

The Kids' Bulletin

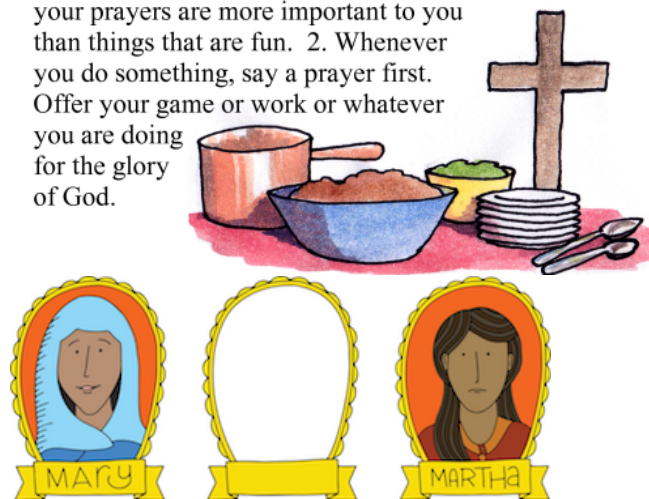
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 17th, 2022

Putting Jesus First

Jesus went to Martha and Mary's house for dinner one day and while Martha got the food ready her sister Mary just sat near Jesus to listen to Him. Martha was upset because she had so much work to do and Mary wasn't helping at all. It doesn't sound quite fair, does it?

But Jesus told Martha that there was only one thing that was important, and that Mary had chosen it. Mary had chosen to be with Him and listen to Him. Martha was concerned about all the details- making good food and setting things out nicely, but she wasn't thinking about Jesus.

Jesus was not saying that cooking or working in the house is bad. He was only showing Martha and Mary that we need to put God first in everything. Here are a couple of ways you can keep God first: 1. Always make sure that things like going to Mass and saying your prayers are more important to you than things that are fun. 2. Whenever you do something, say a prayer first. Offer your game or work or whatever you are doing for the glory of God.



DO YOU FEEL MORE LIKE MARY OR MARTHA?

At the Home of Mary and Martha

"Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her." Luke 10:41-42 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 10:38-42 (NIV).

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VILLAGE	THING	MARTHA	FEET	HELP
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WOMAN	UPSET	JESUS	TAKEN	NEEDED
DISCIPLES	WORRIED	MADE	MARY	CHOSEN



Are you Mary or Martha?



Give unto the LORD
the glory due to His name:
Worship the LORD in the
beauty of holiness.
Psalm 29:2

How do you put
God first?



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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17 July 2022 • Year C



Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, Mary Attard, David Benjamin, Rosella Booth, Barrie Chamberlain, John Chandler, Ruby Chary, Elizabeth Ehsman, Anush Fernando, 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 email the Parish office secretary@olol7hills.com.au We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Melvyn Fernandes, Candida Irugaldanbara, Linda Maya, Maria Regina Menezes, Tina Thi Thu Thuy Nguyen, Marion Pyne, Mirella Zulic.

Anniversaries: Lucita & Cezar Abal, Nazarene (Ronnie) Borg, David Dang, Monica, Dominic & Conception D'Souza, Christine Henderson, Muriel Jordan, Pietro Marra, Graciano Menezes, Anton & Lourda Motha, Hanh Nguyen, Custodio Palmos Sr., Nieves Palmos, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondaro, Dionisio Udan, Jim & Alison Vella.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Suzy Armel, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Cini & Mangion Families, Gerard Marcello, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family. John & Roseline Ratnam, Alexis & Chantal Sauzier.

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

PARISH CONTRIBUTION PROGRAM

SECOND COLLECTION or Planned Giving Program

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

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Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.

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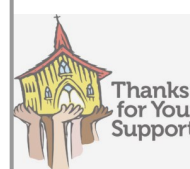
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Our Lady of Lourdes



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.

All are welcome to join us for **Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills, Sydney, NSW, Australia Facebook LIVE-STREAM WEEKEND MASS** celebrated by **Fr. Henry Huu Duc Tran on Saturdays 6PM (Vigil),** <https://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/>

FIRST READING
A reading from the book of Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. ‘My lord,’ he said, ‘I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant’s direction.’ They replied, ‘Do as you say.’ Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. ‘Hurry,’ he said, ‘knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.’ Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. ‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ they asked him. ‘She is in the tent,’ he replied. Then his guest said, ‘I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.’

The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart;
he who does not slander with his tongue. (R.)

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God’s message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God’s purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord’s feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.’ But the Lord answered: ‘Martha, Martha,’ he said, ‘you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.’



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’ RECENT INTERVIEW

In a Spanish-language interview with Argentina’s national news agency Télam, Pope Francis reflects on a wide range of issues, including “building back better,” the need to live in harmony with nature, the role of young people in building a better world, and what he has achieved in the first ten years of his papacy. Télam has provided an English translation of the first part of the interview with Pope Francis, which Vatican News offers here.

By Bernarda Llorente

Many people thought that the pandemic was setting some limits: to extreme inequality, to the disregard for global warming, to exacerbated individualism, to the malfunction of political and representation systems. However, some sectors insist on reconstructing the conditions previous to the pandemic...

We cannot go back to the false security of the political and economic structures that we had before. Just as I say we don’t come out from a crisis the same as before, we come out either better or worse, I also say we don’t come out from a crisis on our own. It is either all of us or none of us.

Expecting just one group to come out from the crisis alone, it may be a salvation but it is a partial, economic, political salvation, for certain sectors of power. But that is not leaving the crisis behind entirely. You will be gripped by the choice of power that you made. You have turned it into a business, for example, or you have grown stronger culturally from the crisis. Using the crisis for one’s own profit is coming out of the crisis in a wrong way and, above all, it is coming out from it on one’s own. We don’t come out from a crisis on our own, we need to take risks and take each other’s hand. If we don’t do that, we can’t come out of the crisis. So, that is the social aspect of the crisis. This is a civilization crisis.

And it just happens that nature is also in a crisis. I remember a few years ago I received several Heads of State from countries in Polynesia. And one of them said: “Our country is considering buying land in Samoa, because we may not exist in 25 years’ time, since the sea level is rising”.

We may not be aware, but there is a Spanish saying that could make us ponder: God always forgives. You can rest assured that God always forgives, and we, men, forgive every now and then. But nature never forgives. It pays us back. If we use nature for our profit, it will bear down on us. A warmed-up world prevents the construction of a fraternal and just society.

We have the crisis, the pandemic, the notorious Covid. Back when I was a student, the “corona” viruses would give you a cold, at most. But then they began to mutate and we have seen what happens. It is so curious this thing about the viruses’ mutations, because we are facing a viral crisis, but also a world crisis. A world crisis in terms of our relationship with the universe. We are not living in harmony with the creation, with the universe. We slap it every so often. We use our strength in a wrong way. Some people can’t imagine the danger in which humanity is right now with this global warming and this abuse of nature.

I will tell you a personal experience: in 2007 I was part of the committee that would draft the Aparecida Document, and Brazilians would bring proposals regarding the protection of nature. “What are these Brazilians thinking?” I wondered back then, as I didn’t understand anything about these matters. But I have woken up, little by little, and then I felt I had to write something.

Years later, when I traveled to Strasbourg, President François Hollande sent his Minister of Ecology and Sustainable Development, who was Ségolène Royale, to welcome me. And she asked me: “Is it true that you are writing something on the environment?” When I said yes, she said: “Please, have it published before the Paris Climate Conference”. So, I got together with scientists again, and they gave me a draft. Then I got together with theologians and they gave another draft. And so I wrote *Laudato si’*. It was a demand to make the world aware that we are slapping nature. And nature will pay us back...

It is paying us back.

The encyclical *Laudato si’* warns that we often speak of ecology, but separate it from the social and development conditions. What would those new rules be, in economic, social, and political terms, in the middle of what you have defined as a civilization crisis and with an Earth that, on top of everything, says, “I’m done”?

-Everything is connected, it is harmonious. It is impossible to think of humankind without nature and it is impossible to think of nature without humankind. Just like that passage in Genesis: “Grow, multiply and fill the Earth”. Filling the Earth is being in harmony with it, to make it fruitful. We must have that vocation.

The indigenous people from the Amazon rainforest use an expression that I love: “living well”. They have a philosophy of living well, which has nothing to do with our Argentine concept of “having a good time” or with the Italian *dolce vita*. To them, living well is living in harmony with nature. We need an inner option for people and counties. A conversation, let’s say.

When people told me that *Laudato si’* was a nice environmental encyclical, I replied, “No, it is a social encyclical”. We cannot separate the social and the environmental aspects. The lives of men and women take place in an environment.

I think of a Spanish saying, I hope it is not too vulgar: “He who spits toward the sky is spitting on his own face”. This is what abusing nature is about. Nature will pay us back.

Again: nature never forgives, not because it is vengeful, but because we set in motion processes of degeneration that are not in harmony with our being.

A few years ago, I was stunned to see a photograph of a ship sailing over the North Pole for the first time. A navigable North Pole! What does this mean? The ice is melting because of global warming. When we see these things, it means we need to stop. And young people perceive it the most. We elderly people have worse habits. We say “it’s not just a big deal”, or we simply don’t understand. Young people, politics, and hate speech Young people, as you point out, seem to have greater ecological awareness, but it also seems to be segmented. We observe less political commitment and voter turnout is very low among people under 35. What would you say to these young people? How can we help rebuild their hope?

You brought up a difficult issue: the lack of political commitment in young people. Why don’t they get involved in politics? Why don’t they take a chance? Because they are disheartened. They have seen—I don’t mean all of them, of course—mafia deals, corruption. When young people see that in their countries, as the saying goes, “even one’s mother is up for sale” for the sake of business, then political culture is in decay. And that is why they do not want to get involved in politics. Nevertheless, we need them because they are the ones who have to lay out the salvation for universal politics. Why salvation? Because if we do not change our approach to the environment, we are done for.

(to be continued)

POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS: ‘WE PROCLAIM WITNESS TO JESUS THROUGH BROTHERLY LOVE’

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

The Gospel of today’s Liturgy recounts the parable of the Good Samaritan (cf. *Lk* 10:25-37) – we all know it. In the backdrop is the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Jericho along which lies a man who had been beaten badly and robbed by brigands. A priest passing by sees him but does not stop; he keeps on going. A Levite, someone who performed services in the temple, does the same thing. “But a Samaritan”, the Gospel says, “*as he journeyed*, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion” (v. 33). Let us not forget this word – “he had compassion on him”. This is what God feels every time he sees we are having a problem, we have sinned, we are experiencing misery. “He had compassion on him”. The Evangelist makes it a point to specify that this Samaritan *was on a journey*. So, even though he had his own plans and was heading toward a distant destination, that Samaritan does not come up with an excuse but allows himself to get involved, he allows himself to get involved with what had happened along the road. Let us think about this: isn’t the Lord teaching us to do just that? To look off into the distance, to our final destination, while paying close attention to the steps to take here and now in order to get there. It is significant that the first Christians were called “*disciples of the Way*” (cf. *Acts* 9:2). In fact, the believer strongly resembles the Samaritan – like him, the believer is on a journey, is a wayfarer. The believer knows they have not “arrived”, but wants to learn each day, following the Lord Jesus who said: “I am the way, and the truth, and the life” (*Jn* 14:6), “I am the way”. The disciple of Christ walks along following Him and thus becomes a “disciple of the Way”. He or she goes behind the Lord, is not sedentary, no, but is always on the way. Along the way, he or she meets people, heals the sick, visits villages and cities. This is what the Lord did, he was always on the move.

The “disciple of the Way”, that is, we Christians, observes, therefore, that his or her way of thinking and of acting gradually changes, becoming more and more conformed to that of the Master. Walking in the footsteps of Christ, the disciple becomes a wayfarer and – like the Samaritan – learns *to see* and *to have compassion*. He sees and has compassion on him. First of all, *to see*: their eyes are open to reality, not egoistically closed in on the circle of their own thoughts. Instead, the priest and the Levite see the unfortunate man, but they pass by as if they do not see him, they look the other way. The Gospel teaches us to see – it leads each of us to correctly understand reality, overcoming preconceptions and dogmatism each day. So many believers take refuge behind dogmatisms to defend themselves from reality. Then, it teaches us to follow Jesus, because following Jesus teaches us *to have compassion* – to see and to have compassion – to become aware of others, especially those who suffer, those who are in need, and to intervene like the Samaritan, not to pass by but to stop.

Faced with this Gospel parable, it can happen that we might blame others or blame ourselves, pointing fingers towards others, comparing them to the priest or the Levite – “That person, that person goes on, that one doesn’t stop...” – or even to blame ourselves, counting our own failures to pay attention to our neighbours. But I would like to suggest another type of exercise to you all, not one that finds fault, no. Certainly, we must recognize when we have been indifferent and have justified ourselves. But let us not stop there. We must acknowledge this, it is a mistake. But let us ask the Lord to help us overcome our selfish indifference and put ourselves on the Way. Let us ask him *to see* and *to have compassion*, this is a grace. We need to ask the Lord, “Lord, that I might see, that I might have compassions just like you see me and have compassion on me”. This is the prayer that I suggest to you today. “Lord, that I might see and have compassion just like you see me and have compassion on me” – that we might have compassion on those whom we encounter along the way, above all on those who suffer and are in need, to draw near to them and do what we can do to give them a hand. Many times, when I am with some Christian who comes to speak about spiritual things, I ask if they give alms. “Yes”, the person says to me. “So, tell me, do you touch the hand of the person you gave the money to?” “No, no, I throw it there.” “And do you look into the eyes of that person?” “No, it doesn’t cross my mind.”

If you give alms without touching the reality, without looking into the eyes of the person in need, those alms are for you, not for that person. Think about this. Do I touch misery, even the misery that I am helping? Do I look into the eyes of the people who suffer, of the people that I help? I leave you with this thought – to see and to have compassion.

May the Virgin Mary accompany us on this journey of growth. May she, who “shows us the Way”, that is Jesus, help us also to more and more become “disciples of the Way”.

After praying the Angelus, the Holy Father continued:

Dear brothers and sisters,

I unite myself to the sorrow of the people of Sri Lanka who continue to suffer the effects of political and economic instability. Together with the Bishops of the country, I renew my appeal for peace and I implore those who have authority not to ignore the cry of the poor and the necessities of the people.

I would like to address a special thought to the people of Libya, in particular to the young people and to all those who are suffering because of the serious social and economic problems in the country. I urge everyone to seek ever new convincing solutions with the help of the international community, through constructive dialogue and national reconciliation.

I renew my closeness to the Ukrainian people, who are daily tormented by the brutal attacks that the ordinary people are paying for. I pray for all the families, especially for the victims, the wounded, those who are sick. I pray for the elderly and for the children. May God show the way to put an end to this senseless war.

Sea Sunday is being celebrated today. Let us remember all seafarers with esteem and gratitude for their precious work, as well as the chaplains and volunteers of “Stella Maris”. I entrust to Our Lady those seafarers who find themselves stranded in war zones so that they might return home.

I greet the group from São Tomás College from Lisbon, and the members of the faithful from Viseu, Portugal; the “Siempre As” choir from Spain; the young people from the Archdiocese of Berlin and the Confirmation candidates from Bolgare (Bergamo). I extend my greeting to the Polish pilgrims as well as those who are participating in the annual pilgrimage of families from Radio Maria to the Shrine of Częstochowa. I greet the priests from various countries who are participating in the course for seminary formators organized by the Istituto Sacerdos of Rome.

I wish all of you a good Sunday. Please, do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your lunch and arrivederci!



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

As you know, there are a lot of various groups of religious men and women in the Church forming what is known to us as religious orders and congregations, living under a religious rule and observing the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience or their equivalents.

All these religious traditions began with groups of men and women ascetics, who decided to retire to the Egyptian desert in search of a purified Gospel life-style at the end of the third century, though there were signs of autonomous virgins or widows alongside deaconesses within local Christian communities at a very early stage of Christianity.

These days there are four broad types of orders and congregations in the Church, such as: monastic, canonical, mendicant, and fully active.

The varied charisms of our religious men and women seem to highlight the ways that Martha and Mary, her sister chose to express their hospitality to Jesus as he called in for a visit. Martha had busied herself in the kitchen cooking the best meal for Jesus and probably the disciples as well. Mary, on the other hand, opted to stay away from the kitchen and spend time with Jesus listening to what he had to teach to her.

Traditionally Mary would be expected to help out in the kitchen, and she obviously ignored such an expectation, she, instead, decided to keep Jesus’ company. This lead to Martha’s official complaint, by asking Jesus to remind Mary of her share in the kitchen. She actually said, ‘do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.’

Obviously Martha expected Jesus to take action, which was to put pressure on Mary, so that she would leave the living room and resume her work back in the kitchen.

Surprisingly Jesus refused to endorse her statement, and made it very clear of his preference: Firstly, she worried and fretted about so many things, secondly there is only one thing needed and Mary did choose that, meaning to stay with him and listen to him.

For a man of compassion like Jesus, I don’t think that he from deep down meant to put Martha down for her best efforts to be a good host, he would rather aim to tell her not to worry so much about cooking an elaborate feast, and just make it simple, so everyone could have a talk like he was doing with Mary.

However, whatever he meant to communicate, his statement here obviously has a spiritual value, since it aims to go beyond Martha to reach all his disciples past and present. Through Martha, Jesus seemed to constantly remind us today that what makes him pleased and happy the most is about giving room for his words speaking to us and inspiring us, and not about trying to achieve so many other things.

Let us pray for the grace to help us heed his precious words in the Gospel today and put them into practice by allowing the words of Scripture to inspire and guide us in our witnessing lives.

Have a Gospel-oriented week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...



This Winter Vinnies appeal will provide emergency relief to people at risk and experiencing homelessness. Your donation will help our Vinnies volunteers to rebuild lives. <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/winter-appeal>

EMAIL SCAM ALERT There have been reports about a scam using Fr Henry’s name to make contact with people in our parish. Please ignore those suspicious emails and do not reply to them.

THURSDAY MASS TIME As part of our School mission, we have changed our Thursday Mass time from 8am to 9am from **7 July** this year. Our aim is to offer children from our Parish school a weekly opportunity to attend Mass. So far, we have received positive response from our School Staff and hope that this initiative of ours will help rejuvenate the flame of faith within both the children and parents.

PARISH BIN ROSTER - VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED
We are seeking **12 volunteers** each to assist 4 times a year to place the Parish bins on the kerbside (Grantham Road) once a week on Tuesday. Please contact the Parish Office 9622 2920 if you are able to help out. *Thank you.*

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

In our last meeting, members of our PPC had the chance to reflect upon the article entitled Legalism highlighting Pope Francis’ efforts to deal with the legalistic mentality that Jesus once fought against the Jewish authority in his time. The pope often spoke against the group of people he called ‘doctors of the law’ who tried to build closed systems of norms and justifications to calm their own insecurity, and to impose them on people in the name of God. They are like prisoners kept in a prison cell, they think they are secure, but it’s a security behind the bars, a security without freedom. The pope has encouraged us to open our hearts to the Holy Spirit, ‘like a sailboat swept by the wind’ to go forward constantly.

Amongst group reports, the one from the recent Plenary Council meeting was especially significant, for it summed up two particular important items endorsed by the Council, namely (1) setting up a mechanism to strengthen the parish-school relationship- this is exactly what our parish has been doing by focusing our mission upon the school, and (2) re-introducing the Third rite of Reconciliation.

Our Council also spent quite some time to discuss about various aspects relating to our Welcome Back Mass on Sunday 31 July, and I have been tasked to remind our parishioners of three things: (1) to help with the Letter Box drops, (2) To come in your cultural dress on the day, (3) to register for more entertainments.

LOL MINISTRY ROSTER

16/17 July 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Ian Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil: Helen Gonzales, Louise La Guidara 8am: Lorraine Fernandes, Suzy Nemorin 9.30am: Anna Bellissimo, Benno Motha
Readers	Vigil: Crystal Menezes, Marinela Simic 8am: Maricel Santos, Antony Joseph 9.30am Laura Bellissimo, Helen Katopau
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alex La Guidara, Christina La Guidara, Samuel Thoms 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Oliana Katopau, Celestina Katopau
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Pastoral Council
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Church cleaning	23 July Helen & Dennis Gonzales, Nevelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto, Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: Chricha Gonzales 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain

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Acolytes	Vigil: Kilifi Huihui 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario, Kamela Huihui 8am: Fennie Balatbat, Eugene Miu 9.30am: Barbara Chandler, Maria Michael
Readers	Vigil: Jemma Sarmiento, SUB REQ 8am: SUB REQ, Anne McNally 9.30am Christina Diaz, Sandy Manamperi
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alexa Bagatella, Dominic Sant, Johnathan Sant 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am Chloe Atard, Leo Culili, Majerin Pieris
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couples for Christ
Flowers	Annette & Mary B
Church cleaning	27 July Sue Abela, Jessie Borg, Anne McNally, Jerome Peralta
Welcomers	Vigil: Ram Ugre 8am: Joyce Hillbrick 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.



EMERGENCY Ukraine Appeal

Help provide urgent humanitarian
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LOL PARISH CALENDAR

	JULY	
18	St Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm.
20	Baptism Prep Meeting	7.30pm
21	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
21	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
28	Finance Committee Meeting	8.00pm

PARISH NEWS...

OUR LIVE-STREAMED MASS

As things quickly return to normal, it's time for our parish to reduce our live-streamed Masses to allow our parishioners to enjoy a physical Mass attendance. So we are going to live-stream just the Vigil Mass for weekends from July 09 2022, and remain to do so till the end of 2022.

We would like to thank Michelle and Ian for their beyond-word generosity to offer their time and talents to serve our parish in the last two years, so that we always had high quality live-streamed Masses for both our local parish community and beyond to participate in. May the Lord bless you manifold for your generous works of love.

DIAMOND JUBILEE – CALLING ALL PARISH GROUP COORDINATORS To commemorate the 60th Anniversary of LOL, we would like to publish a Parish Book, linking the theme from our previous parish book, LOL Diamond Jubilee: Ongoing Blessings. We ask you to write a short piece, between 500 to 1000 words which **briefly** tells us about the group's origin/history, what you do now and your hopes for the group's future direction. If you could email Artelle by 31st August 2022. artellel@lol7hills.com.au

NEW ALTAR SERVERS ARE WANTED to help serve at Mass. Please join our team in helping serve at weekend Masses. To become an Altar Server your child must have completed their First Holy Communion, and must be in year 4 or higher. Our training session will be held on Sunday 31st July after the 9.30am Mass, for approximately 30mins. Please fill out the permission slip and return by 17th July. Forms can be collected at the entrances of the Church or by visiting the Parish Office. For more information, please email our Youth Coordinator Sarah - s.lenthall8@gmail.com

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2022

This program will commence in Term 3 for children in Year 3 and above who have received the Sacrament of Penance. Classes begin Wednesday 3rd August & Saturday 6th August. Sacrament of First Holy Communion will be celebrated in September 11th and 18th. For information please contact our Sacramental Coordinator Artelle in the Parish office for more information.

SAVE THE DATE: SUNDAY 31 JULY 2022



DIOCESAN NEWS

Cry of the Earth. Cry of the Poor
-Social Justice Statement 2021-22-

Putting Rungs on the Ladder
Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening

Featuring:

Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv
Thuy Linh Nguyen (Sydney Alliance)
Diocese of Parramatta Laudato Si' Action Team

WEDNESDAY 20 JULY | 6-9PM
OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH, 7 GRANTHAM RD, SEVEN HILLS
(DINNER INCLUDED)

REGISTER HERE: www.parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan/
Registration Closes 17 July

TRI-DIOCESAN SOCIAL JUSTICE REFLECTION EVENING :20 July

You're invited to the Annual Tri-Diocesan Social Justice Reflection Evening to be hosted by the Diocese of Parramatta in partnership with the Archdiocese of Sydney and the Diocese of Broken Bay. This year we explore how people across our region have responded to the "Cry of the Earth, Cry of the Poor" – the 2021/22 Social Justice Statement. The event will feature presentations by Bishop Vincent Long OFM Conv and a Diocesan Laudato Si' Action Team. For more information and to register, visit <https://parracatholic.org/tri-diocesan/> RSVP 17th July 2022

ST MARY'S TOWERS RETREAT OFFERINGS FOR JULY AND AUGUST

St Mary's Towers Retreat Centre in Douglas Park, NSW, is offering a series of day, weekend and multi-day retreats throughout July and August on topics such as 'At home in the heart', 'In the company of women', 'In the heart of creation with Jesus' and 'Life's journey experience'. For enquiries and to register, please contact (02) 4630 0233, email contact@towersretreat.org.au or visit <http://towersretreat.org.au>

VOLUNTEER POSITION AVAILABLE –

Housing Maintenance Volunteer, House of Welcome
House of Welcome (HOW), a partner of the Diocese of Parramatta is seeking a handyman to look after their properties, as they continue to support people in need in our communities. The Housing Maintenance Volunteer will also be required to provide face-to-face support for Occupants with practical components of their property and its care. This will be a short-term appointment, 1 day a week. For more information please contact HOW Volunteer Program Manager, Lumka Liwela Power on 0402 549 962 or l.liwelapower@houseofwelcome.com.au.