

The Kids' Bulletin The Dishonest Manager

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 18th, 2022

"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much." Luke 16:10 (NIV)

This puzzle is based on Luke 16:1-13 (NIV)

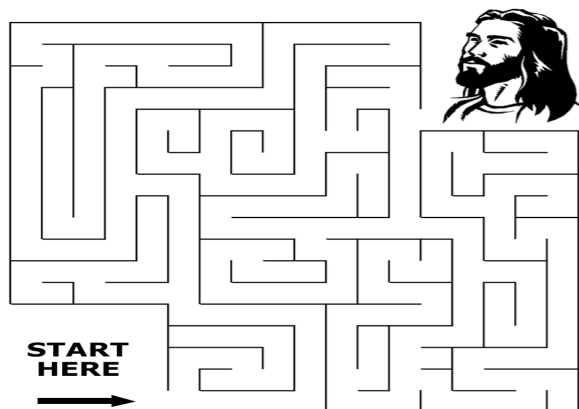
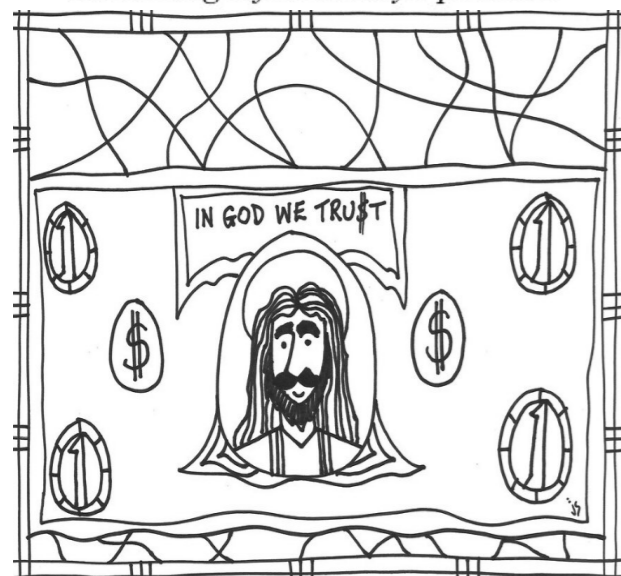


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sttil yrv a
ozla lufatit zidw
sh bna, dnm ni
ni tznondzib zidw
zi sttil yrv a
"dnm ni ozla tznondzib"



Luke 16:1-13

Look in the mirror to find out one of the lessons
Jesus taught from today's parable.



ACROSS

3. A large amount of money or valuable possessions that someone has
4. A very large amount
7. To like something very much
9. To feel a strong dislike for someone or something
10. A person who performs duties around the home of a master

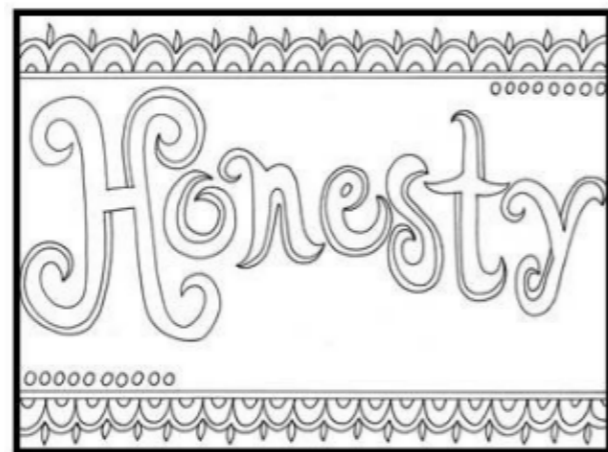
DOWN

1. A very small amount
2. The Son of God
5. Truthful, trusted, not likely to steal, cheat or lie
6. To be obligated to repay a debt to someone
8. To make a hole in the ground with a shovel

dig	Jesus	little	much	servant
despise	owe	honest	riches	love

M	R	A	T	G	C	S	P	E	D	K	A	A	W
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X	T	S	E	R	V	A	N	T	H	D	F	V	M

rich	steward	squandering
summoned	account	stewardship
master	ashamed	debtors
measures	promissory	kors
wheat	dishonest	prudently
generation	children	dwelling
trustworthy	matters	wealth
servant	devoted	mammon



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Parish School:

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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 18 September 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, Parakranta Dias, Danilo Dolot, Elizabeth Ehsman, Alfredo Fernandez, Anush Fernando, Joseph Franco, Anthony Janicska, Spencer Leon, Cynthia Lopez, Carmenu M, Marie Marchand, N. Muscat Family, Wiranjan Peiris, Adrian Pereira, 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 secreary@olol7hills.com.au. We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

Let us Pray for the Deceased

Recently Deceased: Maureen D'Crus, Jesus 'Jet' Fernando, Candida Trugabandara, Benedicto Pacanza, Antonio Pellicano, Helen Rose, Edwin Tabone, Susila Wijeratne.

Anniversaries: Victor Azzopardi, Horace Baptist, Cini & Mangion Family, Josephine Cortis, Joan Falzon, Melvyn Fernandes, Charlie Galea, Leandro Garcia Snr, Zenaida Garcia, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Mangion Family, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Emmanuel Falson, Rupert Pacanza, Theckla Percoumal, John Ratnam, Caroline Susainathan, Floriana & Eugino Usero, Tony Vassallo, Bibiano Villanueva, Victor, Juana, Philip Yu Sing.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Ivi Aza, Roy Mary & Des Barney, Myrna Cruz, Fernandes Family, Josefa Flores, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Gerard Marcello, Mary Mifsud, Anton & Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Muscat Family, Josephine & Charles Muscat, Mary Muscat, Andreana & Felix Muscat, Roseline Ratnam, Jim & Alison Vella.

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



• **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

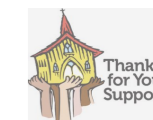
On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you very much for your ongoing support, which has been absolutely vital in keeping our Parish going strong. Projects completed include the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church 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 Amos 8:4 – 7*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, ‘When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.’ The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, ‘Never will I forget a single thing you have done.’ The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore! **(R.)**

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth? **(R.)**

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people. **(R.)**

SECOND READING *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:1-8*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument. The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 16: 1-13

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘There was a rich man and he had a steward who was denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, “What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer.” Then the steward said to himself, “Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes.”


‘Then he called his master’s debtors one by one. To the first he said, “How much do you owe my master?” “One hundred measures of oil,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty.” To another he said, “And you, sir, how much do you owe?” “One hundred measures of wheat,” was the reply. The steward said, “Here, take your bond and write eighty.”

‘The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

‘And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

‘No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.’

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

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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



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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

17/18 September 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil: C. Gonzales, L. La Guidara 8am: L. Fernandes, M. Santos 9.30am: M. Aquino, S Manamperi
Readers	Vigil: N. Do Rosario, J Sarmiento 8am: P. Ferriols, A. Joseph 9.30am H. Katopau, F. Kennedy
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. La Guidara, C. La Guidara, S. Thoms 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am O. Katopau, C, Katopau, Parish Pastoral Council
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Church cleaning	24 Sept H. Gonzales, D. Gonzales,N. Paylaga, A. Pinto, M. Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: H. Gonzales 8am: S. Nemorin 9.30am: K. Chamberlain

24/25 September 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: J. Dinning 8am: E. Gartner 9.30am R. Michael
Ministers	Vigil: A. Bellissimo 8am: F. Balatbat, E Garner 9.30am: B. Chandler, P Gow
Readers	Vigil: L. Bellissimo, C. Rodrigues 8am: E. Hien, K. Walker 9.30am C. Diaz, B. Motha
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. Laus, L. Laus 8am: VOLUNTEERS 9.30am C. Attard, F. Wanandy
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Couples for Christ
Flowers	Annette & Mary B
Church cleaning	28 Sept S. Abela, J. Borg, A. McNally & J. Peralta
Welcomers	Vigil: R. Ugre 8am: J. Hillbrick 9.30am: M. Michael

LOLO PARISH CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

18	First Holy Communion Mass	11.30am
21	Baptism Preparation meeting	7:30pm
22	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:30am
22	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
23	End of school Term 3	
25	First Holy Communion Mass	9:30am
29	Finance Committee Meeting	8pm

POPE FRANCIS TO ENTREPRENEURS: ‘SHARE ECONOMIC GAINS WITH PHILANTHROPY, FAIR TAXATION, JOB CREATION’

Pope Francis urges entrepreneurs and participants at the Italian Confindustria public assembly to join efforts in order to bring about a different economic system, highlighting the importance of sharing through job creation, philanthropy and equitable taxation.

By Benedict Mayaki, SJ

Pope Francis on Monday received in audience in the Vatican participants at the Confindustria public assembly. In his prepared remarks to members of the General Confederation of Italian Industry, the Holy Father called entrepreneurs “an essential component in building the common good,” which is “a primary engine of development and prosperity.”

The good entrepreneur amid difficult times

Pope Francis highlighted that these are difficult times for everyone, including the business world. He noted that the pandemic put a strain on many productive activities, hurting the economic system. More so, the war in Ukraine and the energy crises has further exacerbated the situation to boot. In these crises, the good entrepreneur, who feels the uncertainties and risks, also suffers, said the Pope, distinguishing between entrepreneurs similar to the Good Shepherd and “mercenary” entrepreneurs. Like the good shepherd, the good entrepreneur feels the sufferings of his workers and does not flee before the many wolves circling around, said the Pope, recalling the death of Alberto Balocco, who was esteemed by the business and civic community.

Labour and commerce in the Bible

The Pope further noted that the Church, from the very beginning, has “welcomed into its bosom merchants, forerunners of modern entrepreneurs” and the Bible speaks of labour and commerce in some parables (including the lost coin, the landowner, the steward and the precious pearls). In the parable of the Good Samaritan, for example, the “two denarii” offered to the innkeeper is very important, said the Pope – so also is important, the money Judas was offered to betray Jesus. In fact, “the same money can be used, yesterday as today, to betray and sell a friend or to save a victim,” the Pope said, noting that the denarii of Judas and the denarii of the Good Samaritan coexist in the same markets, in the same stock exchanges, in the same marketplaces, but the economy “grows and becomes humane when the Samaritan’s denarii become more numerous than those of Judas”. The Holy Father also acknowledged that the life of entrepreneurs in the Church has not always been easy, pointing at Jesus words about the rich, the camel and the eye of a needle (Mt 19: 23 -24). He said that this has sometimes been too quickly extended to every entrepreneur and merchant. *“In reality, one can be a merchant, an entrepreneur, and be a follower of Christ, an inhabitant of his Kingdom. The question then becomes: what are the conditions for an entrepreneur to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?”*

Sharing

Reflecting on the conditions for an entrepreneur to enter into Heaven, the Holy Father underlined the importance of sharing. He said that wealth, while it can help a great deal in life on the one hand, can also complicate life on the other hand, because it can become an idol and a ruthless master who “takes all of one’s life day after day”. Wealth calls for responsibility said the Pope. “Once I own wealth, on me lies the responsibility to make it bear fruit, not to dissipate it, to use it for the common good.” However, wealth also creates envy, backbiting, and perhaps violence and wickedness. The Holy Father then held up the example of wealthy people who were part of Jesus’s first community, including Joseph of Arimathea, the women who supported the Apostles with their possessions and Zacchaeus of Jericho – noting that there have always been wealthy people who have followed the Gospel in an exemplary way. “Sharing is another name for evangelical poverty” he added, highlighting the great economic image of common sharing of goods narrated in the Acts of the Apostles.

Philanthropy, taxes and levies

Pope Francis said that every entrepreneur has to find his own from the different forms of living the evangelical spirit of sharing, according to one’s own personality and creativity. One form is philanthropy – giving to the community in different ways, he said, acknowledging the gestures of support for the Ukrainian people. Another way, he added, is taxes and levies – “a form of sharing that is often not understood.” He said the “fiscal pact is at the heart of the social pact” explaining that taxes are “a form of sharing wealth so that it becomes common goods, public goods: schools, health, rights, care, science, culture, heritage.” However, Pope Francis cautioned, “taxes must be fair, equitable, set according to each person’s ability to pay, as the Italian Constitution states”, and “the fiscal system and administration must be efficient and not corrupt.”

Job creation, support for families

“Another way of sharing is Job creation, jobs for all, especially for young people,” the Pope pointed out, noting that young people are needed because businesses without them lose innovation, energy and enthusiasm. He added that work has always been a form of communion of wealth because “by hiring people you are already distributing your assets, you are already creating shared wealth.” Thus every “new job created is a slice of dynamically shared wealth” and “therein also lies the centrality of work in the economy and its great dignity.” However, the labor problem cannot be solved if it remains within the confines of the labor market, he stressed, saying that it is a model of social order that needs to be challenged. In this regard, the Pope pointed at the declining birth rate, which, coupled with the rapid aging of the population, is leading to a decrease in the supply of workers and an increase in pension spending. “There is an urgent need to support families and the birth rate in practice,” Pope Francis stressed. The Holy Father also highlighted the positive role that businesses play in the reality of immigration by “fostering constructive integration and enhancing skills that are indispensable for the survival of the business in our current context.” However, he warned against all forms of exploitation of people and the neglect of their safety.

The example of Adriano Olivetti

Pope Francis went on to remind entrepreneurs that they too are workers. He urged them not to lose contact with work, forgetting the “smell” of work and being out of touch with the life of their enterprises. He noted that creating work generates some equality in enterprises and in society, and added, even though there is a hierarchy in business, with different functions, “salaries should not be too different.”“ If the gap between the highest and lowest salaries becomes too wide, the business community becomes sick, and soon the society becomes sick,” he said. The Pope upheld the example of Adriano Olivetti who set a limit on the gap between the highest and lowest salaries because he knew that it could lead to a loss of common destiny in business and that community, empathy and solidarity will not be created among all. *“For while it is true that every worker depends on his entrepreneurs and managers, it is also true that the entrepreneur depends on his workers, on their creativity, their hearts and souls: it depends on their spiritual “capital.”*” Concluding, the Pope underlined that the challenges of our society cannot be met without good entrepreneurs and urged the participants at the assembly to be protagonists of a change of epoch, bringing about a different economic system through their creativity and innovation.



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,

Recently I happen to open an old book and found a rather interesting story very much relating to the Gospel this week, and I guess it’s appropriate to share with you this week. The story was about the self- confession of a two dollar coin, which kind of lamented about its rather humble position in the monetary world compared to its bank note buddies. It said to itself, ‘I’m not big enough to buy a paper or a beer these days. I can’t buy a seat in the cinema or theatre, neither can I get myself a box of chocolates to enjoy in the interval. It’s not much I can do except being taken to church regularly. I’ve been popular there.’ Well, as I mentioned earlier, this story has something to do with this Sunday Gospel, in which we are encouraged by Jesus to utilise our talents, worldly possessions, especially money as tools to gain ourselves a place in the heavenly banquet, despite their less desirable nature. He specifically warned the disciples not to treat money as their master, but choose God instead and twice he reminded the disciples that money is tainted, but went on to advise them to use it to win friends, who could make them welcomed in the world of eternity.

Here some of us might wonder who would be such friends, prophet Amos appears to offer us the answer in the first reading through his practical advices given to the Israelites of what they should do for the poor and the needy that they should lower the bushel, raise the shekel, swindle and tamper with the scales to make life easier for the marginalised, in other words, it is the compassion and care for the less fortunate as Jesus taught and led us throughout his life, or the social justice stand the Church has asked all of us to embrace and put into practice.

Enlightened by the message of both of the Gospel and the first reading this Sunday, let us pray for the grace to empower us in our efforts to use money and other worldly things that the Lord has provided for us to make our community, our country and our world a better place through our almsgivings and works of charity. Have a charity-filled week.

Have a mercy-filled week.
Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CONGRATULATIONS & THANK YOU

Please continue to pray for 16 children who received First Holy Communion last Sunday and the 27 children who are going to make First Holy Communion this Sunday.

On behalf of the parish, I would like to congratulate them all, and also thank (1) their parents for providing support to them along the Preparation process, (2) our Parish ministers and choir members and musicians for their generosity to serve the First Holy Communion Mass, and particularly (3) Artelle for taking both the parents and children through every step through the Sacramental program.

REPORT FROM OUR LAST PARISH PASTORAL

COUNCIL MEETING Apart from the spiritual reading we had based on the article by Timothy Radcliff, OP entitled Joy highlighting the spirit of joy Pope Francis has done so much to promote it in this papacy, and the group reports to follow, the Council dedicated a good amount of time to go through Fr Henry’s Silver Jubilee program including a Jubilee Mass and formal dinner on Friday 14 October, and a Jubilee Thanksgiving Mass for all children and families with post-Mass activities on Sunday 16 October.

CATHOLIC OUTLOOK SPRING/SEASON OF CREATION EDITION OUT NOW!

Get your free copy of the Spring edition of *Catholic Outlook* now. This month, we talk about pilgrimages, the Season of Creation, and focus in on how our parishes are working towards sustainability. There’s great kids activities too. Pick up your copy from our church now!

PARISH STAFF

Tricia Brown has been in our Parish office for a few weeks to get to know the job Alison and Erika have been doing for quite some time. This move aims to help her to replace Alison who is going to leave us and try new skills in another sector in a near future. Please make Tricia welcomed in our Parish community.



FR HENRY’S 25th SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION

**FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER 2022
6:30pm**

To our Parishioners & Friends,
For those who have acquired or have paid for their tickets, please be informed of the new date.

Any enquiries or if you would like to purchase your tickets please call:
Evelyn Beed on 0437 572 636

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. For more information, please email our Youth Coordinator Sarah - s.lenthall8@gmail.com

WE NEED YOU!
BECOME A CATECHIST AND SRE VOLUNTEER!

- SRE's are parish volunteers who:
- Teach and share their faith with children of their parish who attend government schools.
 - Have a passion for sharing the gift of faith with young people.
 - Have an hour per week to prepare and share their time and talents with young people.
 - Are people who respond to the central mission of the Church to make Jesus known and loved.

In this parish Special Religious Educators, SRE's (previously known as Catechists) go into Seven Hills, Seven Hills North, Bert Oldfield, Vardys Road State primary schools and The Hills Sports High School.

New volunteers SRE's will be given support, training, teaching materials and will start as a classroom helper.

Day	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
School	Seven Hills North	Seven Hills	Vardy's Rd	Hills Sport High
Class/Time	Infants 10.30-11.00am	Kindy- Yr6 11.20-12.00pm	Primary 9.15-9.45am	TBA
Class/Time	Primary 11.30-12.00pm		Infants 10.00-10.30am	
School	Bert Oldfield			
Class/Time	Primary 1.55-2.25pm			
Class/Time	Infants 2.25-2.55pm			

To register your interest please call Bob McNally 0439604203 email: mcnallyanne@yahoo.com.au or contact the parish office. 96222920

DIOCESE OF PARRAMATTA WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS: 30 October

The annual Wedding Anniversary Mass will be held on Sunday 30 October at 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta. Bishop Vincent will celebrate Solemn Mass, followed by a light lunch at the Cathedral Hall. All couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary will receive a certificate from Bishop Vincent. Please register your name, years of marriage and numbers attending at marriage@parracatholic.org by 21 October. Family and friends are welcome.

SEASON OF CREATION CAMPING TRIP:

30 September – 2 October

Set aside your busy lifestyle for a few days to join with friends, family and other members of the Christian community to celebrate the Season of Creation. Enjoy a relaxed camping experience with optional activities to engage in fun, creative and prayerful ways with creation and our Creator.

When: Friday, September 30 – Sunday, October 2, 2022
Where: Wooglemai Catholic Bush Retreat Centre, Oakdale

Cost: Individual campers \$20; Camping couples \$40; Family camping groups \$50
For more information and to register visit:

www.seasonofcreationcamping.org

ABORIGINAL CATHOLIC SERVICES NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION: 27 September

Catholic Care's Aboriginal Catholic Services is hosting a community celebration to commemorate NAIDOC Week on Tuesday 27 September from 10am to 2pm at the Holy Family site in Emerton. Everyone is welcome to celebrate the many who have driven and led change in our communities over generations with a variety of entertainment, music, rides, stalls and more. Show your solidarity and have some family fun with members of our local Aboriginal community.

OLQP GREYSTANES FESTA: 25 September

The Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish Greystanes Festa is back on after a COVID hiatus on Sunday 25 September on the parish grounds. Mass will be celebrated at 1pm, with festivities from 2.30pm and a fireworks display at 8.30pm. For more information, please contact the Festa Committee on festa@olqp.org.au

SEASON OF CREATION: 1 September – 4 October

Pope Francis and the Australian Bishops invite all Catholics to join the ecumenical Season of Creation from 1 September to 4 October. They encourage us all to make this a special time of prayer and action in caring for our common home. Learn more and find events and resources at www.parracatholic.org/seasonofcreation

OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING SPRING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

The Office for Safeguarding is offering a range of opportunities to complete your Safeguarding training this spring.

- Full-day training session on Monday 17 October from 9.30am to 2.30pm at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown
- Weekly training sessions on Monday 24 and 31 October and Monday 7 November from 10am to 11.30am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong.

Full-day training session on Saturday 29 October from 10am to 3pm at St Matthew's Parish, Windsor.

To register for one of these options, please email safeguardingtraining@parracatholic.org



POPE FRANCIS IN KAZAKHSTAN: RELIGIONS 'KEY TO WORLD PEACE AND UNDERSTANDING'

In his address at the 7th Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, Pope Francis underscores how religions need to grow in friendship in order to respond to the thirst for world peace and for the infinite that dwells in the heart of each of us. **By Vatican News staff reporter**

The first major event on the Pope's schedule in Kazakhstan took place on Wednesday morning in the nation's capital of Nur-Sultan when he addressed participants at the **7th Congress of Leaders of World and Traditional Religions**. The two-day meeting, which takes place every three years, has brought together religious leaders from around the world to focus this time on how religious leaders can foster the spiritual and social development in the post-pandemic world. Over 100 delegations from 50 countries are attending the Congress, made up of religious, cultural, civil, governmental, and non-governmental representatives. Drawn by the infinite Pope Francis travelled to Kazakhstan to participate personally in this meeting, following the invitation of the nation's president, Kassym-Jomart Tokayev.

In his speech to the Congress, the Pope began by addressing everyone as "brothers and sisters...in the name of the fraternity that unites us as children of the same Heaven." He noted that "before the mystery of the infinite that transcends and attracts us, the religions remind us that we are creatures...not omnipotent...journeying towards the same heavenly goal." This shared nature then creates naturally "a common bond, an authentic fraternity," said the Pope, recalling how the Central Asian nation of Kazakhstan throughout history has been a land of encounter involving ideas, faiths, and trade as in the ancient silk route. He expressed hopes for the encounter of religions to be always based on human relationships marked by "respect, sincere dialogue, respect for the inviolable dignity of each human being, and mutual cooperation."

Authentic religiosity

He quoted throughout his address Kazakhstan's most renowned poet and the father of its modern literature, Abai (1845-1904), whose writings reflect deep religious devotion and "the noble soul of this people." He recalled how Abai frequently addressed the ultimate questions about life and meaning to cultivate a spirituality, and quoting him, the Pope said this keeps "the soul alive and the mind clear," and that people count on people of faith to be "examples of souls alive and minds clear" as well as reflecting "an authentic religiosity." The Pope recalled that fundamentalism "defiles and corrupts every creed" and that we must have "open and compassionate hearts." *"The pursuit of transcendence and the sacred value of fraternity can inspire and illumine the decisions that need to be made amid the geopolitical, social, economic, ecological, but fundamentally spiritual crises that many modern institutions, including democracies, are presently experiencing, to the detriment of security and concord among peoples. We need religion, in order to respond to the thirst for world peace and the thirst for the infinite that dwells in the heart of each man and woman."*

Religious freedom

Pope Francis then noted the importance of religious freedom as "an essential condition for genuinely human and integral development." Created free, every person "has the right to render public testimony to his or her own creed, proposing it without ever imposing it," through proselytism or indoctrination. Reflecting on the theme of this Congress looking at how to offer spiritual and social support in a post-pandemic world, the Pope focused on four challenges we all face and in special way urged religions to work together toward a greater unity of purpose.

Vulnerability and responsibility

The Covid-19 pandemic put everyone "in the same boat," the Pope observed, adding how it exposed our common vulnerability and need for help. He praised the "powerful sense of solidarity" that resulted from the pandemic but warned that we must not squander it. Here he said religions are "called to be present on the front lines, as promoters of unity amid the grave challenges that risk dividing our human family even further." *"It is up to us, who believe in the Divine, to help our brothers and sisters at the present time not to forget our vulnerability...In a word, the sense of shared vulnerability that emerged during the pandemic should motivate us to move forward, not as we did before, but now with greater humility and foresight."* The Pope then added that believers are "called to care" for humanity and become "artisans of communion, witnesses of a cooperation that transcends the confines of our community, ethnic, national and religious affiliations." He said we begin by listening to the poor, the neglected, the helpless show "suffer in silence and general disregard." *"What I propose is not only a path to greater attentiveness and solidarity, but also a path to healing for our societies. For poverty is precisely what enables the spread of epidemics and other great evils that flourish on the terrain of poverty and inequality."*

Challenge of Peace

The second global challenge the Pope highlighted is the challenge of peace. Although discussed by religious leaders especially in recent decades, the scourge of war and confrontation still plagues the world, he observed. This requires a "leap forward" by the great religions to actively unite and commit to peace, the Pope said, if people of our day are to be inspired to engage in respectful and responsible dialogue. *"God is peace. He guides us always in the way of peace, never that of war. Let us commit ourselves, then, even more to insisting on the need for resolving conflicts not by the inconclusive means of power, with arms and threats, but by the only means blessed by heaven and worthy of man: encounter, dialogue and patient negotiations, which make progress especially when they take into consideration the young and future generations...Let us invest, I beg you, in this: not in more weapons, but in education!"*

Fraternal acceptance

The third challenge facing us is "fraternal acceptance," the Pope explained, noting how every day "children, born and unborn, migrants and elderly persons, are cast aside...yet every human being is sacred." It is especially the task of the religions to remind the world of this, the Pope said, recalling the massive exodus of people today caused by war, poverty and climate change. He said, "it is our duty to be mindful that the Creator, who watches over each of His creatures, exhorts us to regard others as He does, and in them to see the face of a brother or a sister." *"Let us rediscover the art of hospitality, of acceptance, of compassion. And let us learn also to be ashamed: yes, to experience that healthy shame born of compassion for those who suffer, sympathy and concern for their condition and for their fate, which we realize that we too share. This is the path of compassion, which makes us better human beings and better believers."*

Care for our common home

The final challenge we all face is "care for our common home," that we protect the natural environment from the damage we cause through pollution, exploitation, and devastation. He noted how "the mindset of exploitation" is destroying our common home and leading to "an eclipse of the respectful and religious vision of the world willed by the Creator."

Going forward together

In conclusion, Pope Francis encouraged everyone to "go forward together, so that the journey of the religions may be increasingly marked by friendship." *"May the Almighty...enable us to cultivate open and fraternal friendships through frequent dialogue and luminous sincerity of purpose. May we never aim at artificial and conciliatory forms of syncretism, but firmly maintain our own identities, open to the courage of otherness and to fraternal encounter. Only in this way, in these dark times in which we live, will we be able to radiate the light of our Creator."*