

The Kids' Bulletin

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 7th, 2022



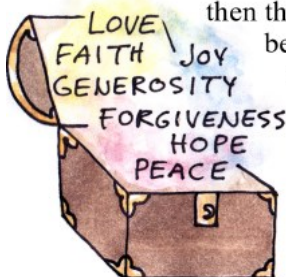
Jesus tells us to be prepared for when He comes back. We don't know when that will be so we should always be ready. How long until this girl and boy see Jesus? Follow the maze and find out!

What is Your Treasure?

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus talks about being ready for when He comes again. He reminds us that having nice things here on earth does not help us get into Heaven.

Jesus said "Where your treasure is there will your heart be also." He means that the things that are important to you show what it is that you love. If money or food or nice clothes are the most important things in your life then it shows that you love them more than you should. But if being kind and helpful to others and loving God are more important to you than having nice things, then you have a good treasure stored up for Heaven.

When we die everything we have will be gone. All that we will have to show to Jesus are the things that are in our hearts. If you only loved having nice stuff then the treasure box of your heart will be empty. If you loved God and others and were faithful to God then your treasure will still be full. So fill your heart with treasure that will last forever!



Answer to Math Treasure Puzzle:
1. where 2. your 3. treasure 4. is 5. there 6. will 7. you
8. heart 9. be 10. also

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Math Treasure Puzzle

What did Jesus tell the Apostles about their treasures? Do the math and use the answer above each word to find out where it fits.

4+5=9 be
2+3=5 there
1+1=2 your
8-4=4 is
6+4=10 also
5-2=3 treasure
9-2=7 your
10-9=1 where
8-2=6 will
7+1=8 heart

1 2 3
4 5 6 7
8 9 10

Treasures in Heaven

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
Luke 12:34 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Luke 12:32-34 (NIV).

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PLEASSED	WEAR	KINGDOM	LUKE	FLOCK
EXHAUSTED	MOTH	HEART	AFRAID	SELL
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OUR LADY OF LOURDES
PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS
"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay"

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WEEKDAY MASS: Tues, Wed, Fri. 8.00am
Thursday 9.00am
WEEKEND MASS: Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9:30am

Parish School: OLOL 8869 6800
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Baptismal Preparation: 21st September 2022
Baptism: 9th October 2022
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Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, Mary Attard, David Benjamin, Rosella Booth, Barrie Chamberlain, John Chandler, Ruby Chary, Danilo Dolot, Parakranta Dias, 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: Fr. Francis Ca Van Ly, Jose Garcia, Danilo Gunabe, Michael Sant, Anne Marie St Flour, Maria Menezes, Denise Bates, Candida Irugaldanbara, Natalie Rowan, Edwin Tabone, Susila Wijeratne, Mirella Zulic.

Anniversaries: Giovani Barnaba, Mary Rose Canenzuli, Joseph Caruana, Conchita Deloso, Nguyen Vinh Hien, Edouard Mahomudally, Antonio & Peppino Mancina, Laurence Morrissey, Lourda Motha, Basil Paiva, Custodio & Nieves Palmos, Cornelio & Iluminada Rondaro, Natalie Spiteri.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Lisette & Joe Aristobil, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Fernandes Family, Melvyn Fernandes, Gerard Marcello, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Anton & Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Mary Muscat, Muscat Family, Basil Paiva, John & Roseline Ratnam.

Our Lady of Lourdes



Ever Immaculate Virgin, Mother of mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comfort of the afflicted, you know my needs, my troubles, my sufferings; cast on me a look of pity.

By appearing in the grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, from which you dispense your favours, and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and physical. I come, therefore, with the most unbounded confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain most loving mother, my requests, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
Amen.

COVID- 19 UPDATE



**FACE MASKS
ENCOURAGED**

• **MASKS:** are no longer mandatory but still encouraged

As previously communicated, density limits are no longer applicable for our Churches and other buildings within the Parish since Dec'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.

REGULAR COLLECTIONS - First and Second

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

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

Account name: Parramatta Diocesan Clergy
BSB: 067 950
ACC: 00 00 4265
Reference: Seven Hills - 6035

*SECOND COLLECTION or Planned Giving Program

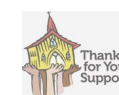
On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you very much for your ongoing support, which has been absolutely vital in keeping our Parish going strong. Projects completed include the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church roof cleaned and ceiling repaired and painted.

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')

IN-PERSON BANK DEPOSIT (at a Bank Inst / Branch)

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church
BSB: 062 315
ACC ID # 00901486
AGENT # 660



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 Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers. The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain un-seen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. All these died in faith, before receiving any of the things that had been promised, but they saw them in the far distance and welcomed them, recognising that they were only strangers and nomads on earth. People who use such terms about themselves make it quite plain that they are in search of their real homeland. They can hardly have meant the country they came from, since they had the opportunity to go back to it; but in fact they were longing for a better homeland, their heavenly homeland. That is why God is not ashamed to be called their God, since he has founded the city for them. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead, and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom. 'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming", and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful. 'The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.' 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

GENERAL NOTICES...

NEW TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES? HOW CAN WE SERVE YOU?

Welcome. Wherever you are in your faith journey, it is great to have you. Please visit our website or call the parish office. We're here to serve you.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/LOLOL7Hills/>



LOURDES OVER 50's GROUP

Come and make new friends and enjoy social activities. Meetings are at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall from 10.30am to 1pm once a month. Tea and coffee supplied. Contact Mary for more information; jordanjm@bigpond.net.au

SICK AND/OR HOMEBOUND?

Would you like to receive Communion? Or seriously ill or in danger of death? We have dedicated ministers who can visit and bring you communion. Feel free to approach or call Fr Henry for the Holy Anointing of the Sick. Please call the parish office 96222920

FUNERALS

When a Funeral is to be celebrated, please contact Fr. Henry before contacting the Funeral Home. Funerals are not permitted on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation.

BAPTISM

Parents desiring Baptism for their children are encouraged to contact the parish office to arrange for the required preparation class for parents.

SCAM ALERT!!

Beware of any suspicious emails or text messages. Call the parish office for verification.

MASS INTENTIONS

All Mass intentions must be submitted to the Parish Office on or before Thursday

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Meet the second Friday of every month in the Parish Hall at 7pm
For more information contact Ian Epondulan: youthlol7h@gmail.com

VINNIES SUPPORT CENTRES ARE STILL AVAILABLE TO THOSE IN NEED St Vincent de Paul Support Centres across Greater Sydney are still available and taking calls to arrange for food vouchers or other items to be provided to those in need. If you need assistance, call the Support Centres in Blacktown on (02) 8861 9777, Harris Park on (02) 8861 9757 and Penrith on (02) 8861 9770. To find out more about what support is available, visit <http://vinnies.org.au/covidsupportnsw>

LEGION OF MARY

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

Christ Community Prayer Group

Thursday's at 9.30am in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome



EMERGENCY
Ukraine Appeal

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OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

6/7 August 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: A. Do Rosario 8am: R. Epondulan 9.30am K. Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: A. Bellissimo, H. Gonzales 8am: A. Joseph, S. Nemorin 9.30am: P. Gow, S. Lenthall
Readers	Vigil: L. Bellissimo, N. Do Rosario 8am: E. Hien, M. Santos 9.30am K. Huihui, S. Manamperi
Altar Servers	Vigil VOLUNTEERS 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am S. Culili.
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Community
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby, Flo & Liz
Church cleaning	11 Aug C. Baquial, K. Baquial
Welcomers	Vigil: C. Gonzales 8am: VOLUNTEER 9.30am: K. Chamberlain

13/14 August 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: Derick Soares 8am: Jerome Irudayaraj 9.30am
Ministers	Vigil: C. Jansz, R. Soares 8am: F. Balatbat, A. McNally 9.30am: C. Gonzales, H. Gonzales
Readers	Vigil: B. Motha, C. Rodrigues 8am: P. Ferriols, K. Walker 9.30am C. Diaz, J. Nonato
Altar Servers	Vigil A. Bagatella, A. La Guidara, C. La Guidara 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am C. Attard, L. Culili, M. Pieris
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group
Flowers	Claudette & Judith
Church cleaning	20 Aug H. Gonzales, D. Gonzales, N. Paylago, A. Pinto, M. Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: R. Ugre 8am: J. Hillbrick 9.30am: VOLUNTEER

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST

7	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION —Eucharist talk in the church	11.00-11.30am
8	The Solemnity of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop	
11	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
11	Lourdes Over 50's meeting	10.30am
11	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
15	Feast of the Assumption	
15	St. Vincent De Paul Meeting	7.00pm

Pope Francis: It was a genocide against indigenous peoples

On the return flight from Canada, Pope Francis speaks about his just-concluded Apostolic Journey and about old and new colonialisms. He says he has not yet thought of resigning, making light of it, and speaks about Germany's synodal path, doctrinal development, and the importance of women in the transmission of the faith.

By Vatican News

It was a genocide of the indigenous peoples. On the return flight from Iqaluit to Rome, Pope Francis responded to a Canadian journalist's question and spoke about the themes of the just-concluded penitential pilgrimage, and of old and new colonialism.

He also addressed the issue of resigning from the papacy, repeatedly prompted by the journalists' questions, explaining that for the time being, he does not intend to resign even though he considers it a possibility. At the start of the press conference, Pope Francis thanked the journalists flying with him: "Good evening and thank you for your accompaniment, for your work here. I know you have worked hard and I thank you for the company, thank you."

The following is a working translation of the Pope's conversation with journalists:

Jessica Ka'nhehsii DEER (CBC RADIO - CANADA INDIGENOUS)

As a descendant of a residential school survivor, I know that survivors and their families want to see concrete actions following your apology, including the rejection of the "doctrine of discovery." Considering that this is still enshrined in the Constitution and legal systems in Canada and the United States, where indigenous peoples continue to be defrauded of their lands and deprived of power, was it not a missed opportunity to make a statement to this effect during your trip to Canada?

Pope Francis

I didn't understand the second part of the question, could you explain what you mean by doctrine of discovery?

Jessica Ka'nhehsii DEER

When I talk to indigenous people, they say that when people came to colonize America, there was this doctrine of discovery that somehow promoted the idea that the indigenous peoples of the new countries were inferior to the Catholics. This is how Canada and the United States became "countries."

Pope Francis

Thank you for the question. I think this is a problem of all colonialism. Every one, even to this day: today's ideological colonizations have the same pattern. Whoever doesn't enter its path is inferior. But I want to expand on this. They were considered not only inferior: some somewhat crazy theologian even wondered if they had a soul. When John Paul II went to Africa, to the port where the slaves were boarded [Gorée Island, the Door of No Return], he offered a sign so that we would come to understand the drama, the criminal drama: those people were thrown into the ship, in dire conditions, and then they became slaves in America. It is true that there were voices that spoke out, like Bartolomeo de las Casas, for example, or Peter Claver, but they were the minority. The consciousness of human equality came slowly. And I say consciousness, because in the unconscious there is still something. We have - allow me to say it - a somewhat colonialist attitude of reducing their culture to ours. It is something that comes to us from a developed way of life, our own, because of which we sometimes lose [discard] values that they have. For example: indigenous peoples have a great value, the value of harmony with Creation, and at least some people I know express that in the word vivere bene [good living]. That does not mean, as we westerners understand, to spend it well or to live la dolce vita [the good life]: no. 'Good living' means to cherish harmony, and that to me, is the great value of the original peoples. Harmony. We are used to reducing everything to the head - Instead, the personality of the original peoples, I am speaking generally, who know how to express themselves in three languages: that of the head, that of the heart and that of the hands. But all together, and they know how to have this language with Creation. Then, this accelerated progressivism of the somewhat exaggerated, somewhat neurotic development that we have, right? I'm not speaking against development, development is good. What is not good is the anxiety over development, development, development ... You see, one of the things that our overdeveloped, commercial civilization has lost is the capacity for poetry: indigenous peoples have that poetic capacity. I'm not idealizing. Then, this doctrine of colonization, which it's true, it's bad, it's unjust, and is still used today. It the same, maybe, with silk gloves, but it is still used today. For example, some bishops from some countries have said to me, "But, our country, when they ask for credit from an international organization, they put conditions on us, even legislative, colonialist conditions. To give you credit they make you change your way of life a little bit."

Going back to the colonization of America—let's say that of the Americas, that of the British, the French, the Spanish, the Portuguese--there has always been a danger, a mentality of "we are superior and these indigenous people don't matter," and that is serious. That's why we have to work on what you say: go back and heal, let's put it that way, what was done wrong, in the knowledge that even today the same colonialism exists. Think, for example, about one case, which is universal, and allow me to say so. Take the case of the Rohingya, in Myanmar: they are considered inferior, they have no right to citizenship. Even today.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

In the mid of the 80s, I tried so many times times to escape from Vietnam, as my Formation program in the seminary was put on hold indefinitely, and I was in danger of being conscripted to fight the war between Vietnam and Cambodia, and might have got killed in a jungle somewhere in Cambodia just like many young Vietnamese then. Consequently I had to take action, and the only action available for me then, though highly risky, was to join the exodus then.

In one of the failed attempts, I boarded on a sampan and was kept sitting there with a group of other passengers for two days waiting anxiously to be smuggled onto a bigger boat for the trip. On the third day, my friend's uncle, the organiser, suddenly appeared to inspect the boat and happened to see me in a rather miserable condition due to lack of sleep and hygiene, he then asked me to follow him, and sent me home for a break. 'Go home to have a shower and have a good rest,' said the boss, 'I'll get my nephew to take you back when we're ready.' That was such a big relief for me when he said that, since I was so smelly and tired then. I quickly went to the presbytery of a friend of mine, which was about more than 100 kms away from where the boat was lurking like a ghost. Anyway, while taking the shower, my friend suddenly appeared at the presbytery and delivered the urgent message, 'the old man wants you back, right now.' Putting a new set of clothes on, I left the presbytery instantly and was taken to the spot, and sadly told, 'the boat had to leave me behind, since it was very risky for a big boat with a large number of boatpeople on board floating around.'

What was a miss, but a good miss anyway, since that boat was intercepted by a Japanese ship later on, and all passengers were offered settling in Japan, and I had to wait for another occasion to flee, and the occasion took me through Cambodia and Thailand and finally brought me to Sydney.

In the Gospel this Sunday, Jesus through the symbolic imagery of the faithful servants, dutifully dressed up and waiting to serve their master to come back from a wedding reception, means to remind us of our need to remain constantly vigilant all the days we live our lives on earth, meaning that we keep ourselves always ready for the Lord with hand holding the lamp of faith filled with the oil of grace and shining out the light of Christian qualities, and a strong desire to put together a heavenly portfolio, something neither thief can reach, nor moth can destroy. Other than that, we shall be in huge trouble, and Jesus has no hesitance to describe such a condition, in frank language, that 'the master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.'

Encouraged by what Jesus asks us to carry out in the Gospel today, let us pray for the grace to live a life of vigilance, always getting ourselves body and soul ready for the day of the Lord through our efforts to build up our treasure not here, but in heaven by means of prayers and works of charity.

Have a spiritually vigilant week.

Fr. Henry

PARISH NEWS...

FR HENRY'S ANNUAL LEAVE

From next week till the last week of August, I will be away for my annual leave, the first one in three years, which means that life has almost returned to normal, though a new normal as we say.

During my time-off, Fr Huy Nguyen SJ & Patrick Mullins SJ are generous to help our parish with all weekend Masses, and Frs Vincy D'Costa OFMCap & Bollar Bareto OFMCap will say our weekday Masses.

Please make our visiting clergy feel welcome and enjoy what we have been known as a place of prayers and hospitality, and personally I would like to thank them all for their generosity to provide Mass supplies to our parish.



LOURDES OVER 50'S: those going on the Courtesy Bus for the Riverboat Postman cruise on Monday 8th August please be outside the Parish Hall no later than 8.30 am.

Lourdes Over 50's next meeting will be on Thursday 11th August. Please be on time at 10.30 am as the School Concert starts at 11.15 am. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee provided. Parishioners are more than welcome to join us and see the school concert as well.

DIAMOND JUBILEE – CALLING ALL PARISH GROUP COORDINATORS To commemorate the 60th Anniversary of OLOL, we would like to publish a Parish Book, linking the theme from our previous parish book, OLOL 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@olol7hills.com.au

WELCOME BACK MASS GREETING & THANK YOU
I would like to welcome all parishioners and guests to our Welcome Back Mass last weekend as our Thanksgiving occasion to offer our praise and thanks to God for his ongoing protection, especially throughout the Pandemic, and let us pray for more of his support to help us see the end of the Coronavirus.



Thank you to the Organizing Committee and volunteers led by Evelyn Beed for offering fantastic food and enjoyable entertainment for all to enjoy.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 10 AUGUST
All members of our Parish Pastoral Council are invited to join the monthly meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 10 August in the Parish Meeting Room.

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.*



Our Lady Of Lourdes Seven Hills Conference

20th July 2022

Dear Parishioners

On Behalf of the St. Vincent De Paul Society, I would like to thank you for your generous contributions towards our winter appeal which was held on the week ending 17th July 2022. The total of contributions was \$1780 and we feel blessed by your generosity.

Our Conference group at OLOL Seven Hills endeavors to distribute your contributions to the most needy of our parish throughout the year and we find the smiles and each thank you from the recipients is indeed a thank you from Jesus himself to you.

Our Conference is also experiencing advanced ages amongst the group. Carrying a parcel of food up flights of steps can become difficult as we get older. So, if you or if you know someone who might be interested in spending about 1-2 hours a week (sometimes less) helping us, it would make a big spiritual difference in your life and those whom we assist. Both female and male applicants are welcome.

Kind Regards


Reno Abela
President – OLOL Seven Hills Conference
Society of St. Vincent De Paul

DIOCESAN NEWS

ADULT CONFIRMATION : 1 September

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

Missionaries of God's Love Claiming Hope Creative Healing Retreat: 12 – 14 August

Join the MGL Sisters at Carmel House, Varroville, for a healing retreat experience. Come to God in your woundedness, journey with Him through creativity, and allow Him to transform you into a living sign of hope. For enquiries, please contact mgl sisters.sydne y@gmail.com or visit <https://www.trybooking.com/BWMJN>

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION: 7 August

Young adults aged 18 to 35 are invited to a young adults faith formation session on Sunday 7 August at The Hustle, 4-6 Purdy St, Minchinbury, starting from 7pm. Join Fr John Rizzo for a discussion on mercy in scripture. A donation of \$5 is suggested. Come along for fun, faith and fellowship! Call Mark on 0477 004 678 for more information.

The Bishop's Blend Breakfast: 8 August

Looking to network with other young Catholic professionals and learn how to live your faith in the workplace? Then join Bishop Richard Umbers, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney on **Monday 8 August at 7am at the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney** for The Bishop's Blend Breakfast for Young Professionals. Online booking is essential. For more information and to purchase tickets go to <https://sydney catholic.eventsair.com/the-bishops-blend/tbbx> or contact us at bishopsblend@sydney catholic.org

If you care about the environment

And care for God's creation,

Come and learn more at

Annangrove Community Environment Centre Open Day
Saturday 13 August, 2022. 12.00pm to 4.00pm
Currie Avenue, Annangrove.

Stalls of local environment and community groups, tours of the centre featuring native plants and vegetable garden, compost, worm farm and native beehive. Informative talks and information sharing, crop swap and seed exchange, advice on weed ID, planting natives, starting your own vegetable garden plus much more.

POPE FRANCIS' RECENT INTERVIEW

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

In the Gospel of today's liturgy, a man makes this request of Jesus: "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me" (Lk 12:13). This is a very common situation. Similar problems are still commonplace. How many brothers and sisters, how many members of the same family, unfortunately quarrel over their inheritance, perhaps no longer speaking to each other!

Responding to the man, Jesus does not enter into the particulars, but goes to the root of the divisions caused by the possession of things. He says clearly: "Be on your guard against all covetousness" (v. 15). "Be on your guard against all covetousness". What is *covetousness*? It is the unbridled greed for possessions, always desiring to be rich. This is an illness that destroys people, because the hunger for possessions creates an addiction. Above all, those who have a lot are never content, they always want more, and only for themselves. But this way, the person is no longer free: he or she is attached to, a slave, of what paradoxically was meant to serve them so as to live freely and serenely. Rather than *being served* by money, the person becomes a *servant* of money. Covetousness is a dangerous illness for society as well – due to covetousness, we have today reached other paradoxes: an injustice never before seen in history, where few have so much and so many have little or nothing. Let's consider wars and conflicts as well. The lust for resources and wealth are almost always behind them. How many interests are behind war! Certainly, one of these is the arms trade. This trade is a scandal that we must never resign ourselves to.

Today, Jesus teaches us that at the heart of all this are not only some who are powerful, or certain economic systems. The covetousness that is *in everyone's heart* is at the centre. And so, let us try to ask ourselves: Where am I at with my detachment from possessions, from wealth? Do I complain about what I lack, or do I know how to be content with what I have? In the name of money or opportunity, am I tempted to sacrifice relationships and sacrifice time with others? And yet again, does it happen that I sacrifice legality and honesty on the altar of covetousness? I said "altar", the altar of covetousness, but why did I say altar? Because material goods, money, riches, can become a cult, a true and proper idolatry. This is why Jesus warns us with strong words. He says, *you cannot serve two masters*, and – let's be careful – he does not say God and the devil, no, or even the good and the bad, but, *God and wealth* (cf. Lk 16:13). One would expect that he would have said that you cannot serve two masters, God and the devil, no: *God and wealth*. That wealth be at our service, yes; to serve wealth, no – that is idolatry, that is an offense to God.

And so, we might think, so, no one should desire to get rich? Certainly, you can; rather, it is right to want it. It is beautiful to become rich, but *rich according to God!* God is the richest of anyone. He is rich in compassion, in mercy. His riches do not impoverish anyone, do not create quarrels and divisions. It is a richness that knows how to give, to distribute, to share. Brothers and sisters, accumulating material goods is not enough to live well, for Jesus says also that life does not consist in what one possesses (see Lk 12:15). It depends, instead, on good relationships – with God, with others, and even with those who have less. So, let us ask ourselves: For myself, how do I want to get rich? Do I want to get rich according to God or according to my covetousness? And, returning to the topic of inheritance, what legacy do I want to leave? Money in the bank, material things, or happy people around me, good works that are not forgotten, people that I have helped to grow and mature?

May Our Lady help us understand what the true goods of life are, the ones that last forever.

After the Angelus, the Holy Father continued:

Dear brothers and sisters,

Yesterday morning I came back to Rome after [a six-day apostolic journey to Canada](#). I intend to speak about it during the General Audience this coming Wednesday. But now I would like to thank all those who made this penitential pilgrimage possible, beginning with the Civil Authorities, the Chiefs of the Indigenous Peoples, and the Canadian Bishops. I sincerely thank all those who accompanied me with their prayer. Thank you to you all!

Also, during this journey, I did not cease praying for the suffering and battered Ukrainian people, asking God to free them from the scourge of war. If one looked at what is happening objectively, considering the harm that war brings every day to those people, and even to the entire world, the only reasonable thing to do would be to stop and negotiate. May wisdom inspire concrete steps toward peace.

I extend my greeting to you, people from Rome and pilgrims. A special greeting goes to the novices of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians who are about to make their first religious profession; the group of Catholic Action from Barletta; the young people from the Diocese of Verona; the boys and girls of *Unità pastorale "Pieve di Scandiano"*; and the "Gonzaga" group from Carimate, Montesolaro, Figino and Novedrate who have walked the Via Francigena.

On the feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, I extend a heartfelt greeting to my fellow-Jesuits. Continue to walk zealously and joyfully in serving the Lord. Be courageous!

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