzanini of the *Corriere della Sera*, whom he received at the Casa Santa Marta for an interview that the newspaper published on Tuesday. The conversation centred on the subject of the war in Ukraine, for which the Pope has appealed since it broke out on 24 February, and for which so far he has made many attempts at mediation, starting with the telephone call to President Zelensky, the visit to the Russian embassy to the Holy See, and above all the willingness to go to Moscow to meet President Putin. "I asked Cardinal Parolin, after twenty days of war, to send a message to Putin to say that I was willing to go to Moscow." Of course, affirmed the Pope, the Russian President must first offer a window for dates. "We have not yet received an answer, and we are still insisting, even if I fear that Putin cannot and does not want to have this meeting at this time. But how can this brutality not be stopped? Twenty-five years ago we experienced the same thing with Rwanda."

Wars to test weapons
The Pope's comments also reflected on the reasons for war and on the "trade" in arms, which for him remains a "scandal" opposed by few people. Pope Francis spoke of "an anger facilitated" perhaps, by "NATO's barking at Russia's door" that has led the Kremlin to "react badly and unleash the conflict". "I don't know how to answer - I'm too far away - the question of whether it is right to supply the Ukrainians," he reasoned. "The clear thing is that weapons are being tested there. The Russians now know that tanks are of little use and are thinking of other things. This is why wars are waged: to test the weapons we have produced. Few people are fighting this trade, but more should be done." The Pope also cited the halting in Genoa of a convoy carrying arms to Yemen, which the port authorities chose "two or three years ago" to stop. Visit to Moscow first
No trip to Kyiv is planned at the moment, but first, the Pope would prefer to visit Moscow. Reviewing the efforts made or to be made to stop the escalation of violence, the Pope clarified: "I am not going to Kyiv for now; I feel that I must not go. First I must go to Moscow. First I must meet Putin. But I am also a priest, what can I do? I do what I can. If Putin would only open the door...". Again the Pope looked to Moscow for the possibility of working together with Patriarch Kirill of the Russian Orthodox Church. He cited the 40-minute conversation via Zoom on 15 March last and the "justifications" for the war cited by Kirill, and returned to the missed appointment in June in Jerusalem.

"I listened," said Pope Francis in the interview with *Corriere della Sera*, "and I told him: I completely fail to understand this. Brother, we are not state clerics; we cannot use the language of politics, but that of Jesus. We are pastors of the same holy people of God. That is why we must seek ways of peace, stop the fire of arms. The Patriarch cannot become Putin's altar boy. I had a meeting scheduled with him in Jerusalem on 14 June. It would have been our second face-to-face meeting, nothing to do with the war. But now even he agrees: 'Let's wait; it could be an ambiguous signal'."

Wars for international interests
The Pope's gaze widened again to speak of the rights of peoples in a world at war, a "third world war" so often evoked and feared. He was not raising an "alarm", he clarified, but offering an "ascertainment of things: Syria, Yemen, Iraq, in Africa one war after another. There are international interests in every bit of it. You cannot think that a free state can make war on another free state. In Ukraine, it seems that it was others who created the conflict. The only thing that is blamed on the Ukrainians is that they reacted in the Donbas, but we are talking about ten years ago. That argument is old. Of course, they are a proud people."

Not enough desire for peace
In this regard, the Pope returned to the Good Friday Way of the Cross at the Colosseum and to the requests from the Ukrainian side that led to the reading of the meditation at the thirteenth station, led by a Russian and a Ukrainian woman being scrapped. Pope Francis explained the conversation he had with Cardinal Krajewski, who for Easter was in Kyiv for the third time sent by the Pope since the beginning of the conflict. "I called Krajewski who was there and he told me: 'Stop, don't read the prayer. They are right even if we cannot fully understand.' So they remained silent. They are susceptible; they feel defeated or enslaved because they paid so much in the Second World War. So many men died; they are a martyred people. But we are also careful about what may happen now in Transnistria." However, he said, 9 May could be the end of it all. Referring to his audience with Viktor Orbán, prime minister of Hungary, on 21 April at the Vatican, the Pope said he learned that "the Russians have a plan".

"So, one would also understand the celerity of the escalation of these days. Because now it's not just the Donbas, it's Crimea, it's Odessa, it's taking away the Black Sea port from Ukraine, it's everything. I am pessimistic, but we must make every possible gesture to stop the war."

Italian Church looking for an innovative Cardinal
In his conversation with *Corriere della Sera*, the Pope turned his gaze to Italy, to politics from Napolitano to Mattarella, and to the "very good" relationship with Mario Draghi, calling him "a direct and simple person". He also expressed his "respect" for Emma Bonino, even if he did not share her ideas, "but she knows Africa better than anyone here."

Then he spoke about the reforms in the Vatican and the Italian Church, which is waiting for the new president of the Bishops' Conference.

"One of the things I'm trying to do to renew the Italian Church is not to change the bishops too much. Cardinal Gantin said that the bishop is the groom of the Church, every bishop is the groom of the Church for life. When there is a habit it is good. That's why I try to appoint priests, as happened in Genoa, in Turin, in Calabria. I believe that this is the renewal of the Italian Church." As for the person whom he will choose to head the bishops at the next CEI meeting, he clarified: "I'm trying to find one who wants to make a good change. I prefer it to be a Cardinal, someone who is authoritative and who has the possibility of choosing the secretary; someone of whom I can say, 'I want to work with this person'."

POPE FRANCIS REGINA CAELI

Dear brothers and sisters, *happy Sunday!*

The Gospel of today's Liturgy (*Jn* 21:1-19) recounts the third appearance of the Risen Jesus to the Apostles. It is a meeting that takes place by the Lake of Galilee, and above all involves Simon Peter. It all begins with him saying to the other disciples: "I am going fishing" (v. 3). There was nothing strange about this, since he was a fisherman, but he had abandoned this work from the time he had left his nets on the shore of that very lake in order to follow Jesus. And now, while the Risen One is waiting, Peter, perhaps a little disheartened, proposes to the others that he return to his former life. And the others accept: "We will go with you". But "that night they caught nothing". (v. 3).

This can happen to us, out of tiredness, disappointment, perhaps out of laziness, to forget the Lord and to neglect the great choices we have made, to content ourselves with something else. For example, not to dedicate time to talking together in the family, preferring personal pastimes; we forget prayer, letting ourselves get wrapped up in our own needs; we neglect charity, with the excuse of daily urgencies. But, in doing so, we find ourselves disappointed: it is that very disappointment that Peter felt, with empty nets, like him. It is a road that takes you backwards, and does not satisfy you.

And what does Jesus do with Peter? He returns again to the shore of the lake where he had chosen him, Andrew, James and John. He does not reproach them – Jesus does not reproach, he touches the heart, always – but calls the disciples tenderly: "Children" (v. 5). Then he invites them, as before, to cast their nets again courageously. And this time the nets are filled to overflowing. Brothers and sisters, when our nets are empty in life, it is not the time to feel sorry for ourselves, to have fun, to return to old pastimes. It is time to begin again with Jesus, it is time to find the courage to begin again, it is time to put out to sea again with him. Always, faced with a disappointment, or a life that has lost its meaning somewhat – "today I feel as if I have gone backwards" – set out again with Jesus, start again, put out into the deep! He is waiting for you. And he is thinking only of you, me, each one of us.

Peter needed that "shock". When he hears John cry: "It is the Lord!" (v. 7), he immediately dives into the water and swims towards Jesus. It is a gesture of love, because love goes beyond usefulness, convenience or duty; love generates wonder, it inspires creative, freely-given zeal. In this way, while John, the youngest, recognizes the Lord, it is Peter, the eldest, who dives towards him. In that dive there is all the new-found enthusiasm of Simon Peter.

Dear brothers and sisters, today the Risen Christ invites us to a new impetus – everyone, each one of us – he invites us to dive into the good without the fear of losing something, without calculating too much, without waiting for others to begin. Why? Do not wait for others, because in order to go out to meet Jesus, we need to be put off balance. We need to be put off balance with courage, restore ourselves, but restore ourselves unbalanced, taking risks. Let us ask ourselves: am I capable of an outburst of generosity, or do I restrain the impulses of my heart and close myself off in routine, in fear? Jump in, dive in. This is today's word from Jesus.

Then, at the end of this episode, Jesus asks Peter, three times, the question: "Do you love me?" (vv. 15-16). The Risen Lord asks us too today: *Do you love me?* Because at Easter, Jesus wants our hearts to rise too; because faith is not a question of knowledge, but of love. *Do you love me?* Jesus asks you, me, us, who have empty nets and are afraid to start out again; who do not have the courage to dive in and have perhaps lost our momentum. *Do you love me?* Jesus asks. From then on, Peter stopped fishing forever and dedicated himself to the service of God and to his brothers and sisters to the point of giving his life here, where we are now. And what about us, do we want to love Jesus?

May Our Lady, who readily said "yes" to the Lord, help us to rediscover the impulse to do good.

After the Regina Caeli

Dear brothers and sisters!

Yesterday, Don Mario Ciceri and Armida Barelli were beatified in Milan. The first was a country deputy parish priest; he devoted himself to prayer and confession, visited the sick and stayed beside the boys at the oratory, as a gentle educator and safe guide. A shining example of a pastor. Armida Barelli was the founder and animator of the Female Youth of Catholic Action. She travelled all over Italy to inspire girls and young women to ecclesial and civil commitment. She collaborated with Father Gemelli to set up a secular women's institute and the Sacred Heart Catholic University, which is celebrating its annual day today and has named it "With a woman's heart" in her honour. A round of applause for the new Blessed!

Today is the beginning of the month dedicated to the Mother of God. I would like to invite all the faithful and communities to pray the Rosary for peace every day in May. My thought goes to the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, "Mary's city", barbarically bombed and destroyed. Once again, from here, I renew my request that safe humanitarian corridors be arranged for the people trapped in the steelworks in that city. I suffer and weep, thinking of the sufferings of the Ukrainian people, and in particular, the weakest, the elderly and children. There are even terrible reports of children being expelled and deported.

And while we are witnessing a macabre regression of humanity, I wonder, along with so many anguished people, if peace is truly being sought; whether there is the will to avoid a continued military and verbal escalation; whether everything possible is being done to silence the weapons. I beg you, let us not surrender to the logic of violence, to the perverse spiral of weapons. May the path of dialogue and peace be taken! Let us pray.

And today is Labour Day. May it be a stimulus to the renew of efforts to ensure that work is dignified everywhere and for everyone. And may the world of work inspire the will to develop an economy of peace. And I would like to remember workers who died at work: it is a widespread tragedy, perhaps too much so.

The day after tomorrow, 3 May, is UNESCO World Press Freedom Day. I pay homage to journalists who pay with their lives to serve this right. Last year, 47 journalists were killed worldwide, and more than 350 were imprisoned. Special thanks go to those who courageously inform us of the wounds of humanity.

I greet you all, Romans and pilgrims from Italy and many countries. In particular, I greet the faithful from Spain, Portugal and the United States of America, as well as the Maronite parish of Nazareth and that of Saint Rita in Warsaw. I greet the "Jubilee" Choir of Conselve and the students of Mascalucia. A special thought goes to the "Meter" Association, which has for many years combatted violence and abuse of minors, always taking the side of the little ones. And I also greet the young people of the *Immacolata*.

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



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

We all are proud to say that our Christian faith is global, since no matter where we go in the world, we for sure will find the presence of Christian communities. Why has such a faith originated in the land of Israel with a small group of people managed to become a global force as we know today? It's God's work, of course, and most significantly, it's God's work through men as the first reading this Sunday unfolds. In this account from the Acts of the Apostles, St Paul reveals to us the crucial moment to change the face of Christianity forever, as he and Barnabas decided to preach their Christian beliefs to the non-Jewish audience known as the Gentiles. This has to be the beginning of our Roman Catholic Church, and happened due to the strong resistance of the then Jewish community against the Apostles' pastoral and teaching efforts. Luke, the writer of the book, candidly identifies the core reason behind this move as the jealousy given to Paul and Barnabas by their country men and women, who then managed to manipulate the powerful group of Jewish people in diaspora to expel them from Antioch.

For such a reason, St Paul is very much deserved the title, Apostle of the Gentiles as he officially claims in his letter to the Romans (cf Rm 11.13), and thanks to Paul's bold, outward-looking and God-inspired move, we come to know Jesus, the Son of God, the Shepherd who came to call us to follow him into his world and give us never-ending life to enjoy. From a community building perspective, Paul's courageous decision to counter the opposition from the Jewish community to their teaching provides an inspiring lesson about vision, adaptation, flexibility and changes for our Church today to reflect upon. One thing we can be assured is that our Church should not be what it is today as a global institution, if Paul and Barnabas failed to stand up and fight the fight to take the Church beyond the Jewish boundaries, and cut off ties with Jewish rituals and traditions inappropriate to those from other cultures.

However, we can have the peace of mind in believing in what Jesus has promised about a share in eternal life, mainly because he was able to fulfil the biggest promise he foretold to his followers that he was going to do die and rise again. It is so true as St Paul makes it very clear that all we preach are nothing but empty and all we believe is nothing, if Jesus failed to rise up from the dead (cf 1Cor 15.15). Let us give praise and thanks to God for the gifts of Sts Paul and Barnabas for their vision and courage to bring our Christian faith to the global stage.

Pray that their wonderful examples will continue to inspire our Church today to make bold decisions when needed to keep our faith ever relevant to people of the time, and that by the grace of the Eucharist we share this Sunday will help strengthen the faith handed to us from Paul, Barnabas and his friends, the one in Jesus, the Son of God, our Shepherd, who laid down his life for us and rose from the dead to give us life in eternity with God.

Have a Christocentric week,
Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

DIOCESAN MASS THANK YOU It was such an honor for our parish to welcome Bishop Vincent and lot of diocesan representatives and distinguished guests for the Diocesan Mass last Sunday. I was so proud to hear a lot of positive comments about our liturgy and hospitality, so I would like to say a BIG thank you to all our ministers serving the Eucharist, and our volunteers to preach very loud and clear the message of agape through their tremendous generosity and hospitality offered to our guests and community.



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION the 3rd meeting for Confirmation will be held in the Parish Hall Wednesday 11th May at 6.30pm for Parents and Children, with a repeat in the Parish Meeting room on Saturday 14th May at 4.30pm. For more information contact Artelle or the Parish office artellel@olol7hills.com.au.

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.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING
A friendly reminder that the Parish Pastoral meeting is Wednesday 11th at 7:30pm

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

RECONCILIATION will be held in the church, on **Saturdays 4:30pm-5:30pm**.

MINISTERS - ROSTER UPDATES ARE DUE MONDAY
Forms are available at the back of the church for ministers to renew their information for the next rostering period July– December 2022
You can either complete the form and leave it in the box at the back of the church or update your details on the Ministry Scheduler Pro login; www.rotundasoftware.com/ministry/ololsevenhills

LOURDES YOUNG ADULTS GROUP NIGHT - Friday 13 May 2022 Join our Lourdes Young Adults Group for a night of fellowship and spiritual formation on Friday, 13th of May 2022 from 6:45-9:30pm in the Parish Hall. The theme for the month of May is: "Love one another...". Our speaker Darwin Bautista will share with us about the mystery of the Lord's sacrificial love from The Last Supper to The Cross. All are welcome to join us. Please bring food to share. More details at: bit.ly/YAGMay2022



7-8 May 2022		
Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Ramzee Michael	
Ministers	Vigil: SUB REQ, 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 SUB REQ, 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 and Judith	
Church cleaning	12 May	Cathy Hutchings, Annette Peatmen, Jerome Peralta
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Rita Paolini 9.30am: Maria Michael	

14/15 May 2022		
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Noel Emmanuel	
Ministers	Vigil: Chrisha Gonzales, Helen Gonzales 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Erika Hien 9.30am: Sarah Lenthall, Adrian Walker	
Readers	Vigil: Alison Punch, Noreen Do Rosario 8am: Kathy Walker, Pepito Ferriols 9.30am Fayelene Kennedy, Helen Katopau	
Altar Servers	Vigil: Samuel Thoms, Dominic Sant, Johnathon Sant 8am: Sean Park, Philip Park, Diana Park 9.30am Oliana Katopau, Celestina Katopau, Chloe Attard	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Office	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church cleaning	21 May	Helen Gonzales, Dennis Gonzales, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: VOLUNTEER 8am: Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain	

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.



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Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to people in Ukraine.

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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 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



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

DIOCESAN NEWS

PEACE JUSTICE AND ECOLOGY SHARING ON ZOOM- Wednesday 11 May

Peace, Justice & Ecology Sharings are quarterly online gatherings for everyone who is interested in Social Justice, Care for Creation or Global Peace. They are an opportunity to connect, meet like-minded people, find out and discuss what is currently happening in the Peace, Justice & Ecology space. This time, the sharing is also a chance to meet the new Peace, Justice, Ecology Facilitator James. You are invited to join the conversation, Wednesday 11 May, 6:30-8:00pm. To receive a zoom link, please RSVP to MET@parracatholic.org

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 to download the launch video and for further information.

CAMPION COLLEGE—WINTER PROGRAM

Registration for the Campion College Winter Program is now open! If you know a 16–20-year-old with an interest in history, literature, philosophy and theology, encourage them to sign up for our immersive four-day program from 5-8 July 2022. Attendance is fully funded but spaces are limited! Find out more and register on the Campion College website: <https://www.campion.edu.au/event/winter-program/>

VOICES FOR POWER—ENERGY TRAINING WORKSHOP - Saturday 14 May 2022

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, 14 May 9:30am-3:30pm in the Parish Hall, Our Lady of Lourdes Seven Hills. Please contact Ian Epondulan for more info: 0401161264 or youtholol7h@gmail.com

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MAY		
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	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
12	Over 50's Meeting	10.30am
12	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
13	OLOL Young Adults	6.00pm

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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION : 1 September

Adult Confirmation 2022 will be held on **1 September 2022 at 7:30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral** with the Catechesis and Formation Day to be held on **Saturday 20 August at 9:30am at the Bede Heather Centre** (formerly known as the IFM). Adult Confirmation is a community celebration for those who have reached the age of 16 years and have received both the sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, but are yet to receive the Confirmation. If you would like more information please contact the Office for Worship on (02) 8838 3456 or anne.stanton@parracatholic.org.

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

VIEW THE DIOCESAN SYNTHESIS FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS

All are invited to **VIEW** the online version of the synthesis from the Diocese of Parramatta Writing Committee for the Synod of Bishops 2023. Visit <https://parracatholic.org/synod-of-bishops/> and email met@parracatholic.org with your reflections. The Diocese of Parramatta is a 'listening Church' we invite continued dialogue through both the website and direct email address.

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA TRIBUNAL IS OPEN

The Tribunal of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Parramatta remains open and committed to assisting anyone with enquiries regarding marriage annulments. Interviews are being conducted via telephone and Zoom in response to COVID-19. Please contact the Tribunal office on (02) 8838 3480 or email tribunal@parracatholic.org.



Family Assistance 1800 606 724
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm

Anyone who is experiencing financial hardship may benefit from the service. Emergency relief may be given in the form of food parcels, food vouchers, and assistance with utility bills, clothing, furniture and referral. The assistance given is based on the assessment conducted by our volunteer members at the time of the home visit. Domestic Violence - Alert 1800 737732 https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/NSW/General_support