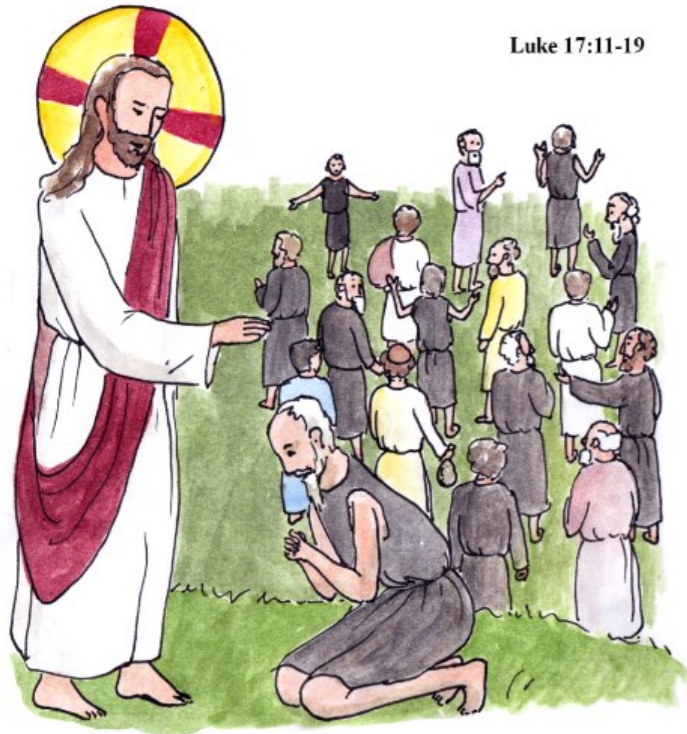


# The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
October 9th, 2022

How many lepers walked away without saying 'Thank you' when Jesus healed them?



Luke 17:11-19

Count how many of the people who are walking away are wearing dark grey clothes.

## True or False? Jesus Cures the Ten Lepers

How well do you know the story of Jesus and the Lepers?

1. When Jesus was walking to Jerusalem, he met ten lepers. True or false?
2. The lepers came right up to Jesus and touched Him. True or false?
3. Jesus didn't touch them; all He said was, "Go show yourselves to the priests." True or false?
4. Half of the lepers were healed and half weren't. True or false?
5. All of them came back to thank Jesus. True or false?
6. Only one man came back to thank Jesus, and he was a foreigner. True or false?
7. Jesus said, "Your faith has saved you." True or false?



One leper returns to give Jesus thanks!  
Luke 17:11-21



## thankfulness

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus cured ten lepers. Leprosy is a horrible disease that eats away at a person's body until they die. It was pretty amazing for those people when Jesus just told them to go and show themselves to the priests and they realized that they were cured!



THANK YOU FOR  
LETTING ME  
RECEIVE YOU!



Now think about your life. You've probably never had a disease like leprosy, but God has still done amazing things for you. He made you and gave you everything you need to live. He gave you your friends and family, and most especially He gives Himself to us in the Mass and at Holy Communion. Do you remember to say 'Thank you' to God?

Answers to True or False: 1.true 2.false 3.true 4.false 5.true 6.true 7.true



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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:** 16th November 2022  
**Baptism:** 9th October 2022  
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## TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 9 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 secretary@olol7hills.com.au We can also arrange for Holy Communion or a visit if required.

### Let us Pray for the Deceased

**Recently Deceased:** Helen Salem, Rosa De Luca, Anthony J Mortimer, Candida Irugalbandara, Fr Chispian Leo, Susila Wijeratne, Elias Niadas, Maricel Nonato, Eunice Sagge.

**Anniversaries:** Jean, Elsie & Carl Carrick, Berlino Dulza, Melvyn Fernandes, Adele Moroney, Denis Morrissey, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Romeo M Palmos, Maria Laberinto Ramos, Arsenio Rivera Sr, Benigno Rival, Iluminada & Cornelio Rondario, Loreta L Udan.

**Remembrance:** France Angseesing, Roy Mary & Des Barney, Cini Family, Magion Family, Gerard Marcello, Mary Mifsud, Anton & Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Muscat Family, Josephine & Charles Muscat, Mary Muscat, Mile Perak, John & Roseline Ratnam, Edwin Tabone,

### 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

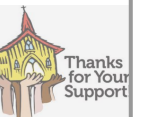
On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you very much for your ongoing support, which has been absolutely vital in keeping our Parish going strong. Projects completed include the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church 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 second book of the Kings 5:14 -17*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. ‘Now I know’ he said, ‘that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.’ But Elisha replied, ‘As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.’ Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, ‘Since your answer is “No,” allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.’

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.**

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation. **(R.)**

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel. **(R.)**  
  
All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord all the earth,  
ring out your joy. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING**  
*A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy 2:8 -13*

Remember the Good News that I carry. ‘Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David’; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God’s news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.  
Here is a saying that you can rely on:  
If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.  
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.  
If we disown him, then he will disown us.  
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self.

The Word of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
For all things give thanks to God,  
because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL**  
*A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 17:11-19*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, ‘Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.’ When he saw them he said, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, ‘Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.’ And he said to the man, ‘Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.’

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/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](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

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, S Manamperi
Altar Servers	Vigil: Alex Spadaro, VOLUNTEERS 8.00am VOLUNTEERS 9.30am S. Culili, VOLUNTEERS  Young Adults Group
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	
Flowers	Claudette & Judith
Church cleaning	13 Oct Chuck & Karen Baquial
Welcomers	Vigil: Helen Gonzales 8am: Rita Paolini 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain

15/16 October 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Terry Jordan 9.30am Ramzee Michael
Ministers	Vigil: M Simic, M Mifsud 8am: F Balatbat, H Gonzales 9.30am: A Bellissimo, M Michael
Readers	Vigil: B Motha, N Do Rosario 8am: A McNally, K Walker 9.30am H Katopau, L Bellissimo
Altar Servers	Vigil: A. Laus, L Laus, S Thoms 8.00am VOLUNTEERS 9.30am C Attard, C Katopau, O Katopau
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Parish Pastoral Council
Flowers	Fennie & Angela
Church cleaning	22 Oct Helen Gonzales, Dennis Gonzales, Novelo Paylaga, Adrian Pinto & Maricel Santos
Welcomers	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: C Gonzales 9.30am: Volunteer

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR

OCTOBER

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

Reviewing the history of the Council, and especially living the present in the spirit of the Synod, with an open and free heart, the Pope says, is the way to avoid becoming discouraged and to make room for God. "From the Second Vatican Ecumenical Council we have received much," Pope Francis says, pointing to an increased awareness of the people of God, "a central category in the Council texts, that is recalled no less than one hundred and eighty-four times." This, he explains, helps us understand the fact that the Church is not an elite of priests and consecrated persons and that each baptised person is an active subject of evangelisation. "One would not understand the Council, nor the current synodal path, if evangelisation were not placed at the centre of everything," he writes. *The book, "Giovanni XXIII. Il Vaticano II un Concilio per il mondo", in Italian, published by Bolis Edizioni, is scheduled to be in bookshops on the eve of the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council which took place on 11 October 1962.*

**POPE FRANCIS AT AUDIENCE: 'DISCERNMENT REQUIRES LOVING RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD'** By Devin Watkins  
Pope Francis kicked off a new series of catecheses on discernment at the Wednesday General Audience, reflecting on the question: "What does it mean to discern?" Discernment, he said, is a process which everyone must learn to master in order to live well. "One chooses food, clothing, a course of study, a job, a relationship," he said. "In all of these, a life project is realised, and so is our relationship with God."

**Brains, heart, hands**  
The Pope said Jesus often spoke about discernment by employing images from ordinary life, such as choosing the better fish, or the best pearl, or even knowing what to do when we find a treasure. *"Discernment presents itself as an exercise of intelligence, of skill, and also of will, to seize the opportune moment: these are conditions for making a good choice."* He added that making the best choice between a set of options also involves our emotions, since a well-made choice can bring us great joy. Pope Francis said Jesus uses everyday images to describe discernment because the Kingdom of God "manifests itself in the ordinary actions of life, which require us to take a stand." "This is why it is so important to be able to discern," he said, "great choices can arise from circumstances that at first sight seem secondary, but turn out to be decisive."

**Hard work & freedom**  
Discernment requires several indispensable elements, including "knowledge, experience, emotion, and will." *"Discernment involves hard work. According to the Bible, we do not find set before us the life we are to live. God invites us to evaluate and choose. He created us free and wants us to exercise our freedom. Therefore, discerning is demanding."* The Pope noted that most people have had the experience of choosing something we thought was good for us, but which later turned out to be the wrong choice.

**Choices & consequences**  
At the same time, said Pope Francis, many of us have also known what our true good was but did not choose it. Even in the first pages of the Bible, God gives Adam and Eve a specific instruction on how to live to be happy. "If you want to live, if you want to enjoy life, remember that you are a creature, that you are not the criterion of good and evil, and that the choices you make will have a consequence, for you, for others and for the world; you can make the earth a magnificent garden or you can make it a desert of death."

**Relationship & love**  
Pope Francis noted that discernment is "indispensable for living" and requires us to know ourselves and "what is good for me in the here and now." *"Above all, [discernment] requires a filial relationship with God. God is Father and He does not leave us alone, He is always willing to advise us, to encourage us, to welcome us. But He never imposes His will."* Finally, the Pope concluded his catechesis at the General Audience by reminding us that God wants us to love Him and not fear Him. "Love can only be lived in freedom," he said. "To learn to live one must learn to love, and for this it is necessary to discern."

**POPE FRANCIS AT AUDIENCE: PRAYER IS INDISPENSABLE AID TO DISCERNMENT** By Christopher Wells  
Continuing his catechesis on discernment, at the Wednesday General Audience, Pope Francis emphasized the importance of prayer. He said prayer is "an indispensable aid to spiritual discernment, especially when it involves the affections." Prayer, he added, allows us to "go beyond thoughts, to enter into intimacy with the Lord, with an affectionate spontaneity." *"The secret of the lives of the saints is familiarity and confidence with God, which grows in them and makes it ever easier to recognize what is pleasing to Him."*

**Whole self required to discern**  
The Holy Father went on to say that discernment is a part of life, and so is not always absolutely certain. And, citing Saint Paul, he noted that even when we know what we should do, we don't always do it. Precisely because human beings are more than just reasoning machines, he said, our emotions and affections are an important part of discerning God's will and doing it. Pope Francis pointed to the first miracle recorded in the Gospel of Mark, where Jesus performs an exorcism, freeing a man "from the false image of God that Satan has been suggesting from the beginning: that God does not want our happiness." The possessed man cannot accept Jesus because of the devil within him.

**Emotions helpful in discernment**  
Turning then to the young rich man in Matthew's Gospel, who went away sad when Jesus suggested he give up all he had to follow Him, the Pope said that sadness or fear are signs of distance from God. The young man's attachments to earthly good's made it hard to fulfill the desire of his heart. On the other hand, joy is a sign of a true encounter with Jesus. Discernment can still be difficult, because appearances are often deceptive. Through prayer, however, we can grow in familiarity with God, which "can meet doubts in a gentle way, making our lives increasingly receptive to His 'gentle light,' according to the beautiful expression of St. John Henry Newman."



**FROM FR. HENRY DUC**  
Dear Friends,  
This Sunday we have a beautiful Gospel account recounting one of many miracles Jesus carried out during his public ministry. Here the evangelist tells us how Jesus heals not just or two lepers from their disease, but all ten of them at the same time, and also remember that leprosy one also known as Hansen's disease was considered as an incurable disease in Jesus' time, and lepers were made to isolate themselves from the community. That's why the ten lepers had to stand from afar and called out 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' Though leprosy is treatable these days with antibiotics, this disease still poses a serious threat to many in Third World countries with nearly 130,000 cases reported in 2020 worldwide, and amongst them were 8,629 children under the age of 15. Australia, however, is not completely free of leprosy, since there are about 10 to 20 notified cases yearly. The way Jesus heals the lepers is truly remarkable, he takes no action other than simply gives them an order to present themselves to the priests, those who are Jewish go to the Jerusalem Temple, and the Samaritans to their Mt Gerizim Temple, perhaps for the rite of purification as required by the law of Moses (cf. Leviticus 14.1-32). His words, however, are the healing ones, since the lepers found themselves completely healed from their horrible disease while they were on their way to see the priests. What is even more remarkable is that out of the ten who were cured from leprosy, only the Samaritan who was considered as a pagan or foreigner by Jewish people returned to say thank you to Jesus, while the other nine decided not to come back. Jesus then makes this powerful remark, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' By singling out the Samaritan as the only one to return to offer praise and thanks to God, Jesus means to send out this message to the disciples and his followers that the one traditionally considered as faithless by the Jewish community, in fact, is a faith-filled person, while the other considered as God's chosen ones are simply nominal and have no faith in God at all. This story appears to challenge us to reflect upon our identity as Catholics and ask ourselves whether we truly are Catholic by the way we live our lives, since Catholicism is more than just a name, it requires us to live out our faith by both what we do and say, otherwise we would end up like the ungrateful nine in the Gospel today. Let us ask Jesus for his grace to nurture and consolidate our faith and help us in our efforts to show it by means of our words and deeds. Have a faith-filled week. Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...




**FR HENRY'S 25th SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

**FRIDAY 14th OCTOBER 2022**  
**Mass at 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.

**LOOL 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 are invited to 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 Parramatta  
Dr Bernadette Dulawan - Blacktown GP and parishioner at Mary, Queen of the Family Parish Blacktown



**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING**  
Just a message to remind all members of our Parish Pastoral Council to attend a meeting on Wednesday 12 October, 2022 at 7.30pm in the Parish Meeting room.

## DIOCESAN NEWS

### 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 [safe-guardingtraining@parracatholic.org](mailto:safe-guardingtraining@parracatholic.org)

### 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](http://www.parrawyd.org). For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – [james.camden@parracatholic.org](mailto:james.camden@parracatholic.org)

### 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](mailto:marriage@parracatholic.org) by 21 October. Family and friends are welcome.



### LIFTED Live in the Forecourt is back for 2022!

All are welcome to St Patrick's Cathedral, Parramatta on 22 October from 7pm to 10pm for LIFTED Live. Encounter the vibrancy and dynamism of young people of our Church. Live performances, games, activities, art exhibition, and adoration. Share your gifts and talent with our Diocesan community by visiting [www.parracatholic.org/liftedeoi](http://www.parracatholic.org/liftedeoi). If you have questions? Email [gwayne.quevara@parracatholic.org](mailto:gwayne.quevara@parracatholic.org)

### GLENBROOK PARISH MEMORABLE MELODIES CONCERT: 23 October

St Finbar's Parish, Glenbrook, is hosting a memorable melodies concert for voice, violin and organ on Saturday 23 October at 2pm in the parish church. The concert will feature Rebecca Daniel (violin/soprano) and Michael Taylor (organ). Entry is \$15 adults or \$10 concession. For more information, contact the parish office on (02) 4742 6958 or email [glenbrook@parracatholic.org](mailto:glenbrook@parracatholic.org)

### VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR THE DIOCESE OF BROOME

The Diocese of Broome, WA, urgently requires volunteers to assist with the work of the local Church in various Aboriginal communities for a range of tasks including administration, building maintenance and gardening. Placements are preferred for a period of six months plus. In return, volunteers are offered accommodation, living expenses and an allowance. For further details and an application form, please contact Volunteer Coordinator Janet Ryan on (08) 9192 1060 or email [volunteers@broomedioocese.org](mailto:volunteers@broomedioocese.org)

### CATHOLIC BUSHWALKING CLUB

The Sydney-based Catholic Bushwalking Club seeking new members to join their club. Membership is not restricted to Catholics, and is open to all who share an interest in bushwalking and the outdoors. Membership offers a choice of graded walks for a variety of fitness levels on most weekends, and some on weekdays. To learn more about the Club and to become a member, visit <http://www.cbcnsw.org.au/> or call Adriana on 0478 919 427.



### FAITHS 4 CLIMATE JUSTICE MULTI-FAITH SERVICE

Join with people of various faiths to pray for climate justice, in solidarity with Pacific and First Nations peoples: St Patrick's Cathedral Parramatta, 13 October, 9:30–10.30am. The service will feature the OLMC Student String Ensemble, a Pasifika Choir, Buddhist and Muslim chanting, congregational singing led by a Rabbi, and prayers from a range of faith traditions. Find out more at [arrcc.org.au/parramatta\\_f4cj\\_multi\\_faith\\_service](http://arrcc.org.au/parramatta_f4cj_multi_faith_service)

### POPE FRANCIS APPEALS TO PUTIN TO STOP WAR AND ZELENSKY TO BE OPEN TO SERIOUS PEACE OFFERS

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

The course of the war in Ukraine has become so serious, devastating and threatening, as to cause great concern. Therefore, today I would like to devote the entire reflection before the *Angelus* to this. Indeed, this terrible and inconceivable wound to humanity, instead of healing, continues to shed even more blood, risking to spread further.

I am saddened by the rivers of blood and tears spilled in these months. I am saddened by the thousands of victims, especially children, and the destruction which has left many people and families homeless and threaten vast territories with cold and hunger. Certain actions can never be justified, never! It is disturbing that the world is learning the geography of Ukraine through names such as Bucha, Irpin, Mariupol, Izium, Zaporizhzhia and other areas, which have become places of indescribable suffering and fear. And what about the fact that humanity is once again faced with the atomic threat? It is absurd.

What is to happen next? How much blood must still flow for us to realize that war is never a solution, only destruction? In the name of God and in the name of the sense of humanity that dwells in every heart, I renew my call for an immediate ceasefire. Let there be a halt to arms, and let us seek the conditions for negotiations that will lead to solutions that are not imposed by force, but consensual, just and stable. And they will be so if they are based on respect for the sacrosanct value of human life, as well as the sovereignty and territorial integrity of each country, and the rights of minorities and legitimate concerns. I deeply deplore the grave situation that has arisen in recent days, with further actions contrary to the principles of international law. It increases the risk of nuclear escalation, giving rise to fears of uncontrollable and catastrophic consequences worldwide.

My appeal is addressed first and foremost to the President of the Russian Federation, imploring him to stop this spiral of violence and death, also for the sake of his own people. On the other hand, saddened at the immense suffering of the Ukrainian people as a result of the aggression they have suffered, I address an equally confident appeal to the President of Ukraine to be open to serious proposals for peace. I urge all the protagonists of international life and the political leaders of nations to do everything possible to bring an end to the war, without allowing themselves to be drawn into dangerous escalations, and to promote and support initiatives for dialogue. Please let the younger generations breathe the salutary air of peace, not the polluted air of war, which is madness!

After seven months of hostilities, let us use all diplomatic means, even those that may not have been used so far, to bring an end to this terrible tragedy. War in itself is an error and a horror!

Let us trust in the mercy of God, who can change hearts, and in the maternal intercession of the Queen of Peace, as we raise our Supplication to Our Lady of the Rosary of Pompei, spiritually united with the faithful gathered at her Shrine and in so many parts of the world.

### POPE FRANCIS' OCTOBER PRAYER INTENTION: A CHURCH THAT WALKS TOGETHER

By Francesca Merlo

As is customary at the beginning of every month, Pope Francis has released his prayer intention for the month of October: "A Church that is open to everyone".

In The Pope Video, produced by the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network, the Holy Father begins by asking "What does it mean 'to synod'?", before answering himself, that it means walking together: syn-od. He explains that in Greek, the word synod means to walk together, and to walk on the same road.

This, continued the Pope, "is what God expects of the Church of the third millennium – that it regain its awareness of being a people on the road and of having to travel together".

He adds that a Church with this synodal style is one that listens, aware that listening is more than just hearing.

"It means listening to each other in our diversity and opening doors to those outside the Church. It's not about gathering opinions, nor holding a parliament. The synod isn't a survey; it's about listening to the protagonist, the Holy Spirit. It's about praying. Without prayer, there will be no Synod", says the Pope.

His two-minute-long video, which shows images of people walking, praying and attending classes together, ends with the Holy Father asking that we "take advantage of this opportunity to be a Church of closeness, which is God's style – closeness", as well as asking that we "give thanks to all the people of God who, with their attentive listening, are walking the synodal way". Finally, the Pope says, "let us pray that the Church, ever faithful to the Gospel and courageous in preaching it, may live in an increasing atmosphere of synodality and be a community of solidarity, fraternity, and welcome".

### POPE FRANCIS WRITES PREFACE FOR BOOK MARKING VATICAN II ANNIVERSARY

By Linda Bordoni

Entitled "John XXIII. Vatican II a Council for the world" by Fr. Ettore Malnati and Marco Roncalli, the book – in the words of Pope Francis who wrote the preface – reviews the history of the Council in light of the ecumenical developments it triggered and of the current synodal process.

The Pope says he is honoured to have been asked to present this book for a number of reasons.

"The main reason is the Holy Pontiff John XXIII and the Second Vatican Council - which were so decisive for the Church, for its development and its approach to the contemporary world, for its ecumenical journey," he writes.

The introduction to the book also features a reflection by Brother Alois, the Prior of the Ecumenical Community of Taizé, and Pope Francis says he is grateful for the work that is the fruit of sharing.

And he expresses admiration and gratitude to the theological and pastoral gifts of the authors, Father Ettore Malnati whom, he says, continues to live his priesthood in the service of the laity and of culture divulging "the teachings of the Pontiffs", and of Marco Roncalli, historian, journalist and great-nephew of Pope John XXIII (Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli).

Roncalli is the author amongst other works, of several books written in collaboration with late Cardinal Luis Capovilla, personal secretary of John XXIII.

"Marco Roncalli was still a young boy when he came to Taizé for the first time, accompanying his grandfather Giuseppe," the Pope recalls.

At a time in which the world was turning away from Christianity "and manifesting, indifference rather than aversion," he continues, the Council was born from the question "how can we speak of Jesus to the men and women of today?"

Since then, he notes, we have come a long way, which has not been without difficulties and disappointments. Even today, he warns, we risk falling into the temptation of discouragement and pessimism when we fix our gaze on the evils afflicting the world instead of looking at the world with the eyes of Jesus.