OLOL Kids Bulletin—5th Sunday of Easter 2022

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The New Commandment

In the Old Testament, before Jesus came, there were many commandments. They told the people how they should live and what they should and shouldn't do. Jesus obeyed the commandments, but He gave His followers a new one, something different than any of the others:

LOVE ONE ANOTHER.

The love that Jesus was talking about is called charity. It means doing what is best for a person. Here are some ways to love others:



Always think kindly of people. Even when you know something bad about someone, try to think nice thoughts about them.

Always speak kindly about people. Saying bad things about others can hurt them.





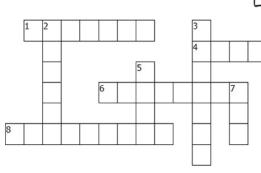
Always act kindly toward others. Treat everyone in the way that you would want to be treated. Show that you are a follower of Jesus by how you love others!

Answer to Word-Find: Jesus comes again Answer to front page: If you love one another.

Jesus Loves Us All

"By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:35 (NIV)

Based on John 13:31-35



ACROSS

GLORIFY

NEW

- 1. An order or a rule given with authority
- 4. To have feelings of compassion and concern for another person
- 6. Boys and girls between birth and puberty
- 8. Those who follow the teachings of Jesus

COMMAND

DISCIPLES

DOWN

TIME

CHILDREN

2. People aside from oneself

LOVE ONE

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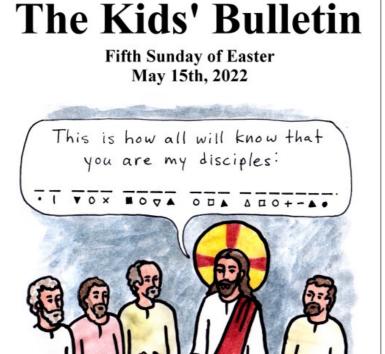
JOHN 13:34

- 3. To give praise and honour to God or a person
- 5. A period of seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks, months, years, etc.

OTHERS

LOVE

7. The opposite of old



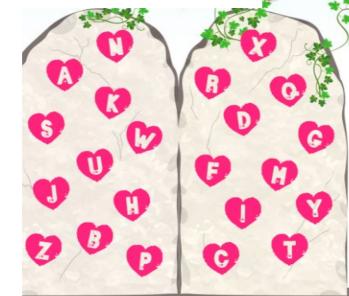
What did Jesus tell His disciples in today's Gospel reading? Use the code below to find out!

AEFHILNORTUVY

John 13:31-35

A New Commandment!

Find the missing alphabet letters on the tablets and write them in the space below. 2. Unscramble the letters and fill in the blanks in the bible verse.



"I give you a new commandment: ___ ___ one another. As I have loved you, so you also should

____ one another." . JOHN 13:34



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WEEKEND MASS:	Saturday Vigil 6pm Sunday 8am & 9:30am	

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 15 May • Year C • 2022

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 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: Sr Jean Cain RSJ, Myrna Cruz, Mercy Christobel Chary, Edmundo Deloso, Gregorio Gaton, Maureen Greenfield, Lagrimas Jalandoni, Gerard Marcello, Lorna Miranda, Jason Muscat, Ananda Nayana, Marie Nigli, Douglas Octavio, Rev Fr. Hyacinth Perera, Jocelyn Van Snek, Jane Zammit

Anniversaries: Aloysean Corera, Carmela Carbone, Nilesh Evans, Georgina & Mark Falzon, Rufina Fernandes, Lala Fernandes, Fernandes Family, Maxy Gomez, Ginny Heke, Cameron Jones, Oliver Jordan, James McNally, Salvatore & Carmen Muscat, Andreana & Felix Muscat, John O'Sullivan, Custodio Palmos Jr., Lakshman Perera, Alison & Jim Vella, Priscila Villanueva, Domingo Villarta Jr.

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, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, John & Roseline Ratnam, Choling Sabale, Cua Sing.



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, 9:30AMhttps://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/

OUR LADY OF LOURDES "Still a wonderful place to pray & stay".

Ph. 9622 2920 Email: secretary@olol7hills.com.au OLOL 8869 6800 Parish School: Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes **Reconciliation:** Saturday 4:30-5:30pm **Baptismal Preparation:** 18th May 2022 Baptism: 22nd May 2022 Parish Website: www.olol7hills.com.au Bathista Emmanuel

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Pastoral Care of the Sick:

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-nationalprotocols 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.

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Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church. BSB: 067 950 ACC: 000552 Reference: (Your Planned Giving envelope number or 'DONATION' for a one off donation)

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FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures (R.) All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.' The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: Love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the first holy gospel according to John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples. 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: MAY THE STUDY OF THE LITURGY LEAD TO GREATER ECCESIAL UNITY By Francesca Merlo

Addressing members of the Pontifical Liturgical Institute of Sant'Anselmo in the Vatican on Saturday, Pope Francis noted that their meeting, celebrating 60 years since the institution's foundation, "came about as a response to the growing need of the People of God to live and participate more intensely in the liturgical life of the Church". He noted that their institution's dedication to the study of the liturgy is well recognised and that experts that were trained in their classrooms promote the liturgical life of many dioceses in very different cultural contexts.

Pope Francis went on to note three dimensions that emerge clearly from the Council's drive for the renewal of liturgical life. These are: active and fruitful participation in the liturgy; ecclesial communion animated by the celebration of the Eucharist and the Sacraments of the Church; and the impetus to the evangelising mission from the liturgical life that involves all the baptised. Active participation in liturgical life

Speaking, firstly, of the formation to live and promote active participation in liturgical life, Pope Francis noted that it is an aspect that should encourage the members of the institution to "foster, as the Council wished, this fundamental dimension of Christian life". He explained that here, the key is "to educate people to enter into the spirit of the liturgy" and that in order to do this "it is necessary to be imbued with this spirit....to feel its mystery, with an ever-new wonder". The liturgy is not something you possess, continued the Pope, but rather, it is learned and celebrated, through active participation "to the extent that one enters into its spirit". It is neither a question of rites, but rather the mystery of Christ, who once and for all revealed and fulfilled the sacred, the sacrifice and the priesthood: Worship in spirit and in truth. "Only in this way can participation translate into a greater sense of the Church, which makes us live evangelically in every time and in every circumstance", said the Pope.

Speaking then of the second point, the institution's dedication to liturgical study on the part of both professors and students, "also makes you grow in ecclesial communion", noted the Pope. He explained that giving glory to God in the liturgy finds its counterpart "in love of neighbour, in the commitment to live as brothers and sisters in everyday situations, in the community in which we find ourselves, with its merits and limitations". It is the path to true sanctification, he added. Therefore, the formation of the People of God is a fundamental task for living a fully ecclesial liturgical life. **Each celebration ends with mission**

The Pope then turned to the third and final aspect, that every liturgical celebration always ends with mission. "What we live and celebrate leads us to go out to meet others, to meet the world around us, to meet the joys and needs of so many who perhaps live without knowing the gift of God", said the Pope. Genuine liturgical life, especially the Eucharist, always impels us to charity, "which is above all openness and attention to others", he added, stressing that this dimension, then, "opens us to dialogue, to encounter, to the ecumenical spirit, to welcome".

Faith in the mystery

Pope Francis then reiterated the importance of liturgical life and the study of it leading to "greater ecclesial unity", stressing that "the liturgy must be studied while remaining faithful to this mystery". Bringing his discourse to a close, the Pope notes that "the challenges of our world and of the present moment are very strong" and that for this reason, "the Church needs today as always to live by the liturgy". Finally, the Pope thanked the members of the institution for the service they render to the Church and encouraged them to "carry it forward in the joy of the Spirit".

POPE FRANCIS TO LGBT CATHOLICS: 'GOD IS FATHER WHO DOES NOT DISOWN ANY OF HIS CHIDREN

By Linda Bordoni

"God's *style* is closeness, mercy and tenderness" Pope Francis said answering three questions put to him by Jesuit Father James Martin who ministers to LGBT Catholics.

On 5 May Father Martin had written to the Pope in Spanish asking him to answer some questions that he is most commonly asked by LGBT Catholics and their families.

He received a hand-written response a couple of days afterward, that was published in the form of a short interview on Father Martin's website "Outreach".

"With respect to your questions," the Pope wrote, "a very simple response occurs to me." Outreach: What would you say is the most important thing for LGBT people to know about God? Pope Francis: God is Father and he does not disown any of his children. And "the style" of God is "closeness, mercy and tenderness." Along this path you will find God.

ness." Along this path you will find God. **Outreach:** What would you like LGBT people to know about the Church? **Pope Francis:** I would like for them to read the book of the Acts of the Apostles. There they will find the image of the living Church.

Outreach: What do you say to an LGBT Catholic who has experienced rejection from the Church? **Pope Francis:** I would have them recognize it not as "the rejection of the church," but instead of "people in the church." The church is a mother and calls together all her children. Take for example the parable of those invited to the feast: "the just, the sinners, the rich and the poor, etc." [Matthew 22:1-15; Luke 14:15-24]. A "selective" church, one of "pure blood," is not Holy Mother Church, but rather a sect.

Pope's words in July 2021

Last year in July Pope Francis had sent Father Martin a letter on the occasion of the webinar "Outreach 2021" in which he said that "God is close to and loves each and every one of his children. His heart is open to all. He is the Father." "Thinking about your pastoral work," the Pope wrote, "I see that you continually try to imitate this style of God. You are a priest for everyone, as God is Father of everyone. I pray for you that you may continue in this way, being close, compassionate and full tenderness."

"I pray for your faithful, your 'parishioners," the Pope had concluded, "for all those whom the Lord has placed beside you so that you may care for them, protect them and make them grow in the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.



POPE FRANCIS REGINA CAELI

Dear brothers and sisters, buongiorno!

The Gospel for today's Liturgy speaks to us about the bond that exists between the Lord and each one of us (cf. Jn 10:27-30). In doing so, Jesus uses a tender image, a beautiful image of the shepherd who stays with the sheep. And he explains it with three verbs: "My sheep", Jesus says, "*hear* my voice, and I *know* them, and they *follow* me" (v. 27). Three verbs: hear, know, follow. Let us take a look at these three verbs.

First of all, the sheep *hear* the voice of the shepherd. The initiative always comes from the Lord. Everything comes from his grace: it is he who calls us to communion with him. But this communion comes about if we open ourselves to listen. If we are deaf, he cannot grant us this communion. Open ourselves to listening, because listening implies availability, it implies docility, it implies time dedicated to dialogue. Today, we are inundated with words and by the urgency to always have something to say or do. How often two people are talking and the one does not wait for the other to finish his or her thought, but cuts the other off mid-sentence, and responds.... But if we do not allow another to speak, there is no listening. This is an ailment of our time. To-day, we are inundated with words, by the urgency to always have something to say or do. We are afraid of silence. How hard it is to listen to each other! To listen till the end, to let the other express him or herself, to listen in our families, to listen at school, to listen at work, and even in the Church! But for the Lord, it is first of all necessary to listen. He is the Word of the Father, and the Christian is a *listening child*, called to live with the Word of God at hand. Let us ask ourselves today if we are listening child dren, if we find time for the Word of God, if we give space and attention to our brothers and sisters, if we know how to listen until the other has finished speaking, without cutting off what the other is saying. Those who listen to others know how listen to the Lord, too, and vice versa. And they experience something very beautiful, that is, that the Lord himself listens – he listens to us when we pray to him, when we confide in him, when we call on him.

Listening to Jesus thus becomes the way for us to discover that he knows us. This is the second verb that concerns the good shepherd. He knows his sheep. But this does not only mean that he knows many things about us. To know in the biblical sense also means to love. It means that the Lord, "while he reads our inner beings," loves us, he does not condemn us. If we listen to him, we discover this - that the Lord loves us. The way to discover the Lord's love is to listen to him. Thus, our relationship with him will no longer be impersonal, cold or a front. Jesus is looking for a warm friendship, trust, intimacy. He wants to give us a new and marvelous awareness – that of knowing we are always loved by him and, therefore, that we are never left alone by ourselves. Being with the good shepherd allows us to live the experience what the Psalm speaks about: "Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil; for you are with me" (Ps 23:4). He sustains us above all in our sufferings, in our difficulties, in our crises - which are dark - by going through them us. And so, it is specifically in difficult situations, that we can discover that we are known and loved by the Lord. So, let us ask ourselves: Do I let the Lord know me? Do I make room for him in my life? Do I bring what I am living to him? And what idea do I have of him after the many times I have experienced his closeness, his compassion, his tenderness? That the Lord is near, that the Lord is the good shepherd? Lastly, the third verb: the sheep who hear, and who discover they are known, follow: they listen, they experience they are known by the Lord and they follow the Lord who is their shepherd. What do those who follow Christ do? They go where he goes, along the same path, in the same direction. They go to seek those who are lost (cf. Lk 15:4), are interested in those who are far-off, take to heart the situation of those who suffer, know how to weep with those who weep, they reach out their hands to their neighbour, placing him or her on their shoulders. And me? Do I let Jesus love me, and by allowing him to love me, do I pass from loving him to imitating him? May the Holy Virgin help us listen to Christ, know him always more and follow him on the way of service. Hearing him, knowing him, following him.

After the Regina Caeli

Dear brothers and sisters,

Yesterday, in San Ramon, Peru, María Agustina Rivas Lopez was beatified. Known as Aguchita, she was a woman religious of the Congregation of our Lady of Charity of the Good Shepherd killed in hatred of the faith in 1990. While aware she was risking her life, this heroic missionary always remained near the poor, especially indigenous women and peasants, witnessing to the Gospel of justice and peace. May her example spark the desire in everyone to serve Christ faithfully and courageously. A round of applause for the new Blessed!

Today is the <u>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</u>, whose theme is "Called to Build the Human Family". May the Christian community on every continent pray to the Lord for the gift of vocations to the priesthood, to the consecrated life, to the choice of being a missionary, and to matrimony. This is the day on which, because of our baptism, we all feel called to follow Jesus, to say yes to him, to imitate him so as to discover the joy of giving one's life, of serving the Gospel joyfully and enthusiastically. In this context, I want to extend my best wishes to the new priests of the Diocese of Rome who were ordained this morning in the Basilica of Saint John Lateran.

Right now, many members of the faithful are gathered around the image of Mary venerated in the Shrine of Pompei, to pray the *Supplication* that sprang from the heart of Blessed Bartolo Longo. Kneeling in spirit before the image of the Virgin, I entrust to her the ardent desire for peace of the many people in various parts of the world who suffer the senseless calamity of war. In particular, I present the sufferings and tears of the Ukrainian people to the Holy Virgin. Before the madness of war, please, let us continue to pray the Rosary for peace each day. And let us pray for the leaders of nations, so that they might not lose the "pulse of the people" who want peace and who know well that weapons never achieve it, never.

Let us also pray for the victims of the explosion that took place in a large hotel in the capital of Cuba, Havana. May the Risen Christ lead them to the Father's house and grant comfort to their relatives.

I greet all of you from Rome and pilgrims from Italy and many other countries. In particular, I greet the faithful from the United States of America, from Poland and from the Diocese of Nantes (France). I greet the Passionist Family, which celebrates the three hundredth Jubilee of foundation; those who are ill with fibromyalgia, whom I hope are receiving the necessary care; as well as the faithful from Naples, Pomigliano d'Arco, Reggio Calabria and Foggia; the children from the Confirmation class of Zogno (Bergamo), and those from San Ferdinando in Rome. A special greeting to the group of Ukrainian refugees and the families hosting them from Macchie, near Perugia. I also greet the leaders of the Sant'Egidio Community from Latin America. Today is *Mother's Day* in many countries. Let us affectionately remember our mothers – a round of applause for our mothers – even those who are no longer with us down here, but who live_d our hearts. Our prayer, our affection, and our best wishes for all our mothers.

FROM FR. HENRY DUC



When we are out on the road and happen to see a car carrying the sticker of a fish symbol at the back, we can be certain that those who associate with that vehicle would have a Christian connection, and the origin of such a connection goes back to a very long time around, the time of the Early Church to be exact. As we know, Christianity had to go through four centuries of great persecutions and early Christians were fiercely hunted down by the Roman authority, so a lot of them got killed and survivors had to live a rat-like life under the catacombs.

In order to help them identify each other, they improvised the sign of the fish to communicate with one another without making any statement. As long as someone saw someone else bore this distinctive symbol, he or she then rec-

ognised that the other definitely belonged to the Church. Why did our Christian fore bearers choose the fish and not another animal? The answer simply is because the Greek word for fish is ICHTYS, which in turn is the first letters of the Greek phrase IESOUS CHRISTOS THEOU YIOS SOTER, meaning 'Jesus, Christ Son of God, Savior.' What a genial way both to communicate with each other and profess their Christian faith! Apart from this traditional symbol initiated by the early Christians to present their identity, we have another symbol very distinctive and also very significant to verify our Christian identity that Jesus commands us to bear as a sign of his discipleship, which is the commandment of love we are asked to carry out through what Jesus said in the Gospel this Sunday, that 'I give you a new commandment: love one another just as I have loved you.' Just five weeks ago, we had the opportunity to celebrate the Holy Week again and were taken through the process of Jesus' glorification from being betrayed, arrested, crucified and dead on the Cross to triumphantly risen from death. In all those stages, his brutal death on the Cross has really stood out as the most emphatic gesture to highlight his endless love for us, a love which exceeds the realm of the exotic and brotherly love we have experienced, and which, in fact, is the AGAPE or charity, exclusively Christian.

In his recent address about the Church liturgy, Pope Francis once again reminds us of the important place of the role of the Church liturgy, especially the Eucharist as the source to encourage us, Catholic Christians to be more open, caring and charitable to each other. He said, 'the genuine liturgical life, especially the Eucharist, always impels us to charity, which is above all openness and attention to others.' This, I guess, is what Jesus probably meant to tell us as he reminded the disciples of his commandment of love and exhorted them to put it into practice as an official badge of his discipleship. Let us pray today for the grace to make Jesus proud as his true disciples by fulfilling what he expects us to do in the way we exercise Christian charity.

Have a lovely week filled with charity. Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

REPORT FROM OUR RECENT PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Apart from the reports given to members of the Council, the focus of our last meeting was on an article entitled Dialogue by Archbishop Roberto O. Gonzales Nieves, OFM exploring one of the key themes of this current papacy. The article highlights the areas the Church needs to dialogue with namely the states, the society and peoples from other faith traditions, and I guess we can add on the dialogue with members of our own families and of our Catholic Church to the list, too.

The article also provides us with ingredients to make our multidimensional dialogue fruitful, which include empathy, a spirit of opening and welcoming, and the ability to accept different views.



Strategies for a solution demand an integrated approach to combatting poverty, restoring dignity to the excluded, and at the same time protecting nature

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Parents are reminded we have the Confirmation practice this Wednesday 18th-May from 6:30pm, in the Church.

The Sacrament of Confirmation Mass will be on Friday 20th May at 7pm and will be celebrated by Fr Henry.

Please continue to keep these children in your prayers during this important time

For more information contact Artelle or the Parish office artellel@olol7hills.com.au. 96222920



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.

The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together ... for we know things can change.

14/15 May 2022				
Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Noel Emmanual			
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 Gon- zales, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Maricel Santos		
Welcomers	Vigil: VOLUNTEER 8am: Joyce Hillbrick 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain			

21/22 May 2022			
Acolytes	Vigil: John Jo 8am: Terry J 9.30am Kilifi H	lordan	
Ministers	Vigil: Louisa La Guidara, Rosey Soares 8am: Anne McNally, Maricel Santos 9.30am: SUB REQUESTS		
Readers	Vigil: Catherine Rodrigues, Marinela Simic 8am: SUB REQUEST, Jo Cabasa 9.30am Mercy Aquino, Kamela Huihui		
Altar Servers	Christ 8am: VOLU	Bagatella, Alex La Guidara, ina La Guidara NTEERS Culili, Majerin Pieris	
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couples for Christ		
Flowers	Annette & Mary B		
Church cleaning	25 May	Sue Abela, Jessie Borg, Anne McNally, Jerome Peralta	
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: VOLUNTEER		

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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The emptier a person's heart is, the more he or she needs to buy, own and consume

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DIOCESAN NEWS



LAUDATO Si' WEEK(16-24 May) is a celebration of Pope Francis' encyclical Laudato Si' and a call to action for Catholics around the world to care for our common home. You can participate through prayer, action and reflection with the new resources for parishes, schools, organisations and individuals created by the ACBC Office for Justice, Ecology and Peace. Go to www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au

SAVE THE DATE Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection

Evening: 20 July The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of WEST HQ, Rooty Hill Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an Youth, young adults and families are invited to join Catholic evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. Youth Parramatta for a Holy Spirit inspired night of praise and worship Register at https://parracatholic.org/liftedlive/ Let's reflect on the Social Justice Statement "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor", and celebrate how people across all three Dioceses have responded to these cries in 2021-22. The re-**BISHOP VINCENT PRESENTS SR PATRICIA FOX NDS** flection evening will be held on Wednesday 20 July from 6pm Friday May 27, 7-9pm to 9pm - more details will follow in June.

SPRINGWOOD EAST TIMOR SUPPORT GROUP TRIVIA

NIGHT FUNDRAISER: 21 May The Springwood East Timor Support Group invite you to the 23rd anniversary Trivia Night to aid the Timorese people with medical and educational initiatives. Join them for an evening of fun and flashes of brilliance on Saturday 21 May from 7pm for a 7.30pm start at St Thomas Aguinas School Hall, Springwood. Tickets are \$20 each, payable on entry, for tables of eight to ten. BYO nibbles and drinks.

Pre-reservation of your attendance is essential to Dennis Farrar on 0425 209 840.

HEALTH CARE MINISTRY FORMATION SESSION:

21 May Those working in the health care ministry in the Diocese are invited to attend a formation session entitled "Let the littles ones come to me" on care of the sick and the dving child. The session will be held on Saturday 21 May at St Patrick's Cathedral Hall, Parramatta, from 2pm to 3pm. To reqister and for further enquiries, please email met@parracatholic.org or michael.tan@parracatholic.org

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18	Baptismal Preparation Meeting	7.30pm			
18	CONFIRMATION—Practice	6.30pm			
19	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am			
19	Legion of Mary	1.30pm			
20	Confirmation Mass	7.00pm			



Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our **Christian experience** LAUDATO SI', N 217

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LIFTED Live featuring Gen Bryant

Friday May 20, 7:30-10pm

Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street Blacktown Ministering to the poor and marginalised in the Philippines for close to 30 years, Sr Pat Fox was arrested at her convent in northeast Manila and accused by the Filipino president of taking part in illegal political activities and of speaking out against the government. Join us for her compelling presentation, a short response from Bishop Vincent Long, Q&A and light canapes and drinks.

LIMITED SEATS - Bookings essential via email at met@parracatholic.org

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.

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