

The Kids' Bulletin

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 14th, 2022

"I have come to set the earth on fire,"

and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."

There is a baptism with which I must be baptized,

and a son against his father,

Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth?

and how great is my anguish until it is accomplished!

From now on a household of five will be divided,

No, I tell you, but rather division.

a father will be divided against his son

and a daughter against her mother,

a mother against her daughter

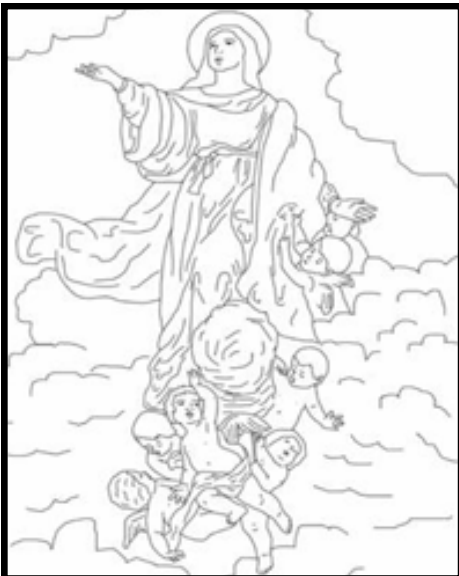
and how I wish it were already blazing!

a mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law

three against two and two against three;

Luke 12:49-53

What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading?
Match the parts to find out!

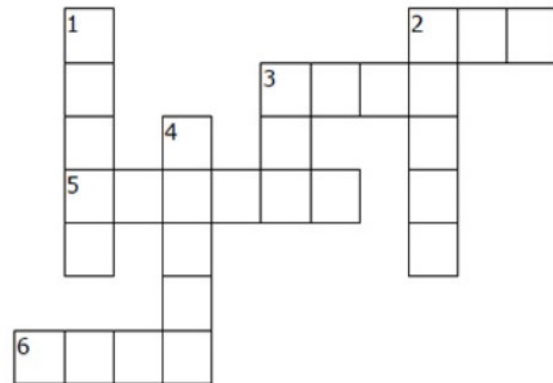


*The Assumption
of the Blessed
Virgin Mary*

Monday 15th August
2022

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GREAT	RACE	JESUS	JOY	FAITH
WITNESSES	THROW	THRONE	EYES	RUN
MARKED	FIX	HINDERS	CLOUD	SIN



ACROSS

- A feeling of great happiness
- A contest of speed
- The place where a king or queen is seated
- The organs which are used to see

DOWN

- A strong belief in God
- The Son of God
- To traveling on foot at a fast pace
- The wooden structure on which Jesus was crucified;

CROSS	JESUS	RUN	THRONE
FAITH	JOY	EYES	RACE



OUR LADY OF LOURDES
PARISH OF SEVEN HILLS
"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay"

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Office Hours: Monday-Friday: 9am - 3.00pm
WEEKDAY MASS: Tues, Wed, Fri. 8.00am
Thursday 9.00am
WEEKEND MASS: Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8am & 9:30am

Parish School: OLOL 8869 6800
Principal: Ms Keiran Byrnes
Reconciliation: Saturday 4:30-5:30pm
Baptismal Preparation: 21st September 2022
Baptism: 9th October 2022
Parish Website: www.olol7hills.com.au
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 14 August 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, Parakrania Dias, Danilo Dolot, Elizabeth Ehsman, Anush Fernando, Joseph Franco, 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: Denise Bates, Jose Garcia, Danilo Gunabe, Aquilino Ferolino, Candida Irugaldanbara, Maria Menezes, Dionisio Monsale, Yolanda Napilay, Helidore & Cordula Paiva, Michael Sant, Anne Marie St Flour, Edwin Tabone, Susila Wijeratne, Mirella Zulic.

Anniversaries: Victor & Louisa Alvarico, Giovani Barnaba, Mary Ann Callado, Mary Rose Camenzuli, Joseph Caruana, Simone & Paul Commarmond, Conchita Deloso, John Johnson, Melvyn Fernandes, Edouard Mahomudally, Antonio & Peppino Mancina, Laurence Morrissey, Lourda Motha, Nguyen Vinh Hien, Basil Paiva, Natalie Spiteri.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Lisette & Joe Aristobil, Roy, Mary & Des Barney, Fernandes Family, Gerard Marcello, Pauline Meilak, Mary Mifsud, Anton & Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Jason Muscat, Mary Muscat,

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 prophet Jeramiah 38:4-6, 8-10

The king’s leading men spoke to the king. ‘Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.’ ‘He is in your hands as you know,’ King Zedekiah answered ‘for the king is powerless against you.’ So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. ‘My lord king,’ he said, ‘these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.’ At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: ‘Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.’ The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

SECOND READING

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews 12:1-4

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shamefulness of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God’s throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death. The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! ‘Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’

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. www.olol7hills.org.au

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/>



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: youtholol7h@gmail.com



KEEP UP TO DATE By visiting our parish website with news , the bulletin, prayers and much more - a great way to stay up to date with what’s on in our Parish Visit www.olol7hills.org.au

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

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>



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LOLO MINISTRY ROSTER

13/14 August 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Derick Soares Jerome Irudayaraj Ian Epondulan
Ministers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	C. Jansz, R. Soares F. Balatbat, A. McNally C. Gonzales, H. Gonzales
Readers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	B. Motha, C. Rodrigues P. Ferriols, K. Walker C. Diaz, J. Nonato
Altar Servers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	A. Bagatella, A. La Guidara, C. La Guidara VOLUNTEERS 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: 8am: 9.30am	R. Ugre J. Hillbrick VOLUNTEER

20/21 August 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	James Dinning Terry Jordan Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	C. Menezes, F. Paiva Edith Gartner, Ernie Gartner M. Aquino, S. Lenthall
Readers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	A. Punch, M. Simic A. Joseph, M. Santos H. Katopau, F Kennedy
Altar Servers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	A. Laus, L. Laus, S.Thoms VOLUNTEERS S Culili, C. Katopau, O. Katopau
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Office	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela	
Church cleaning	20 Aug	H. Gonzales, D. Gonzales, N. Paylago, A. Pinto, M. Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: 8am: 9.30am	Judith Deloso Rita Paolini Lena Falzon

LOLO PARISH CALENDAR

AUGUST

15	Feast of the Assumption	
17	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION — 2nd meeting	6:30-7:30pm
18	Christ Community Prayer Group	9.30am
18	Legion of Mary	1.30pm
20	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION — 2nd meeting— repeat	4:30-5:30pm
21	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION—Presentation of the Lord’s Prayer	9:30am Mass

...POPE FRANCIS’ LAST PAPAL FLIGHT INTERVIEW

Carolina Pigozzi

But do you feel more like a Pope or more like a Jesuit?

Pope Francis *I never considered it that way, whether I am more Pope or Jesuit. I consider myself a servant of the Lord with the style of the Jesuits. There is no papal spirituality. That doesn't exist. Each Pope carries forth his own spirituality. Think of St. John Paul II with that beautiful Marian spirituality he had. He had it before, and he had it as Pope. Think of the many Popes who have carried on their spirituality.*

The papacy is not a spirituality, it is a role, a function, a service. Each one carries it out with his own spirituality, his own graces, his own faithfulness, and also his own sins. But there is no papal spirituality. That is why there is no comparison between Jesuit spirituality and papal spirituality, because the latter does not exist. Is that clear?

Severina Elisabeth Bartonitschek (CIC)

Yesterday you also spoke of the fraternity of the Church, a community that knows how to listen and enter into dialogue, that promotes a good quality of relationships. But a few days ago, the Holy See released a statement on Germany's Synodal Way, an un-signed text. Do you think this way of communication contributes, or is an obstacle, to dialogue?

Pope Francis *First of all, that statement was issued by the Secretariat of State... it was a mistake not to say that... I think it said [it was] a statement of the Secretariat of State but I'm not sure. It was a mistake not to sign it as Secretariat of State, but an administrative error, not of ill will. And regarding the Synodal Way, I wrote a letter. I did it on my own: a month of prayer, reflection, consultation. And I said everything I had to say about the Synodal Way. I will not say more than that, that letter I wrote two years ago is the Papal Magisterium on the Synodal Way. I went over the Curia, since I didn't carry out consultations [in the Curia], nothing. I did it as my own journey, as a pastor [on behalf of] a Church that is seeking the way, as a brother, as a father, and as a believer. And that is my message. I know that it's not easy, but everything is in that letter. Thank you.*

Ignazio Ingrao (RAI - TG1)

Italy is going through a difficult time that also causes concern internationally. There is the economic crisis, the pandemic, the war, and now we are also without a government. You are the Primate of Italy: in your telegram to President Mattarella for his birthday, you spoke of a country marked by not a few difficulties and called for crucial choices. How did you experience Draghi's fall?

Pope Francis *First of all, I do not want to meddle in Italian internal politics. Secondly, no one can say that President Draghi was not a man of high international quality. He was president of the [European Central] Bank. He had a good career. I only asked my one question: Tell me, how many governments has Italy had in this century? He told me 20. This is my response...*

Ignazio Ingrao

What appeals would you make to the political movers in view of these difficult elections?

Pope Francis *Responsibility. Civic responsibility.*

Claire Giangrave (RELIGION NEWS SERVICE)

Many Catholics, but also many theologians, think that development is needed in the Church's doctrine regarding contraceptives. It would seem that even your predecessor, John Paul I, thought that a total ban perhaps needs to be reconsidered. What are your thoughts on this, in the sense: Are you open, in short, to a re-evaluation in this regard? Or does the possibility exist for a couple to consider contraceptives?

Pope Francis *This is something very timely. But know that dogma, morality, is always on a path of development, but always developing in the same direction. To use something thing that is clear, I think I've said it other times here: for the theological development of a moral or dogmatic issue, there is a rule that is very clear and illuminating. It's more or less what Vincent of Lerins did in the 10th century. He says that true doctrine, in order to go forward, to develop, must not be quiet, it develops ut annis consolidetur, dilatetur tempore, sublimetur aetate. That is, it is consolidated over time, it expands and consolidates, and becomes always more solid, but always progressing. That is why the duty of theologians is research, theological reflection, you cannot do theology with a "no" in front of it. Then it is up to the Magisterium to say no, you've gone too far, come back, but theological development must be open, that's what theologians are for. And the Magisterium must help to understand the limits. On the issue of contraception, I know there is a publication out on this and other marital issues: These are the Acts of a congress, and in a congress, there are hypotheses, then they discuss among themselves and make proposals. We have to be clear: those who participated in this congress did their duty, because they have sought to move forward in doctrine, but in an ecclesial sense, not out of it, as I said with that rule of St. Vincent of Lerins. Then the Magisterium will say, yes it is good or it is not good. Many things fall under this. Think for example about atomic weapons: today [recently] I officially declared that the use and possession of atomic weapons is immoral. Think about the death penalty: today, I can say that we are close to immorality there, because the moral conscience is not well developed. To be clear: it's ok when dogma or morality develops, but in that direction, with the three rules of Vincent of Lerins. I think this is very clear: a Church that does not develop its thinking in an ecclesial sense, is a Church that is going backward. This is today's problem, and of many who call themselves traditional. No, no, they are not traditional, they are people looking to the past, going backward, without roots - it has always been done that way, that's how it was done last century. And looking backward is a sin because it does not progress with the Church. Tradition, instead, someone said (I think I said it in one of the speeches), tradition is the living faith of those who have died. Instead, for those people who are looking backward, who call themselves traditionalists, it is the dead faith of the living. Tradition is truly the root, the inspiration by which to go forward in the Church, and this is always vertical. And looking backward is going backward, it is always closed. It is important to understand well the role of tradition, which is always open, like the roots of the tree, and the tree grows... A musician used a very beautiful phrase. Gustav Mahler used to say that tradition in this sense, is the guarantee of the future, it is not a museum piece. If you conceive of tradition as closed, that is not Christian tradition... it is always the sap of the root that carries you forward, forward, forward. So for that reason, regarding what you are saying, thinking and carrying forward faith and morals, as long as it is going in the direction of the roots, of the sap, that's ok. With these three rules of Vincent of Lerins that I mentioned .*

20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - REFLECTION

Christianity often flourishes in countries where it is illegal. Would there be more or fewer Christians in Australia if following Jesus was against the law? Would you be a Christian if you knew you could be physically punished if the wrong people found out about your faith in Jesus?

In the Readings and the Gospel today, Jesus is showing us that he is a real person who has loved us enough to die for us and has shown us that he has given us the freedom to live our lives to perfection. A perfection that he continues to gently seek in our daily lives. He needs us to remain in his love and allows us to draw closer and closer to him as we grow older. We must understand his love for us and for the numerous ways that he has of loving us each day and guiding us; some time showing us his nearness and that he is always among us from morning till night each day. Let us digest his words of wisdom in the gospel and try to continue to live in his love that truly is his greatest desire. He does this knowing that with the full freedom people have that they will fall occasionally into unfaithfulness. Even these he permits to live their own lines always hoping that they will return to him and avoid the division within families that He can also foresee in the future. Instead let us stay in love with Jesus and his presence in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar and live our lives in his loving freedom. Have a loving week!

PARISH NEWS...

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

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 (Graham Road) once a week on Tuesday. Please contact the Parish Office 9622 2920 if you are able to help out. *Thank you.*

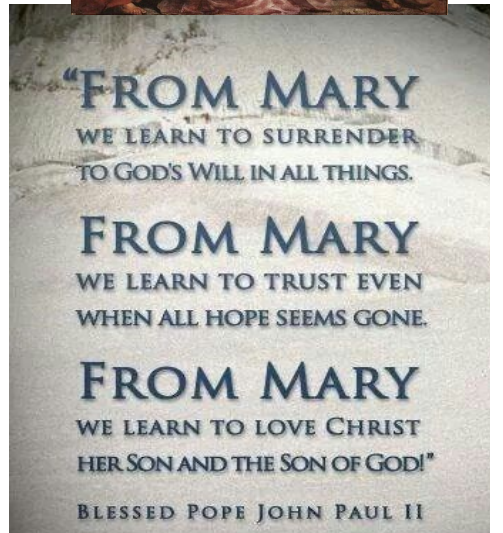
OUR LIVE-STREAMED MASS

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.

SACRAMENT PROGRAM RETURNING

Parents of children **currently enrolled** in the 2022 Sacramental Process for Eucharist, please be advised that the 2nd meeting– Eucharist, is on Wednesday 17th August, at 6.30pm, with a repeat on Saturday 20th August at 4.30pm

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Monday 15th August 2022



Mass times:

St Anthony's,	Toongabbie	- 9.30am & 7pm
St Patrick's	Blacktown	- 9am
St. Michaels	Blacktown	- 8am

DIOCESAN NEWS

OLMC PARRAMATTA - Class of '90, '91 & '92 30 Year Reunion Function Saturday 17th September Parramatta Park Royal . Come and join your old schoolmates and teachers for a reunion for the Classes of 1990, 1991 and 1992. There will be roaming canapés throughout the evening, with an on-consumption bar and a live DJ to dance the night away.

OLMC Alumnae Day Sunday 18th September 10am Mass in the Chapel followed by College Tours. 12:30pm High Tea at Lachlan's Restaurant, Old Government House Click on the link to secure your ticket! <https://bit.ly/3nOIPD3> Reunion Committee: belindahildaclarke@gmail.com natalie_galea@yahoo.com.au sarahken-ny767@gmail.com

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS' SOCIAL JUSTICE STATEMENT for 2022-23 has been released. It is entitled "**Respect: Confronting Violence and Abuse**" and points out that the roots of domestic and family violence "lie in the abuse of power to control and dominate others" and that "this stands in contrast to the relationships to which God calls us". The statement calls for faith communities to support and believe those going through domestic and family violence and abuse, to hold perpetrators to account and work towards individual and social transformation. You can **download the statement** + accompanying resources and find out more at socialjustice.catholic.org.au



THE CAMPION COLLEGE STUDENTS ASSOCIATION invites you to attend a medieval masquerade ball. 10th September 2022, 5.30pm Vigil Mass, 6.45pm Ball commences. 8-14 Austin Woodbury Place, Toongabbie 2146 Open to youth/young adults (ages 16-35)... All welcome \$80 per person. Purchase your tickets at campion.edu.au/events

THE DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA IS HEADING TO WYD23 IN LISBON

Bishop Vincent has announced a pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon, Portugal from July 21 – August 11, 2023. Young people 16-35 and their families are encouraged to learn more at www.parrawyd.org and register for the upcoming Launch Event featuring Fr Rob Galea on August 18. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – james.camden@parracatholic.org

GET #ACTIVE4VOCATIONS AND SPUR OUR CITY2SURF TEAM



Becoming a priest requires an incredible leap of faith. We have a team of Holy Spirit seminarians, deacons, priests, and community members taking their own leap of faith in the 14km City2Surf this weekend, getting #Active4Vocations. Show your support and spur them on with a donation. Your generosity will go the distance in helping our seminarians to become priests. Scan this QR code to donate to our #Active4Vocations team members or visit tinyurl.com/Active4Vocations. **Thank you.**

PASTORAL FORMATION MISSION AND EVANGELISATION SHORT COURSE: Starts 8 September

Looking for confidence to share your faith? Want to evangelise through life-giving faith conversations? On 3 Thursday nights (Sept 8, 15, 22) journey together with Maddy Forde, a life and faith leader in our Australian Church and representative to the Vatican in the area of youth. Face-to-face from 6.30pm to 8.30pm at Bishop Bede Heather Centre (1-5 Marion Street Blacktown). LIMITED SEATS. Register by August 21 via met@parracatholic.org OR via <https://pfparra.org.au/signup/>

KELLYVILLE PARISH 10TH ANNUAL ASSUMPTION WALK: 15 August

Join Our Lady of the Rosary Parish, Kellyville's 10th Annual Assumption Walk from the Shrine of the Holy Innocents, Kellyville, to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on Monday 15 August. There will be Holy Mass at the Shrine at 11.30am and the walk begins at 1pm sharp. You may join the walk at any point. Banners and statues are welcome. Register your interest at admin@olorparishkellyville.org.au or call (02) 9629 2595 for catering purposes at the stops along the way.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER VIRTUAL MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND: 19 – 21 August

The Worldwide Marriage Encounter team are hosting a Virtual Marriage Enrichment Weekend from 19 August at 7pm to 21 August at around 4pm via Zoom. Learn to become the best version of yourselves together and live your best life in love. Book online at www.wwme.org.au or contact Mercy and James Bvirakare on 0409 183 676 or vicbook-ings@wwme.org.au

Other Notices

Position Vacant – Personal Assistant, Sisters of Mercy Parramatta

Personal Assistant, Sisters of Mercy Parramatta. Full-time, 12-month position and based at Parramatta. Please contact Anthony Spata at REACH Human Resources for further information on [0402 210 055](tel:0402210055).

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.

POPE FRANCIS' LAST PAPAL FLIGHT INTERVIEW

Brittany HOBSON (THE CANADIAN PRESS)

You often say that it is necessary to speak clearly, honestly, and with *parrhesia* [boldly] . You know that the Canadian Truth and Reconciliation Commission described the residential school system as 'cultural genocide,' and then it was modified as genocide. The people who heard your words of apology this past week expressed their disappointment because the word genocide was not used. Would you use that term to say that members of the Church participated in genocide?

Pope Francis *It's true, I didn't use the word because it didn't come to my mind, but I described the genocide and asked for forgiveness, pardon for this activity that is genocidal. For example, I condemned this too: taking away children, changing culture, changing mentality, changing traditions, changing a race, let's put it that way, an entire culture. Yes, genocide is a technical word. I didn't use it because it didn't come to my mind, but I described it... It's true, yes, yes, it's genocide. You can all stay calm about this. You can report that I said that it was genocide.*

Maria Valentina ALAZRAKI CRASTICH (TELEvisa)

Pope Francis, we assume that this trip to Canada was also a test, a test regarding your health, for what you called this morning "physical limitations." So we would like to know -- after this week, what can you tell us about your future travels, do you want to continue traveling like this, would there be any travels that you cannot take because of these limitations or if you think that knee surgery might resolve the situation even more and permit you travel as before?

Pope Francis *I don't know, I don't think I can continue with the same pace of the trips as before. I think that at my age and with this limitation, I have to spare myself a bit, to be able to serve the Church. But, on the other hand, I can also think about the possibility of stepping aside. With all honesty, this is not a catastrophe, it is possible to change Pope, it is possible to change, there is no problem! But I think I have to limit myself a bit with these exertions. Knee surgery for me is not an option in my case. The health care professionals say it is, but there is the whole problem of anesthesia. Ten months ago, I underwent more than six hours of anesthesia, and there are still traces. You don't play around, you don't mess around, with anesthesia. And that's why I think it is not entirely suitable. I will continue to make trips and be close to the people, because I think closeness is the way to serve. Beyond that, I do not have anything else to say. Let's hope. In Mexico, there is no visit foreseen yet, right?*

Maria Valentina ALAZRAKI

No, no ... I know that, what about Kazakhstan? And if you go to Kazakhstan, shouldn't you go to Ukraine as well?

Pope Francis *I have said that I would like to go to Ukraine. Let's see now what I find when I get home. For the moment, I would like to go to Kazakhstan. That wouldn't be too rigorous of a journey. There wouldn't be a lot of movement. There is a congress of religions. But for the moment, everything remains as is. I also need to go to South Sudan, as well as Congo, because that's a trip with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of the Church of Scotland, since the three of us participated in the retreat two years ago... Then Congo, but that will have to be next year, because of the rainy season. We will have to see... I have all the good will in the world, but let's see what my leg says.*

Carolina Pigozzi (PARIS MATCH)

You met with local members of the Society of Jesus, your family, in the archbishopric this morning, as you always do during your travels. Nine years ago returning from Brazil, I asked you, if you still feel like a Jesuit. Your answer was in the positive. On December 4, after seeing the Jesuits in Greece, you said that when someone begins a process, they need to let it develop, let it mature, and then they need to step aside. "Every Jesuit," you said, "must do this, no 'work' belongs to him because it belongs to the Lord." Could this statement one day apply to a Jesuit Pope?

Pope Francis *I think so, yes.*

Carolina Pigozzi

Does that mean you could step aside like the Jesuits?

Pope Francis *Yes. Yes. It's a vocation.*

Carolina Pigozzi

Being Pope or being a Jesuit?

Pope Francis *Jesuit. Let the Lord say. The Jesuit tries, tries, he doesn't always do it, but he tries, to do the Lord's will. The Jesuit Pope must also do the same. When the Lord speaks..., if the Lord says go ahead, go ahead, if the Lord says, go to the corner, you go to the corner. It's the Lord...*

Carolina Pigozzi

What you're saying means that at one point death is expected...

Pope Francis *We're all waiting for death...*

Carolina Pigozzi

What I mean is: wouldn't you need to step aside first?

Pope Francis *Whatever the Lord says. The Lord might say resign. The Lord is in charge.*

One thing that is important about St. Ignatius: St. Ignatius would dispense someone who was tired or ill from prayer, but would never dispense anyone from the examination of conscience.

Twice a day, to look at what has happened in my heart today. Not sins or no sins, but what spirit moved me today. Our vocation is to look for what happened today. If I-this is a hypothesis-see that the Lord is telling me something, that something happened to me, that I have an inspiration, I have to discern to see what the Lord is asking. It may also be that the Lord wants to send me to the corner. He is in charge. This is the religious way of life of a Jesuit, to be in spiritual discernment to make decisions, to choose a path of work, of commitment as well... Discernment is the key to the Jesuit's vocation. This is important. In this area, St. Ignatius was really an expert, because it was his own experience of spiritual discernment that brought him to conversion. And the spiritual exercises are truly a school of discernment. So the Jesuit, by vocation, must be a man of discernment: discerning situations, discerning his own conscience, discerning the decisions to be made. For this reason, being open to whatever the Lord asks of him, is kind of our spirituality.