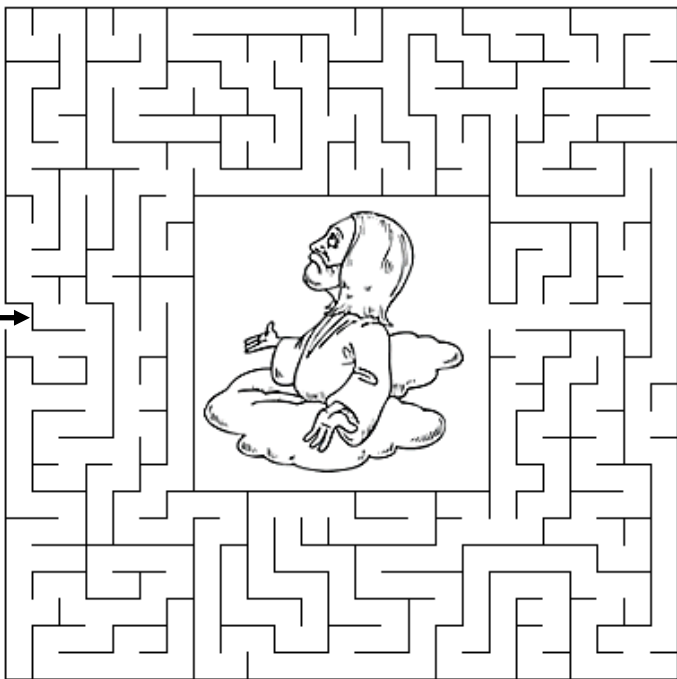


The Kids' Bulletin

Feast of the Ascension



Jesus Ascends into Heaven!



Today we celebrate the feast of the Ascension- when Jesus went up, body and soul, into Heaven. Forty days after Jesus rose from the dead He took his disciples up to a big hill and told them that He was going to send the Holy Spirit to them soon. Then He went up into the sky and disappeared behind the clouds.

At first it seems kind of sad that Jesus left His friends, doesn't it? But how could they be sad when Jesus was returning with joy to His Father in Heaven?

Sometimes we are sad when somebody we love dies or moves away, and that's okay. We can't stay with our friends forever in this world, but we will in Heaven. Jesus is there waiting for us to come and live forever with Him and all our friends.

So today we should celebrate Jesus' going into Heaven, and remember that He has gone ahead of us to make a place ready for us when we die.



Jesus disappeared into a cloud forty days after He rose from the dead. Where did He go?

Colour in the spaces with crosses (+) to find out!

Spot 8 differences between the two pictures.



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Let us Pray for the Sick

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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: Fr. John Khien Mai Luu SVD, Sr Jean Cain RSJ, Edmundo Deloso, Gregorio Gaton, Lagrimas Jalandoni, Gerard Marcello, Lorna Miranda, Marie Nigli, Douglas Octavio, Amelia Remigio-Amon, Jocelyn Van Snek.

Anniversaries: T F Augustine, Helen & Peter Bonnici, Carmela Carbone, Maria Thuc Trinh Dand, Nilesh Evans, Georgina & Mark Falzon, Rufina Fernandes, Fernandes Family, Cruz Fernandez, Doming Gomez, Oliver Jordan, Joseph Binh Chanh Lam, Sheena Langdagon, Nga Thi Le, Andreana & Felix Muscat, Custodio Palmos Jr., Lakshman Perera, Juliet Santos, Pauline & Santan Soares, Priscila Villanueva.

Remembrance: Gregorio Almodovar, France Angseesing, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Ngan Siu Eng, Jeffrey Hunter, Felina and Apolinario Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Emilia Mifsud, Mary Mifsud, Anton & Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, John & Roseline Ratnam, Choling Sabale,

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.



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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

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On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you so much for your ongoing support, which has been very vital to keep our Parish going strong.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

BSB: 067 950

ACC: 000552

Reference: (Your Planned Giving envelope number or for a one off donation, 'DONATION')

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AGENT # - 660

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

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

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Reference: Seven Hills - 6035



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,

FIRST READING

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. ‘It is,’ he had said, ‘what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.’ Now having met together, they asked him, ‘Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.’ As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, ‘Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.’ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth (R.)

God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. (R.)

God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Go and teach all people my gospel.
I am with you always, until the end of the world.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy gospel according to Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. ‘And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.’ Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God. 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 AT AUDIENCE: ELDERLY MUST RESIST TEMPTATION TO KNOWLEDGE WITHOUT ACTION By Devin Watkins

Pope Francis reflected on the Old Testament Book of Qoheleth, or Ecclesiastes, at the weekly General Audience, noting how its refrain “everything is vanity” represents a particular temptation in our own day and age. He said the wise man Qoheleth bounced back and forth from sense and meaninglessness in his quest for knowledge of life, saying he teetered on non-sense when leaning toward knowledge detached from “passion for justice.” Qoheleth, added the Pope, concluded his book with an indication of how to get out of the trap: “Fear God, and keep His commandments; for this is the whole duty of man.” Elderly must embrace passion for justice Pope Francis said each of us has been tempted toward indifference when we see that our efforts seem to produce no results and reality appears to turn everything—both good and bad—into nothingness. He added that “a kind of negative intuition” especially tempts people advanced in years, possibly leading them to disenchantment. “The resistance of old age to the demoralising effects of disenchantment is decisive: If the elderly, who have now seen it all, keep intact their passion for justice, then there is hope for love, and also for faith.” The Pope said our contemporary world believes it can “measure and manipulate everything”, which then results in “a collective demoralization of meaning, love, and goodness.” Truth without action leads to paralysis The Holy Father went on to reflect on why knowledge detached from action is so harmful to a person. “A supposed ‘truth’, which limits itself to registering the world, also registers its indifference to opposites and consigns them, without redemption, to the flow of time and the fate of nothingness. In this form – cloaked in the trappings of science, but also very insensitive and very amoral – the modern quest for truth has been tempted to take leave of its passion for justice altogether. It no longer believes in its destiny, its promise, its redemption.” Pope Francis said modern culture “combines knowledge and irresponsibility” in an attempt to take away the moral impact of our actions, and takes us down the path of “paralysis of the soul.” Inaction opens door to evil aggression Qoheleth, said the Pope, called this temptation “a delirium of omniscience”, something the early monks of the Church called “acedia” or a “surrender to the knowledge of the world devoid of any passion for justice and consequent action.” Pope Francis noted that giving in to this temptation “opens the door to the aggressiveness of the forces of evil” in the form of ideologies. “This an-affective and ir-responsible reason also takes away meaning and energy from knowledge of truth,” he said. “It is no coincidence that ours is the age of fake news, collective superstitions, and pseudo-scientific truths.” Wisdom of old age can save young from knowledge trap In conclusion, Pope Francis called on the elderly to help younger generations turn away from the “delusion of a truth of the mind devoid of a desire for justice.” “Elderly people rich in wisdom and humour do so much good for the young! They save them from the temptation of a sad worldly knowledge devoid of the wisdom of life.”

POPE FRANCIS: WORLD NEEDS A NEW CHRISTIAN MODEL OF ECONOMY

By Lisa Zengarini Pope Francis on Wednesday reiterated his call for the Church to reach out to the physical, but also the spiritual "peripheries" of the world, recalling that this is exactly what Jesus did in his time. He made the call during an audience with a delegation of the Global Solidarity Fund (GSF), an alliance that promotes partnerships for the most vulnerable across the private sector, the development sector, and Catholic communities, inspired by his vision and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to build a better world, based on solidarity, charity, and equality. Solidarity is a core value of the Social Doctrine of the Church In his prepared remarks that were handed over to the delegation led by Cardinal Silvano Maria Tomasi, Pope Francis stressed that solidarity is “a core value of the Social Doctrine of the Church”, but that “in order to make this word a reality, it needs to be accompanied by closeness and compassion for others, for people who are marginalized and for the poor and migrants”. Speaking off the cuff, he praised the group for its concern and closeness to those who are discarded in our throw-away societies, noting that reaching out to the peripheries of the world is what Jesus did, as opposed to the Pharisees. “Closeness is God’s style.” Integrating migrants Pope Francis referred specifically to migrants, emphasizing the crucial importance of their integration in the hosting societies, through education and work. Indeed, he said, welcoming migrants is only a first step, which needs to be followed by three further steps: those of accompanying, promoting and integrating them. He warned that not integrating immigrants is “dangerous” for immigrants themselves, but also for society as a whole. He cited the example of the terrorist attack in Brussels international airport which was perpetrated in 2016 by second-generation Belgian nationals of immigrant descent. The Pope further recalled that many countries of the developed world are either made of descendants of immigrants, like America, or have produced emigrants, like Ireland and Italy. “To understand migrants, we have to see ourselves: most of us are children or grandchildren of migrants. They are many! I am the son of migrants. Do not lose your memory!.” Europe needs immigrants Pope Francis also called attention to the fact that Europe, which is facing a “demographic winter”, needs immigrants. This is why, he said, it is important to welcome but, above all to integrate them: “This is not almsgiving, it is brotherhood”, the Pope said. A new economic model Reflecting on the Global Solidarity Fund’s mission, Pope Francis once again highlighted the urgent need to convert to a new model of economy, inspired by Christian values, as proposed by a new generation of economists, both in the United States and Europe: “We need to move from the liberal economy to an economy shared by the people, to a community economy”, he said. “We cannot live with the economic pattern that comes from the liberals and the Enlightenment. Nor can we live with an economic pattern that comes from Communism. We need ... a Christian economy.” Concluding his remarks, Pope Francis encouraged the GSF partners to move forward in their commitment to support the most vulnerable in the peripheries of the world. “Go ahead, get your hands dirty! Take risks and look at the many peripheries in Southeast Asia, part of Africa, part of Latin America, which wound our hearts.”

POPE FRANCIS AT REGINA COELI

Dear brothers and sisters, happy Sunday!

In the Gospel of today's Liturgy, bidding his disciples goodbye during the Last Supper, Jesus says almost as a sort of testament: "Peace I leave with you". And he adds immediately, "My peace I give to you" (*Jn 14:27*). Let us reflect on these short phrases. First of all, *peace I leave with you*. Jesus bids farewell with words expressing affection and serenity. But he does so in a moment that is anything but serene. Judas has left to betray him, Peter is about to deny him, and almost everyone else to abandon him. The Lord knows this, and yet, he does not rebuke, he does not use severe words, he does not give harsh speeches. Rather than demonstrate agitation, he remains kind till the end. There is a proverb that says you die the way you have lived. In effect, the last hours of Jesus' life are like the essence of his entire life. He feels fear and pain, but does not give way to resentment or protest-ing. He does not allow himself to become bitter, he does not vent, he is not impatient. He is at peace, a peace that comes from his meek heart accustomed to trust. This is the source of the peace Jesus gives us. For no one can leave others peace if they do not have it within themselves. No one can *give* peace unless that person *is* at peace.

Peace I leave with you: Jesus demonstrates that meekness is possible. He incarnated it specifically in the most difficult moment, and he wants us to behave that way too, since we too are heirs of his peace. He wants us to be meek, open, available to listen, capable of defusing tensions and weaving harmony. This is witnessing to Jesus and is worth more than a thousand words and many sermons. The witness of peace. As disciples of Jesus, let us ask ourselves if we behave like this where we live – do we ease tensions, and defuse conflicts? Are we too at odds with someone, always ready to react, explode, or do we know how to respond nonviolently, do we know how to respond with peaceful actions? How do I react? Everyone can ask themselves this. Certainly, this meekness is not easy. How difficult it is, at every level, to defuse conflicts! Jesus' second phrase comes to our aid here: *my peace I give you*. Jesus knows that on our own we are not able to cultivate peace, that we need help, that we need a gift. Peace, which is our obligation, is first of all a gift of God. In fact, Jesus says: "My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you" (v. 27). What is this peace that the world does not know and the Lord gives us? This peace is the Holy Spirit, the same Spirit of Jesus. It is the presence of God in us, it is God's "power of peace". It is He, the Holy Spirit, who disarms the heart and fills it with serenity. It is He, the Holy Spirit, who loosens rigidity and extinguishes the temptations to attack others. It is He, the Holy Spirit, who reminds us that there are brothers and sisters beside us, not obstacles or adversaries. It is He, the Holy Spirit, who gives us the strength to forgive, to begin again, to set out anew because we cannot do this with our own strength. And it is with Him, with the Holy Spirit, that we become men and women of peace.

Dear brothers and sisters, no sin, no failure, no grudge should discourage us from insistently asking for this gift from the Holy Spirit who gives us peace. The more we feel our hearts are agitated, the more we sense we are nervous, impatient, angry in-side, the more we need to ask the Lord for the Spirit of peace. Let us learn to say every day: "Lord, give me your peace, give me your Holy Spirit". This is a beautiful prayer. Shall we say it together? "Lord, give me your peace, give me your Holy Spirit". I did-n't hear it well. One more time: "Lord, give me your peace, give me your Holy Spirit". And let us also ask this for those who live next to us, for those we meet each day, and for the leaders of nations.

May Our Lady help us welcome the Holy Spirit so we can be peacemakers.

After the Regina Caeli

Dear brothers and sisters,

This afternoon in Lyon, Pauline Marie Jericot, Foundress of the Society of the Propagation of the Faith for the support of the missions, will be beatified. This faithful lay woman lived during the first half of the 1800s. She was a courageous woman, atten-tive to the changes taking place at the time, and had a universal vision regarding the Church's mission. May her example enkin-dle in everyone the desire to participate through prayer and charity in the spread of the Gospel throughout the world. A round of applause for the new Blessed!

Today, *Laudato Si' Week* begins, to listen ever more attentively to the cry of the Earth which urges us to act together in taking care of our common home. I thank the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development, and the numerous organizations taking part in it, and I invite everyone to participate.

This coming Tuesday is the Memorial of the Blessed Virgin, Mary Help of Christians, particularly dear to Catholics in China who venerate Mary, Help of Christians as their Patroness in the Shrine of Sheshan in Shanghai, in many churches throughout the country, and in their homes. This happy occasion offers me the opportunity to assure them once again of my spiritual closeness. I am attentively and actively following the often complex life and situations of the faithful and pastors, and I pray every day for them. I invite all of you to unite yourselves in this prayer so that the Church in China, in freedom and tranquility, might live in effective communion with the universal Church, and might exercise its mission of proclaiming the Gospel to everyone, and thus offer a positive contribution to the spiritual and material progress of society as well.

And I greet all of you, pilgrims from Rome, and Italy, and many other countries. In particular, I greet the faithful from Spain, Por-tugal, France, Belgium, Poland and Puerto Rico; the priests from Ecuador; the Emmaus community from Foggia; the volunteers of the *Soccorso di Saint-Pierre* (Aosta); the students from Verona and the boys and girls from Sombreno, Diocese of Bergamo. I greet all of you, they are here, who participated in the national *Scegliamo la vita* [Let's Choose Life] event. I thank you for your dedication in promoting life and defending conscientious objection, which there are often attempts to limit. Sadly, in these last years, there has been a change in the common mentality, and today we are more and more led to think that life is a good at our complete disposal, that we can choose to manipulate, to give birth or take life as we please, as if it were the exclusive conse-quence of individual choice. Let us remember that life is a gift from God! It is always sacred and inviolable, and we cannot si-lence the voice of conscience.

Have a good Sunday everyone! Please do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your lunch and *arrivederci*.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

In the first reading from the Acts of the Apostles this Sunday, the author of the book, thought to be Luke, a Syrian doctor cum companion of St Paul in his many missionary trips, reveals to us the length of time Jesus remained on earth after his resurrection. According to Luke, Jesus had continued to appear to the disciples for forty days and teach them about the Kingdom of God.

Based on Luke's account, the Church used to have the feast of the Ascension on a Thursday exactly 40 days after Easter to commemorate such a very significant moment in Jesus' earthly mission, namely his return to heaven. These days, this feast, however, has been moved to a Sunday for this practical reason, which is to make it more accessible to more people.

In his two accounts of the event, Luke is very straightforward about what happened at the time, though he used two different verbs, which are 'lift' and 'withdraw' to describe the key moment of the Ascension. In the Acts of the Apostles, he said that Jesus 'was lifted up' while the disciples were looking on, and then a cloud appeared to cover him and 'took him from their sight.' And in the Gospel story, Luke, however, tells us that Jesus 'withdrew' from the disciples and 'was carried up to heaven.' Despite Jesus' final departure from the disciples, there is no sense of fear, loss and anxiety amongst them like the pre-Passion time, they instead were filled with joy and hope to continue their witnessing lives with the help of the Holy Spirit while looking forward to his future come back.

Let us ask Jesus to fill each of us gathered here to worship him today with joy as he did to the disciples of old. Let us give praise and thanks to the heaven –ascending Jesus for affirming our hope in the heavenly life with God through his Ascension and above all, let us pray for the grace to help us gain a place where Jesus ascended before through the fulfilment of our call as Jesus' disciples in the world today.

Have a heaven-oriented week.
Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...



LOURDES OVER 50's MEETING CHANGE OF DATE Lourdes over 50's meeting has been changed to Thursday the 16th June. The meeting starts at 10.30am and finishes by 1.00pm. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee supplied. Visitors welcome.

PARISH PLANNED GIVING ENVELOPE PROGRAM

By taking part in OLOL Planned Giving Envelope Program, you are helping the parish budget for all the costs involved in maintaining our active parish.

If you would like an envelope number for regular donations, please fill in the card available at the church doors and return it to the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS Sandy Manamperi on being commissioned an Acolyte.

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



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

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LOL MINISTRY ROSTER

28 / 29 May 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Fayelene Kennedy
Ministers	Vigil: Anna Bellissimo, Laura Bellissimo 8am: Fennie Balatbat, SUB REQ 9.30am: Chrisha Gonzales, Helen Gonzales
Readers	Vigil: Crystal Menezes, Benno Motha 8am: Erika Hien, Maricel Santos 9.30am Christina Diaz, Noel Emmanuel
Altar Servers	Vigil: Amelia Laus, Lucas Laus, Alex Sparado 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Leonardo Costello, Saoirse Costello, Sebastian Costello
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	VOLUNTEERS
Flowers	Team
Church cleaning	1 June Lourdes Spitieri, Sandy Manamperi, Jerome Peralta
Welcomers	Vigil: Mary Bonnici 8am: Rita Paolini 9.30am: Lena Falzon

4/5 June 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil: Louise La Guidara, Rosey Soares 8am: SUBS REQ 9.30am: Paul Gow, SUB REQ
Readers	Vigil: Stefanie Menezes, Catherine Rodrigues 8am: Anne McNally, Kathy Walker 9.30am Mercy Aquino, Jeanine Nonato
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alex La Guidara, Christina La Guidara 8am: Diana Park, Philip Park, Sean Park 9.30am Chloe Attard, Sofia Culili, VOLUNTEERS
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby & Flo
Church cleaning	9 June Chuck Baquial, Karen Baquial
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugure 8am: Joyce Hilbrick 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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Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to people in Ukraine.

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LOL PARISH CALENDAR

MAY

28/29	BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL—All Masses	
JUNE		
2	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.00am
2	Legion of Mary	1.30pm

DIOCESAN NEWS

LAUDATO SI ACTION WORKSHOP: 17 June

All are invited to join the Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD) for an informative and practical workshop on how we can respond to the [cry of the earth and the cry of the poor](#). Catholic Earthcare Coordinator and member of the Diocesan *Laudato Si'* Action Plan Team, Sue Martin, will lead the session on Friday 17 June from 10am – 11am at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown. All are welcome, but please register with Maree by phone (02) 8838 3486 or email maree.collis@parracatholic.org

PENTECOST SCRIPTURE EVENING: 1 June

You are invited for a night of prayer, scripture and reflection on the theme of Pentecost! The evening will be held on Wednesday 1 June at 6.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, 1-5 Marion Street, Blacktown, and led by Dr Michele Connolly rsj. To RSVP, please email Tanya at met@parracatholic.org

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SAVE THE DATE Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening: 20 July

The Diocese of Parramatta, together with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay, invites you to an evening of delicious food, prayer, and great keynote speakers. 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 reflection evening will be held on Wednesday 20 July from 6pm to 9pm – more details will follow in June.

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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/>

LITURGY HELP Personal and Family Prayer.

In this time of crisis, we are providing Catholics with access to a range of resources for personal and family prayer. To access these free resources, go to: liturgyhelp.com/aus/parra/pray (login / register as a new user)

Support our seminarians to become beacons of Christ's light



BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD APPEAL Our Holy Spirit Seminary in Harris Park is preparing men who have been called by God to be good shepherds and beacons of Christ's light. Will you be their extended formation

community and support these faithful men to be formed as priests after the heart of Christ?

Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal at yourcatholicfoundation.org.au/appeal or scan this QR code.

Thank you for accompanying our seminarians on their spiritual journey to becoming priests.



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.



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.

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