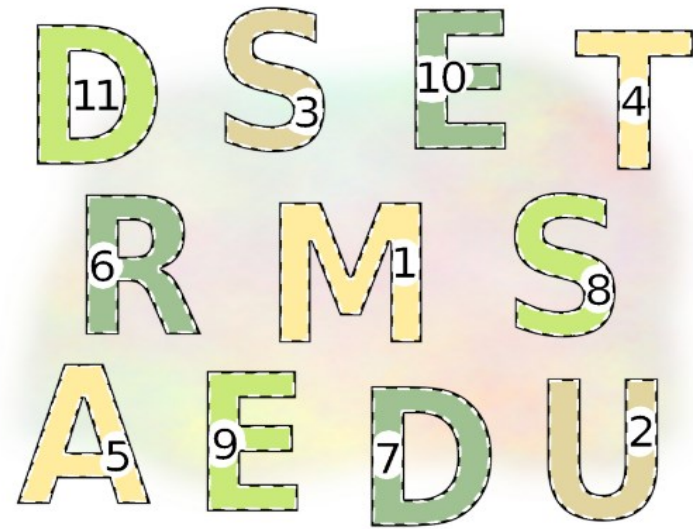


# The Kids' Bulletin

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 2nd, 2022

What did Jesus say in today's Gospel reading when the apostles asked Him to give them more faith?

Sort out the letters by number and put them in the spaces below.



"If you have faith the size of a

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you would say to this mulberry tree,  
'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,'  
and it would obey you.

Luke 17:5-10



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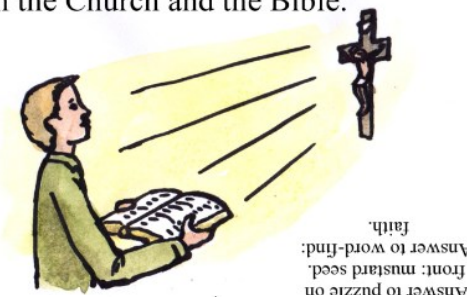


## faith...

In today's Gospel we learn a little bit about faith. In fact, Jesus says we only need a tiny bit of faith to do amazing things. If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, He said, you can tell a tree to throw itself into the sea and it will!

But what is faith? Faith is believing. We have faith in our parents and teachers. That means that we believe what they tell us and we trust them. We have faith in our friends too. Faith in God is a little bit different, though. It is a gift He gives us so that we can believe in Him.

When we are baptized God gives us the gift of faith. Then it's up to us to use it. We use that gift when we decide to believe in God and what He tells us in the Church and the Bible.



Your Future is  
as BRIGHT  
as your Faith

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"Still a wonderful place to pray & stay"

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Tues, Wed, Fri. 8.00am  
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WEEKEND MASS:

Saturday Vigil 6pm  
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## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 2 October 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 [secrery@olol7hills.com.au](mailto:secrery@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, Candida Irugalbandara, Fr Chispian Leo, David Obradovic, Benedicto Pacanza, Antonio Pellicano, Susila Wijeratne.

Anniversaries: Noura Bayssari, Jean, Elsie & Carl Carrick, Maria Clarke, Vough Clarke, Berlino Dulza, Joan Falzon, Melvyn Fernandes, Charlie Galea, Charlie Gaudi, Julio Ho Tan Luat, Paul Ho Quang Thay, Marie Le Thi Men, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Adele Moroney, Denis Morrissey, Antonio Marra, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Emmanuel Falson, Rupert Pacanza, Thekla Percoumal, Maria Laberinto Ramos, John Ratnam, Arsenio Rivera Sr, Benigno Rival, Iluminada & Cornelio Rondario, Caroline Susainathan, Floriana & Eugino Usero, Bibiano Villanueva, Victor, Juana, Philip Yu Sing, Loretta Laberinto Udan, Mary Zammit.

Remembrance: France Angseesing, Carmen Attard, Roy Mary & Des Barney, Sylvia & Sam Bathista, Cini Family, Myrna Cruz, Josefa Flores, Magion Family, Apolinario & Felina Maglaya, Gerard Marcello, Mary Mifsud, Anton & Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Muscat Family, Josephine & Charles Muscat, Mary Muscat, Andreana & Felix Muscat, Mile Perak, John & Roseline Ratnam, Edwin Tabone, Tony Vassallo.

### 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 Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry ‘Oppression!’ in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes.

Then the Lord answered and said,

‘Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.’

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **(R.)**

SECOND READING  
*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God’s gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God.

Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!  
The word of the Lord stands for ever;  
it is the word given to you, the Good News.  
Alleluia!

GOSPEL  
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:5-10*

The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith.’ The Lord replied, ‘Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, “Be uprooted and planted in the sea”, and it would obey you.

‘Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, “Come and have your meal immediately”? Would he not be more likely to say, “Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards”? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, “We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty.”

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](http://www.olol7hills.org.au)

**FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK** <https://www.facebook.com/LOL7Hills/>



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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>

**EMERGENCY  
Ukraine Appeal**

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to people in Ukraine.

DONATE TODAY  
[www.caritas.org.au/ukraine](http://www.caritas.org.au/ukraine)  
1800 024 413 toll free

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

1/2 October 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Jerome Irudayaraj 9.30am Kilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: C. Menezes, M. Mifsud 8am: E. Mui, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: S. Lenthall, S. Manamperi
Readers	Vigil: N. Do Rosario, M. Simic 8am: N. Arambulo, P. Ferriols 9.30am K. Huihui, J. Nonato
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. Bagatella, VOLUNTEERS 8.00am K. Maruthanayagam, VOLUNTEERS 9.30am L. Culili, M. Pieris
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby, Flo & Liz,
Church cleaning	5 Oct Sandy Manamperi, Jerome Peralta Lourdes Spiteri
Welcomers	Vigil: Judith Deloso 8am: Suzy Nemorin 9.30am: Lena Falzon

8/9 October 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: James Dinning 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Eugene Miu
Ministers	Vigil: C Gonzales, C. Jansz 8am: L. Fernandes, VOLUNTEER 9.30am: B. Chandler, P. Gow
Readers	Vigil: A. Punch, J. Sarmiento 8am: A. Joseph, M. Santos 9.30am M. Aquino, VOLUNTEER
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alex Spadaro, VOLUNTEERS 8.00am VOLUNTEERS 9.30am S. Culili, VOLUNTEERS
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Young Adults Group
Flowers	Claudette & Judith
Church cleaning	13 Oct Chuck & Karen Baquial
Welcomers	Vigil: Helen Gonzales 8am: Rita Paolini 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR

OCTOBER

6	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am
6	Legion of Mary	1:30pm
10	School Term 4 starts	
12	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting	7.30pm
13	Over 50’s Meeting	10.30am
16	Fr. Henry’s Jubilee Family Celebrations	9.30am

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**Love for our brothers and sisters**

Besides the primacy of God, the Pope continued, the Eucharist calls us to love our brothers and sisters. This Bread, he said, is the Sacrament of love. “It is Christ who offers himself and breaks himself for us and asks us to do the same.” The rich man of the Gospel fails in this task and when at the end of his life, the Lord turns the tables, he finally notices Lazarus, but Abraham tells him: “Between us and you a great chasm is established.” (Lk 16:26). “Our eternal future depends on this present life: if we dig a chasm between ourselves and our brothers, we ‘dig our own grave’ for later,” Pope Francis explained. *“If we raise walls against our brothers now, we remain imprisoned in loneliness and death.”*

**The story of our time**

The Pope decried the fact that this parable is still the story of our day: “the injustices, the inequalities, the unequal distribution of the earth’s resources, the abuse of the powerful against the weak, the indifference to the cries of the poor, the abyss we dig every day generating marginalisation,” cannot, he said, “leave us indifferent.” And he called on Christians to recognise that the Eucharist is the prophecy of a new world, it is the presence of Jesus that asks us to commit ourselves so that an effective conversion may take place: “from indifference to compassion, from waste to sharing, from selfishness to love, from individualism to fraternity.”

**A Eucharistic Church**

The Pope said a Eucharistic Church must be made up of women and men “who break as bread for all those who chew loneliness and poverty, for those who hunger for tenderness and compassion, for those whose lives are crumbling because the good leaven of hope has been lacking.” It is a Church, he continued, that kneels before the Eucharist and worships the Lord present in the bread, but which “also knows how to bend with compassion before the wounds of those who suffer, lifting up the poor, wiping away the tears of those who suffer, making itself bread of hope and joy for all.” *“There is no true Eucharistic worship without compassion for the many ‘Lazarus’ who even today, walk beside us.”* Echoing the theme of the Congress, Pope invited those present to “return to the taste of bread,” because while we are hungry for love and hope, or we are broken by the trials and sufferings of life, Jesus becomes food that feeds us and heals us.

**Apostles of fraternity**

“Let us return to the taste for bread, because while injustice and discrimination against the poor continue to take place in the world, Jesus gives us the Bread of Sharing and sends us out daily as apostles of fraternity, justice and peace,” he said. *“Let us return to the taste of bread to be a Eucharistic Church, which puts Jesus at the centre and becomes bread of tenderness and mercy for all.”* “Let us return to the taste of bread to remember that while this earthly existence of ours is being consumed, the Eucharist anticipates the promise of resurrection and guides us towards the new life that conquers death,” he said, inviting Christians to return to the taste of bread whenever hope fades and we feel the loneliness of the heart, inner weariness, the torment of sin, the fear of not succeeding.” *“Let us return to Jesus, let us adore Jesus, let us welcome Jesus. For He conquers death and always renews our life.”*

**POPE FRANCIS’ MESSAGE FOR WORLD DAY FOR MIGRANTS & REFUGEES**

At the end of [this celebration](#), I would like to thank all of you who have taken part, representing the holy People of God in Italy. And I am grateful to Cardinal Zuppi, who acted as its spokesperson. I congratulate the diocesan community of Matera-Irsina for the organizational and welcoming effort, and I thank everyone who collaborated in this Eucharistic Congress. Now, before concluding, let us turn to the Virgin Mary, Eucharistic Woman. We entrust to her the journey of the Church in Italy, so that in every community the fragrance of Christ the living Bread descended from Heaven may be felt. Today I would dare to ask for Italy: more births, more children. And we invoke her maternal intercession for the world’s most urgent needs. I think, in particular, of Myanmar. For more than two years that noble country has been martyred by serious armed clashes and violence, which have caused many victims and displaced persons. This week I heard the cry of grief at the death of children in a bombed school. We see that in today’s world there is a trend for bombing schools. May the cry of these little ones not go unheard! These tragedies must not happen! Mary, Queen of Peace, comfort the martyred Ukrainian people and obtain from the heads of Nations the strength of will immediately to find effective initiatives to bring the war to an end. I join in the appeal of the bishops of Cameroon for the liberation of some people kidnapped in the diocese of Mamfe, including five priests and a religious sister. I pray for them and for the populations of the ecclesiastical province of Bamenda: may the Lord give peace to hearts and to the social life of that dear country. Today, this Sunday, the Church celebrates World Day of Migrants and Refugees, on the theme: “Building the future with migrants and refugees”. Let us renew our commitment to building the future in accordance with God’s plan: a future in which every person may find his or her place and be respected; in which migrants, refugees, displaced persons and the victims of human trafficking may live in peace and with dignity. So that the Kingdom of God is realized with them, without exclusion. It is also thanks to those brothers and sisters that communities can grow on a social, economic, cultural and spiritual level; and the sharing of diverse traditions enriches the People of God. Let us all work together to build a more inclusive and fraternal future! Migrants must be welcomed, accompanied, supported and integrated.



**FROM FR. HENRY DUC**

Dear Friends,  
‘Give and take’ has been what I often heard people remind each other, even between parents and children. This seems to be the principle guiding our social relationship and helps us to be mindful of the duty we ought to fulfil before thinking of claiming any right. This ‘give and take’ principle, perhaps, is a good tool to make our world a fairer place, since there could be no fairness if someone would keep take in all the time and give away nothing. However, we have got to remember that this principle is just applicable to our human interrelationship and won’t work in our relationship with God, since God is a constant giver, who has been so generous in giving us his endless grace, and we on the other hand simply are receivers of his grace day in and day out. Consequently, it is not a right thing for us to do as we expect a reward from Him for the things we do or say, and then blame Him for failing to grant us what we expect, or what we pray for. The last words in the Gospel this week keep us in perspective, when we are reminded by Jesus of who we truly are that ‘we are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty’ through the prayers we pray, the Mass we celebrate, the charity works we do for our sisters and brothers in need, the Good News we proclaim in our various ministries, and so on. This realisation, in no doubt, will help position us right in our relationship with God by removing the attitude of expectation from God and filling our heart with the spirit of faith and trust that the disciples ask for and Jesus perhaps is pleased to pour into our souls. Let us ask the Lord today for (1) the wisdom to remember our true status as His servants in the world and be mindful of our duties to Him, and (2) the strength to gladly carry out our responsibilities with no expectations. Have a Christian duty-oriented week.  
Fr Henry

**PARISH NEWS...**




**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



**LOURDES OVER 50's** The next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday 13th October from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Parishioners are welcome to join us.

**LOL HSC MASS** We're excited to invite all YEAR 12 Students and their families to a Special HSC Mass at 6pm on Saturday the 8th of October; to pray for your success for the HSC Exams. We also invite students studying a health course and young professionals working in healthcare to join us. After the Mass in the Parish Hall around 7:30pm, all students and their families as well as university students and young professionals join us in the Parish Hall to network and share your challenges and experiences in your everyday work. Special guests:  
Dr Michael Tan - Retired GP and Permanent Deacon of the Diocese of Parrmatta  
Dr Bernadette Dulawan - Blacktown GP and parishioner at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown  
Paula Meli - Member of the 4-person team supporting in the Diocesan Health Care Ministries Formation Community



**Fr Henry's**  
**25th Silver Jubilee**  
**Family Day!**

**Sunday 16th October**

Come celebrate with Fr. Henry  
at the 9.30am Mass,  
with lunch afterwards in the Hall.

Please bring a cake  
or a plate to share for dessert.



**REMINDER**  
**Daylight Savings**  
**begins in NSW on**  
**Sunday 2 October at**  
**2am.**  
**Please move your**  
**clocks forward**  
**one hour.**

DAYLIGHT  
SAVING  
TIME  
*Spring*  
FORWARD





# SEASON OF CREATION

Season of Creation Vatican HQ 2:46

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwjKAOQ0 is>

**SOCIAL JUSTICE GROUP** Welcome to our last Sunday in the Season of Creation. Join us for Mass 8am Tuesday 4th Oct, Feast of St Francis closing the Season of Creation. Check out the video links on our Social Justice Page from **108th WORLD DAY OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**, Building the Future with Migrants and Refugees and other upcoming events.

## SEASON OF CREATION 2022

Check out the Diocesan Web page for ideas to celebrate the [Season of Creation](#) and [Laudato Si Campaign](#). Some videosto check out

[what is the season of creation?](#)

[Listen to the Voice of Creation](#) from Columbans

[Season of Creation Vatican HQ 2:46](#)

[Do you hear that? It is the voice of Creation!](#)

### Pope's prayer from Laudato Si

All-powerful God,  
you are present in the whole universe  
and in the smallest of your creatures.  
You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.  
Pour out upon us the power of your love,  
that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace,  
that we may live as brothers and sisters,  
harming no one.

O God of the poor,  
help us to rescue the abandoned  
and forgotten of this earth,  
so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,  
that we may protect the world and not prey on it,  
that we may sow beauty,  
not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look  
only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,  
to be filled with awe and contemplation,  
to recognize that we are profoundly united  
with every creature as we journey  
towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.  
Encourage us, we pray,  
in our struggle for justice,  
love and peace.

## PRAY FOR OUR HSC CLASS OF 2022

Year 12 students and their families are invited to attend local HSC Masses being organised by parish teams across Western Sydney and the Blue Mountains to recognise their hard work and dedication ahead of their exams. Parishes will be blessing students over the weekends of 1-2 and 8-9 October. Check with your local parish for their dedicated HSC Mass times or visit [facebook.com/catholicyouthparra](https://www.facebook.com/catholicyouthparra) to download the flyer.

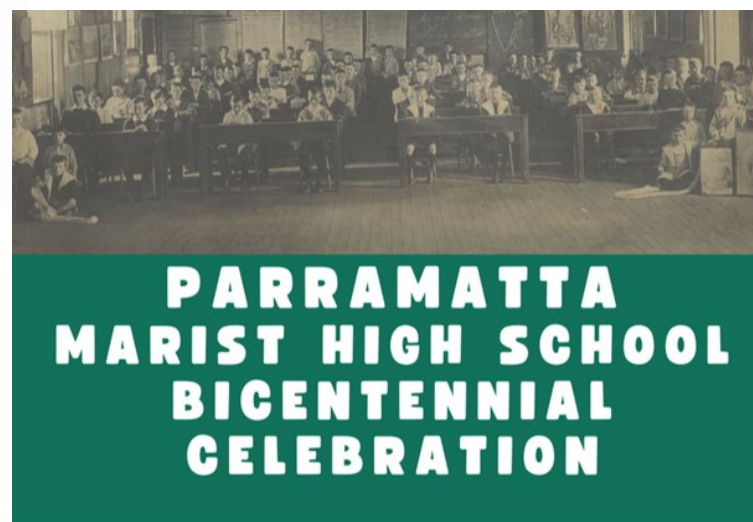
## DIOCESAN ECOLOGICAL SPIRITUALITY RETREAT DAY

**Sat 8 October 9am-4pm** Following the Season of Creation, the Diocese of Parramatta's Laudato Si' Action Team invites you to a retreat day about ecological spirituality. Guest speaker Trish Hindmarsh to explore the deeply spiritual foundations of caring for our common home. Enjoy the hospitality of Winbourne Retreat Centre and the beautiful nature surrounding the site. Copies Trish's new book will be provided to all participants for the day and can be purchased afterwards. Cost: \$25 (incl. morning/afternoon tea and lunch). Please register at [parracatholic.org/PJRetreat](https://parracatholic.org/PJRetreat) (limited availability; registrations close 30 Sept, 12 noon).

## ABORIGINAL CATHOLICS AND RECONCILIATION

**Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann: Friday 7 October, 5:30-7:30pm**

The Archdiocese of Sydney has invited Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann to speak about the topic "Aboriginal Catholics and Reconciliation". Dr Miriam Rose is an Aboriginal Artist and Educator, famous for her reflections on Dadirri, and the 2021 Senior Australian of the year. St Mary's Cathedral School Hall (2 Saint Mary's Rd, Sydney). Find out more and register [here](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aboriginal-catholics-and-reconciliation-tickets-409446334007) . <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aboriginal-catholics-and-reconciliation-tickets-409446334007>



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## POPE FRANCIS TO ECONOMY OF FRANCESCO YOUTH

Pope Francis calls on the young people of the Economy of Francesco to work for social, relational and spiritual sustainability, and to recognize the cry of the poor and the cry of the planet.

**By Christopher Wells**

"When a young person sees in another young person the same calling, and this experience is repeated with hundreds, and even thousands of other young people, then great things become possible..."

Pope Francis opened his speech with these words of encouragement for the young people taking part in the Economy of Francesco, reminding them that they can change the world for the better.

*"You young people, with the help of God, know what to do, you can do it. Young people have done this before in the course of history."*

The Holy Father recognized that previous generations have left to the young many riches, but "have not known how to protect the planet and are not securing peace." Young people, he said, "are called to become artisans and builders of our common home."

### A prophetic vision of the environment and the earth

Pope Francis also highlighted the model of prophecy that was the focus of the Economy of Francesco, and insisted on the need for a "new vision of the environment and the earth."

In addition to ecological sustainability, the Pope also called attention to the social, relational, and spiritual dimensions of sustainability.

This, he said, involves recognizing the cry of the poor in the cry of the earth, and keeping the poor ever in mind; building relationships to overcome a "famine of happiness in the modern world"; and recognizing that spiritual capital is prior to, and more important than, economic capital.

### Respect, love, and care for the poor

Recalling the love of Saint Francis for the poor, Pope Francis insisted that the Economy of Francesco must "respect, love, and care for the poor, for every poor person, for every fragile and vulnerable person."

This, he said, means not only working for the poor, but changing the economy. We need not embrace poverty, as Saint Francis did, but must change the economy in order to combat the misery people face.

Finally, Pope Francis concluded his remarks with three signposts for the young people going forward.

He invited them to look at the world with the eyes of the poorest of the poor; to remember those who work with their hands and the importance of work; and to "incarnate" their ideas in concrete actions.

## POPE FRANCIS AT EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS: BREAD MUST BE SHARED ON THE TABLE OF THE WORLD

Pope Francis celebrates Holy Mass in the city of Matera at the conclusion of the 27th National Eucharistic Congress reminding Christians there is no Eucharistic worship without compassion for the poor. *By Linda Bordoni*

Pope Francis invited Christians to "return to the taste of bread to remember that while this earthly existence of ours is being consumed, the Eucharist anticipates the promise of resurrection and guides us towards the new life that conquers death." Speaking during the homily at Holy Mass to conclude the 27th National Eucharistic Congress in the southern Italian city of Matera on Sunday, the Pope reflected on the Gospel of Luke which tells of the rich man and the poor Lazarus who hoped, in vain, to be fed by the crumbs falling from the former's table. (Lk 16, 19-31).

"The Gospel we have just heard tells us that bread is not always shared on the table of the world; it does not always emanate the fragrance of communion; it is not always broken in justice," he said.

Inviting the faithful to reflect on the dramatic scene described by Jesus in this parable that presents us on the one hand with "a rich man dressed in purple garments and fine linen, flaunting his opulence and feasting lavishly," and on the other with "a poor man, covered in sores, who lies at the door hoping to eat the crumbs that fall from that table," the Pope said that faced with this contradiction, we must ask ourselves what the Sacrament of the Eucharist, "source and summit of a Christian's life" asks of us?

### The primacy of God

First of all, he explained, the Eucharist reminds us of the primacy of God. The rich man in the parable is not open to a relationship with God: "he thinks only of his own well-being, of satisfying his needs, of enjoying life. He pleases himself and worships worldly wealth, he is closed in his own little world. Self-satisfied, drunk with money, dazed by vanity, there is no place in his life for God because he worships only himself."

It is no coincidence, he continued, that we do not say his name: we call him 'rich' because his identity stems from the goods he possesses.

The Pope said this is a sad reality that we continue to see today "when we confuse what we are with what we have. When we judge people by their wealth, the titles they display, the roles they hold, or the labels on the clothes they wear."

*"It is the religion of having and appearing, which often dominates this world, but in the end leaves us empty-handed."*

On the contrary, Pope Francis continued, the poor man has a name: Lazarus, which means 'God will help'.

"Despite his condition of poverty and marginalisation, his dignity is intact because he lives in relationship with God. There is something of God in his very name, and God is the unshakeable hope of his life," he said.

*"Here then is the challenge that the Eucharist offers to our lives: to worship God and not oneself."*

Inviting the faithful to put Him at the centre, the Pope said that "if we worship ourselves, we die in the asphyxiation of our small selves; if we worship the riches of this world, they take possession of us and make us slaves; if we worship the god of appearances and inebriate ourselves in wastefulness, sooner or later life will present us with the bill."

Instead, he added, when we adore the Lord Jesus present in the Eucharist, we also receive a new 'look' for our lives: "I am not the things I possess and the successes I manage to achieve; the value of my life does not depend on how much I can show off, nor does it diminish when I fail and fall."

*"I am a beloved child; I am blessed by God; He has clothed me with beauty and wants me to be free from all bondage. He who worships God does not become anyone's slave."*