

The Kids' Bulletin

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 30th, 2022

What did Jesus say to the man in the tree? Use the code to find out!



ACDEHIMNORSTUWYZ

The Story of Zacchaeus True or False?

Draw a Happy Face in the box to the left of every TRUE sentence and a Sad Face in the box to the left of every FALSE sentence.

Zacchaeus was a priest.	
Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus when he came into town.	
Zacchaeus was a tall man.	
No one would let Zacchaeus through the crowd to see Jesus.	
Zacchaeus climbed up a pole so he could see Jesus.	
Jesus looked up at Zacchaeus and told him to come down.	
Jesus went to a hotel to stay while he was in the town.	
Zacchaeus was a good, honest man and everyone liked him.	
He gave half his belongings to the poor and repaid four times what he had stolen.	
Zacchaeus wanted to do good because Jesus had changed him!	

Does Jesus Want To Forgive Your Sins?

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about a tax collector, Zacchaeus, who was curious about Jesus. Jesus saw that this was a chance for him to turn from his evil ways, so He called him down from his perch in the tree and said He was going to visit him at his house.



Some people were shocked that Jesus went to a sinner's house, but Jesus told them that He had come to save the people who were lost in sin. Zacchaeus was sorry for his sins and promised to pay everyone back for what he had stolen.

Have you ever felt really bad because of something you did? What do you think Jesus would say to you if you were sorry for it? Do you think that there is any sin that Jesus can't forgive? Well there isn't! Jesus came to save us from our sins!



Answer to word-finds: Zacchaeus, hurry and come down. I must stay at your house today. Answer to word-finds: BE A SAINT!

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All Saints Word-Find

The Feast of All Saints is November 1st.

STEPHENABALVB
CATHERINENUIG
DOMINICNRDCNE
LRMSPSHENRYCM
UOIIAAOLAEEM
KBCMUALIDWINA
EEHOLCAZEAJT
FRANCISATSUHT
ATERESABTMSOH
WILLIAMEEATME
INMARKATERIAW
JAMESJOHNNST

This list has the names of just some of the many saints in heaven. Do you have a saint name? If you don't, maybe you can become the first saint with your name!

ANDREW	JAMES	MICHAEL
ANNE	JOHN	NICHOLAS
BERNADETTE	JUSTIN	PAUL
CATHERINE	KATERI	ROBERT
DOMINIC	LIDWINA	SIMON
ELIZABETH	LUKE	STEPHEN
FRANCIS	LUCY	TERESA
GEMMA	MARK	THOMAS
HENRY	MARY	VINCENT
ISAAC	MATTHEW	WILLIAM

I want to _ _ _ _ _ !



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

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

Parish School: OLOL 8869 6800
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Baptismal Preparation: 16th November 2022
Baptism: 13th November 2022
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Let us Pray for the Sick

Leonila Ahillon, George Alagiah, Mario Attard, Mary Attard, David Benjamin, Rosella Booth, Barrie Chamberlain, John Chandler, Ruby Chary, Parakrania Dias, Danilo Dolot, Elizabeth Ehsman, Alfredo Fernandez, Anush Fernando, Joseph Franco, Anthony Janicska, Spencer Leon, Cynthia Lopez, Carmenu M, Marie Marchand, Blago Milicevic, N. Muscat Family, Wiranjan Peiris, Salome Pillay, Debra Price, Camy Ratnam, Sandra Roseworn, Susantha Seranayake, Bernie Sivapatham, Joan Spillane, Pummalin Sumcad, Sue Tipaldo, Natalie Woodward.

If you would like to add to our Sick List or know of any Parishioner who 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: Elaine Bosen, Sr Christina Morrissey RSJ, Elias Niadas, Maricel Nonato, Adrian Pereira, Eunice Sagge, Helen Salem, Edwin Tabone, Christine Woodward (sister-in-law of Bill and Chris).

Anniversaries: Michelle Azzopardi, Joseph Bartok, Denis Brophy, Ngan Siu Eng, Melvyn Fernandes, Peter Fernandes, Hippol Fernandes, Josefa & Florencio Flores, Evangeline Garcia, Martina Joseph, Tomas Maglaya, Felina & Apolinaria Maglaya, Pauline Meilak, Lourda Motha, Romeo M Palmos, Maria Laberinto Ramos, Rosaline Ratman, Iluminada & Cornelio Rondario, Jose Sanchez, Perry Tugano, Loretta L Udan, Shane Vaz, William & Emilia.

Remembrance: Maria Olympia Almodovar, France Angseesing, Edna Bacud, Roy Mary & Des Barney, John & Joan Briffa, Frances Buttigieg, Cini Family, Alenjanra, Rodolfo, Pedrito & Cecilia Davit, Fernandes Family, Candida Irugalbadara, Fr Crispin Leo, Magion Family, Tomasa Maglaya, Gerard Marcello, Mary Mifsud, Anton & Lourda Motha, Stephen & Louis Mula, Muscat Family, Josephine & Charles Muscat, Mary Muscat, John & Roseline Ratnam, Tony Vassallo, Bibiano Villanueva, Susila Wijeratne, Mirella Zulic.



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 December 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** are for the support of Priests throughout the Diocese.

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

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

* SECOND COLLECTION or Planned Giving Program

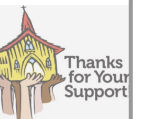
On behalf of the Parish Community, I would like to thank you very much for your ongoing support, which has been absolutely vital in keeping our Parish going strong. Projects completed include the Hall Kitchen renovation, Parish Meeting Room painting, Parish Office and Meeting Room Roof painted, Church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

ON-LINE BANK DONATIONS

Account Name: Seven Hills Catholic Church.
BSB: 067 950
ACC: 000552
Reference: (Your Planned Giving envelope number or for a one off donation, 'DONATION')

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

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



All are welcome to join us for **Our Lady of Lourdes, Seven Hills, Sydney, NSW, Australia Facebook LIVE-STREAM WEEKEND MASS** celebrated by **Fr. Henry Huu Duc Tran on Saturdays 6PM (Vigil),** <https://www.facebook.com/OLOL7Hills/>

First Reading
A reading from the book of Wisdom 11:22-12:2

In your sight, Lord, the whole world is like a grain of dust that tips the scales, like a drop of morning dew falling on the ground. Yet you are merciful to all, because you can do all things and overlook men’s sins so that they can repent. Yes, you love all that exists, you hold nothing of what you have made in abhorrence, for had you hated anything, you would not have formed it. And how, had you not willed it, could a thing persist, or be conserved if not called forth by you? You spare all things because all things are yours, Lord, lover of life, you whose imperishable spirit is in all. Little by little, therefore, you correct those who offend, you admonish and remind them of how they have sinned, so that they may abstain from evil and trust in you, Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever. **(R.)**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God. **(R.)**

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.
The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down. **(R.)**

SECOND READING

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians 1:11-2:2

We pray continually that our God will make you worthy of his call, and by his power fulfil all your desires for goodness and complete all that you have been doing through faith; because in this way the name of our Lord Jesus Christ will be glorified in you and you in him, by the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. To turn now, brothers, to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and how we shall all be gathered round him: please do not get excited too soon or alarmed by any prediction or rumour or any letter claiming to come from us, implying that the Day of the Lord has already arrived.

The Word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke 19:1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was going through the town when a man whose name was Zacchaeus made his appearance; he was one of the senior tax collectors and a wealthy man. He was anxious to see what kind of man Jesus was, but he was too short and could not see him for the crowd; so he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus who was to pass that way. When Jesus reached the spot he looked up and spoke to him: ‘Zacchaeus, come down. Hurry, because I must stay at your house today.’ And he hurried down and welcomed him joyfully. They all complained when they saw what was happening. ‘He has gone to stay at a sinner’s house’ they said. But Zacchaeus stood his ground and said to the Lord, ‘Look, sir, I am going to give half my property to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody I will pay him back four times the amount.’ And Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man too is a son of Abraham; for the Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.’

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 50s GROUP-
Come and make new friends and enjoy social activities.
Meetings are at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Hall from 10.30am to 1pm once a month. Tea and coffee supplied.
Contact Mary for more information; jordanjm@bigpond.net.au

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

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

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

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

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

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP
Meet the second Friday of every month in the Parish Hall at 7pm
For more information contact Ian Epondulan: youtholol7h@gmail.com



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

LEGION OF MARY
Thursdays at 1.30pm in the Parish Meeting Room. All Welcome.

CHRIST COMMUNITY PRAYER GROUP
Thursdays 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>

CHURCH CLEANING:
Extra help is urgently required for Wednesdays after the 8 am weekly morning Mass. Please phone Mary on 0447 676 371 if you can help.



Free Zumba Classes in the Parish Meeting Room Every Tuesday and Thursday 6-7pm.

EMERGENCY Ukraine Appeal

Help provide urgent humanitarian assistance to people in Ukraine.

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www.caritas.org.au/ukraine
1800 024 413 toll free

OLOL MINISTRY ROSTER

29/30 October 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: Abel Do Rosario 8am: Ernie Gartner 9.30am Eigene Miu
Ministers	Vigil: H & C Gonzales 8am: E Gartner, A McNally 9.30am: MAquino, A Bellissimo
Readers	Vigil: Noreen Do Rasario, A Punch 8am: E Hien, A Joseph 9.30am L Bellissimo. S Manamperi
Altar Servers	Vigil: A Bagatella, Volunteers 8.00am Volunteers 9.30am C Attard, S Culili, M Pieris
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Volunteers
Flowers	Team
Church cleaning	2 Nov Lourdes Spiteri, Sandy Manamperi and Sheila Enright
Welcomers	Vigil: John Jordan 8am: Rita Paolini 9.30am: Kathy Chamberlain

5/6 November 2022

Acolytes	Vigil: D Soares 8am: Louis Fernandes 9.30am Kilifi Huihui
Ministers	Vigil: M Mifsud, R Soares 8am: F Balatbat, L Fernandes 9.30am: H & C Gonzales
Readers	Vigil: B Motha, C Rodrigues 8am: P Ferriols, K Walker 9.30am: K Huihui, F Kennedy
Altar Servers	Vigil: Volunteers 8.00am: Volunteers 9.30am: L Culli Volunteers
Morning tea (after 9.30am Mass)	Tongan Choir
Flowers	Fenty, Gaby, Flo & Liz
Church cleaning	10 Nov Cathy Hutchings and Annette Peatman
Welcomers	Vigil: J Deloso 8am: Volunteers 9.30am: Volunteers

OLOL PARISH CALENDAR

NOVEMBER

1	All Saint Day Mass	8:00am 9.15am
1	Over 50s Melbourne Cup	10:30am
2	All Souls Day Mass	8:00am
2	All Souls Day Mass	7:00pm
3	Christ Community Prayer Group	9:00am

Elise Allen
“What about Xi Jinping?”
He had a State visit there, but I did not see him.

Maria Angeles Conde Mir, ROME REPORTS
“In the Declaration they signed [at the Congress, ed.], all leaders underscored an appeal to governments and international organizations to protect people who are persecuted because of their ethnicity or religion. Unfortunately, this is what is happening in Nicaragua. We know that you spoke about this on 21 August during the Angelus. But maybe you can add something more for the Catholic people, especially in Nicaragua. Also another question. We have seen you doing well on this trip. We would like to know if after this journey you will be able to take up again the one to Africa that you postponed, and if there are other journeys planned.”
Regarding Nicaragua, the news is clear. There is dialogue. There have been talks with the government; there is dialogue. That doesn't mean you approve of everything the government does or you disapprove of everything. It does not. There is dialogue and there is a need to solve problems.
Right now there are problems. I at least expect the sisters of Mother Teresa to be able to return. These women are good revolutionaries, but of the Gospel! They do not make war on anyone. Rather, we all need these women. This is a gesture that is difficult to understand... But hopefully they will return.
And may the dialogue continue. But never stop the dialogue. There are things you do not understand. To send a nuncio away to the border is a serious diplomatic matter. The nuncio is a good person who has now been appointed somewhere else. These things are hard to understand and also hard to swallow. But in Latin America, there are situations like that in various places.
As for travel: it is difficult. My knee still has not healed. It is difficult, but the next one I will do [making reference to a possible journey to Bahrain in November, ed.]. Then I spoke the other day with Archbishop Welby [Archbishop of Canterbury and symbolic head of the Anglican Communion ed.] and we saw February as a possibility for going to South Sudan. And if I go to South Sudan, I will also go to Congo. We are trying. All three of us have to go together: the head of the Church of Scotland, Archbishop Welby, and myself. We had a meeting via Zoom the other day about this...

Alexey Gotovskiy, EWTN
“Thank you Holy Father for visiting our country. I would like to ask: for Catholics living in Kazakhstan, where the context is predominantly Muslim, how can evangelization be carried out in this context? And is there something that inspired you by seeing Catholics in Kazakhstan?”
Inspired, I don't know... but I was happy today in the cathedral to see Catholics so enthusiastic, happy, joyful. This is the impression of Kazakh Catholics. Then, coexistence with Muslims: this is something that is being worked on quite a bit and we are going forward, not only in Kazakhstan. Let's think about some North African countries, there is a good coexistence... in Morocco for example. In Morocco, there is quite a good dialogue.
Indeed, let me pause to consider the religious meeting [the Congress that took place in these days, ed.]. Someone was criticizing and they said to me: ‘this is fomenting; this is causing relativism to grow.’ There's nothing of relativism! Everyone had their say, everyone respected each other's position, but we dialogue as brothers. Because if there is no dialogue there is either ignorance or war. Better to live as brothers, we have one thing in common, we are all human. Let's live as humans, with good manners: what do you think, what do I think? Let's agree, let's talk, let's get to know each other.
So many times these misunderstood "religious" wars come because of a lack of knowledge. And this is not relativism, I don't give up my faith if I speak to another's faith. On the contrary. I honor my faith because another listens to it and I listen to theirs. I was so impressed that such a young country, with so many problems – the climate for example – has been able to have seven editions of such a meeting: a world meeting, with Jews, Christians, Muslims, Eastern religions... At the table, you could see that everyone was talking and listening to each other with respect.
This is one of the good things your country has done, that such a country – that's a little bit, let's say in the “corner” of the world – does such a convocation. This is the impression it gave me. Then the city is of first-class architectural beauty. And also the concerns of the government, I was so impressed with the concerns of the president of the Senate: he was carrying on this meeting, but then he found time to introduce me to a young singer, whom you must know... this young man who is open to culture. I didn't expect this, and I was happy to meet you.

Rudolf Gehrig EWTN
“Holy Father, many Churches in Europe, such as the one in Germany, are suffering severe losses of believers, young people no longer seem willing to go to Mass. How concerned are you about this trend, and what do you want to do about it?”
It is partly true, partly relative. It is true that the spirit of secularization, of relativism, challenges these things; it is true. What you have to do, first of all, is to be consistent with your faith. Let's consider: if you are a bishop or a priest who is not consistent, young people catch a whiff – and then so long! When a Church, whatever it is, in some country or in some sector, thinks more about money, development, pastoral plans and not pastoral care, and you go that way, that doesn't attract people.
When I wrote the letter to the German people two years ago, there were pastors who published it and spread it, person by person. When the pastor was close to the people, he said, the people should know what the Pope thinks. I think the shepherds have to go forward, but if they have lost the smell of the sheep and the sheep have lost the smell of the shepherds, you don't go forward.
Sometimes – I'm talking about everybody, in general, not just about Germany – there's thinking about how to renew, how to make pastoral care more modern: that's fine, but always that it's in the hands of a shepherd.
If pastoral care is in the hands of pastoral "scientists," who opine here and say what should be done there ... [you don't move forward, ed.]. Jesus made the Church with pastors, not political leaders. He made the Church with ignorant people, among the Twelve, one was more ignorant than the other, and the Church went on. Why? Because of the sense of smell of the flock with the shepherd and of the shepherd with the flock.
This is the biggest relationship I see when there is a crisis in a place, in a province... I ask myself, is the shepherd in contact with, is he close to the flock? Does this flock have a shepherd? The problem is the shepherds. On this I would suggest that you read St. Augustine's commentary on shepherds; it's read in an hour but it's one of the wisest things that was written for shepherds and with that you can qualify this or that shepherd. It's not about modernizing: of course, we have to update with methods, that's true, but if the heart of the pastor is missing, no pastoral ministry works. None.
(A working transcript and translation from the original Italian, edited by the Dicastery for Communication)



FROM FR. HENRY DUC

Dear Friends,
For this Sunday we have a very interesting Gospel account, one of the most popular ones dealing with the sacrament of Reconciliation, for it recounts the conversion of someone whom Jewish people loved to hate in the past, namely Zacchaeus, sinner of sinners due to his high rank in the tax collecting system then. More specifically he was a senior tax collector. To appreciate this story better, we have to remember that Jewish people were very proud of their position as God's Chosen people in the world. They considered God as their King and thought that their tax money should be used exclusively for the upkeep of God's house, namely the temple. Unfortunately, the Roman occupiers didn't care much about such a belief of theirs and spent their tax money on all sorts of projects, including building pagan temples for their Roman gods. They had made Jewish people, especially pious Jews, upset for doing things like that. Roman officials often awarded contracts to foreigners who bid the highest price for the license to collect taxes on their behalf, and those foreigners then hired local Jews to do the dirty job of collecting money. Consequently the Jews called their tax collectors 'publicans' and regarded them as the worst type of sinners for helping the Romans to steal from God. To make matters even worse, tax collectors had to pay for any amount of taxes they failed to collect, so they managed to collect more than their quota to cover their back, and our friend Zacchaeus, according to Luke, was not just any tax collector, but he was a wealthy senior officer, meaning that he might have bribed his way to such a position, and in return, accepted bribes from other publicans who worked for him. Jesus' words of wisdom and miraculous power had impressed Zacchaeus a great deal and helped to win over the rich man to the point that he was even prepared to climb a sycamore tree to secure a better view of Jesus, and Jesus in turn didn't disappoint as he stopped for a chat with him and let him know his wish to spend a day with him. In response, Zacchaeus promised to give away half of his property to the poor, and pay back four times the amount to those whom he had cheated in the past, and Jesus presented to him the gift that no money could buy, which was the most precious gift of salvation.
This encounter brought joy and happiness to Zacchaeus, but not so to some people in the community. Luke gives us no detail of who they were; he just simply said that 'they complained when they saw what was happening.' Perhaps these people were the Pharisees and the scribes who had done what they always did to Jesus throughout his entire ministry. Let us ask the Lord to open (1) our eyes, so that we can see and treasure the gift of salvation Jesus has brought to us through his death and resurrection, the gift that made Zacchaeus more than happy to trade his wealth to possess, and also (2) our hearts, so that we will be prepared to take action showing our love for Jesus and others as He wants us to do.
Have a charity-oriented week.

Fr Henry

PARISH NEWS...



COLUMBAN ART CALENDAR 2023 :
We have a limited number of Columban Art Calendars now available from our Piety Store.

The cost for each Calendar is \$10.00.

THANK YOU FOR FR HENRY'S SILVER JUBILEE MASSES
What a wonderful way to mark my Silver Jubilee in style with two days filled with Thanksgiving Masses and festivities last week.

I was deeply touched to see lot of relatives, friends and parishioners present with me over last Friday and Sunday, particularly the way my Mum was warmly embraced and welcomed to bring her to tears at the function. She truly appreciated such a precious moment.
I would like to thank all for coming, particularly our Parish staff, ministers and volunteers, especially the Organizing Committee led by Evelyn Beed for everything they have done, such as investing lot of time into the planning and executing, decorating the church and the hall, preparing the slides and booklets, helping the music ministry, serving Masses, providing the entertainment, bringing in food and serving it, setting up and clearing the hall, and other nameless tasks, so that I could have some of the best moments to enjoy and treasure.
May the Lord reward you manyfold and more for your generosity.
Fr Henry



TUESDAY 1st NOVEMBER
ALL SAINTS DAY— Mass 8am
School Mass 9.15am

WEDNESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER
ALL SOULS DAY
Masses 8am & 7pm



HSC STUDENTS
Please continue to pray for all students, especially those in our parish in the coming weeks, so that they will enjoy good results in their HSC this year.

ALL SOULS MASSES
For the celebration of All Souls on Wednesday 2 November next week, we are going to have two Masses at 8am, and 7pm. Please arrange your time to come and join the community in praying for the deceased, especially our loved ones.

PARISH BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE
Our Book of Remembrance will be on display in front of the Altar at all Masses throughout November and rest at the Baptismal font before Mass, and all are welcomed to enter the names of the deceased.

CHURCH CLEANING: extra help is urgently required for Wednesday after the 8 am weekly morning Mass. Please phone Mary on 0447 676 371 if you can help.



LOURDES OVER 50's: for those booked on the courtesy bus to Katoomba on Monday 31st October please be outside the Parish Hall by 8.45 am as the bus leaves at 9.00 am.



LOURDES OVER 50's: next meeting will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 1st November Melbourne Cup Day from 10.30am to 2.30 pm. There will be sweeps for the horses. Please bring your own lunch. Tea and coffee will be provided. Parishioners are welcome to join us.



FREE ZUMBA CLASSES
in the Parish Meeting Room
Every Tuesday and Thursday 6-7pm.

DIOCESAN NEWS

MET WORSHIP FORMATION FOR MINISTERS AT THE

ALTAR: 12 November

The Worship – Mission Enhancement Team are organising an Ongoing Formation Day for Ministers at the Altar, Adult servers and Acolytes on Saturday 12 November at the Bishop Bede Heather Centre, Blacktown, from 9.30am to 3pm. Morning tea and lunch will be provided. To register, please contact the Worship team on (02) 8838 3456 or email mary.gale@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. For all enquiries contact James Camden, Head Mission Engagement – james.camden@parracatholic.org

Bishop Vincent is seeking applications from aspiring small group leaders to accompany young people of the Diocese of Parramatta on our pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Lisbon Portugal. The small group leaders will provide accompaniment and support to each pilgrim and ensure their safety and wellbeing and is integral to facilitating the full participation of pilgrims. Please email met@parracatholic.org to express your interest and request a position description with further details of the selection criteria by **Wednesday November 2.**



MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSES IN 2022

Getting married in 2022? Let the Diocese of Parramatta help you prepare. Visit www.parracatholic.org/pmp to view week-end course dates, to book and pay. An online preparation called *SmartLoving* can also be booked via the website. For more information, email met@parracatholic.org or phone Karin on 0403 305 431 or Marisa on 0412 280 017.

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.cbcsnw.org.au/> or call Adriana on 0478 919 427.

NORTH ROCKS PARISH GOLDEN JUBILEE

CELEBRATIONS: 19 November Christ the King Parish, North Rocks, will be celebrating its 50th anniversary with Mass presided by Bishop Vincent on Saturday 19 November, the Feast of Christ the King, at 5.30pm. All are welcome to celebrate this significant parish milestone, with former parishioners particularly invited to the celebration. For catering purposes, please confirm your attendance with the parish office on northrocks@parracatholic.org.

PATRICIAN BROTHERS' BLACKTOWN 70 YEARS CELEBRATIONS: 11 NOVEMBER

Patrician Brothers' College Blacktown is inviting past students, staff and their families back to the college for tours and a BBQ to celebrate its 70th anniversary on Friday 11 November from 4pm to 8pm. To register, please visit <https://bit.ly/patsblacktown70yrs> or scan the QR code. For more information, contact the school on (02) 8811 0300.

OFFICE FOR SAFEGUARDING SPRING TRAINING

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

Weekly training sessions on Monday 31 October and Monday 7 November from 10am to 11.30am at St Andrew the Apostle Parish, Marayong.

To register for one of these sessions, please email safe-guardingtraining@parracatholic.org

POSITION VACANT

Project Coordinator (part-time) – Catholic Youth Parramatta, Diocese of Parramatta

Applications close 10pm Monday 7 November.

PARISH OF RICHMOND POSTION VACANT

The Parish of Richmond is looking for a Parish Coordinator of Ministries (PCM) on a casual, 14 hour a week status. The successful candidate will be accountable to the Parish Priest and be responsible for providing support for the parish clergy in their ministry. The coordinator will develop four key focus areas of ministry: coordination, promotion and recruitment, formation and communication. To obtain an application pack, please contact the parish office on ad-min@parishofrichmond.org.au or phone (02) 4578 1410. **Applications close Friday 25 November 2022.**

YOUNG ADULT FAITH FORMATION 13 November

Young Adult Faith Formation sessions continue on Sunday 13 November 2022 at The Hustle, Unit 4, 4-6 Purdy Rd, Minchinbury at 7pm. The speakers are **Cardinal Joseph Coutts**, Archbishop Emeritus of Karachi, Pakistan, and **Miss Regina Lynch**, International Head of Projects, ACN International (Germany). They will speak of the suffering Church and share inspiring stories of the Witnesses of Faith; those brothers and sisters following Christ amidst oppression and persecution. All adults 18-35 are encouraged to come along and enjoy some faith formation and fellowship!

POPE FRANCIS AT ANGELUS

Dear brothers and sisters, *buongiorno!*

The Gospel of today's Liturgy presents us a parable with two protagonists, a pharisee and a publican (Lk 18:9-14), that is, a religious man and an avowed sinner. Both of them go up to the Temple to pray, but only the publican truly lifts himself up to God, because he humbly descends into the humility of himself and he presents himself as he is, without masks, with his poverty. We might say, then, that the parable lies between two movements, expressed by two verbs: *to rise* and *to descend*. The first movement is *to rise*. Indeed, the text begins by saying: "Two people went up to the temple area to pray" (v. 10). This aspect recalls many episodes in the Bible, where in order to encounter the Lord, one goes up to the mountain of his presence: Abraham goes up on the mountain to offer the sacrifice; Moses goes up Mount Sinai to receive the Commandments; Jesus goes up the mountain where he is transfigured. To rise, therefore,

expresses the need of the heart to detach itself from a flat life in order to go towards the Lord; to rise up from the plateau of our ego to ascend towards God, freeing oneself of one's own "I"; to gather what we live in the valley to bring it before the Lord. This is "rising", and when we pray, we rise. But to live the encounter with him and to be transformed by prayer, to rise up to God, a second movement is necessary: *to descend*. How come? What does this mean? In order to rise towards him, we must descend within ourselves: to cultivate the sincerity and humility of the heart that give us an honest outlook on our frailties and our inner poverty. Indeed, in humility we become capable of bringing what we really are to God, without pretense: the wounds, the sins and the miseries that weigh on our hearts, and to invoke his mercy so that he may heal us, restore us and raise us up. It will be he who raises us up, not us. The more we descend with humility, the more God raises us up. Indeed, the publican of the parable humbly stops at a distance (cf. v. 13) – he does not come close, he is ashamed – he asks for forgiveness, and the Lord raises him up. Instead, the pharisee exalts himself, self-assured, convinced that he is fine: standing up, he begins to speak with the Lord only of himself, praising himself, listing all the good religious works he does, and disdaining others: "I am not like that person there...". Because this is what spiritual arrogance does. "But father, why are you talking to us about spiritual arrogance?" Because we all risk falling into this trap. It leads you to believe yourself righteous and to judge others. This is spiritual arrogance: "I am fine, I am better than the others: this person does this, that one does that...". And in this way, without realizing, you adore your own ego and obliterate your God. It revolves around oneself. This is prayer without humility. Brothers, sisters, the pharisee and the publican concern us closely. Thinking of them, let us look at ourselves: let us confirm whether, in us, as in the pharisee, there is the conviction of one's own righteousness (cf. v. 9) that leads us to despise others. It happens, for instance, when we seek compliments and always make a list of our own merits and good works, when we concern ourselves with how we appear rather than how we are, when we let ourselves be trapped by narcissism and exhibitionism. Let us beware of narcissism and exhibitionism, based on vainglory, that lead even us Christians, priests and bishops, always to have one word on our lips. Which word? "I": "I did this, I wrote that, I said it, I understood it before you", and so on. Where there is too much "I", there is too little God. In my country, these people are called "Me, with me, for me, only me", this is the name of those people. And once upon a time they used to talk about a priest who was like that, self-centred, and the people, jokingly, used to say, "When he incenses, he does it backwards, he incenses himself". It is like that; it even makes you seem ridiculous.

Let us ask the intercession of Mary Most Holy, the humble servant of the Lord, the living image of what the Lord loves to accomplish, overthrowing the powerful from their thrones and raising the humble (cf. Lk 1:52).

After the Angelus, the Holy Father continued:

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today is World Missionary Day, on the theme: "You shall be my witnesses". It is an important opportunity to reawaken in all baptized persons the desire to participate in the universal mission of the Church, through witness and the proclamation of the Gospel. I encourage everyone to support missionaries with prayer and concrete solidarity, so that they may continue their work of evangelization and human promotion throughout the world. Today registration opens for *World Youth Day*, which will take place in Lisbon in August 2023. I have invited two Portuguese youngsters to be here with me while I register too, as a pilgrim. I will do it now [clicks on tablet]. There, I have registered. You, have you registered? Do it... And you, have you registered? Do it... There, stay here. Dear young people, I invite you to register for this meeting in which, after a long period of staying at a distance, we will rediscover the joy of the fraternal embrace between peoples and between generations, which we need so much! Yesterday, Vicente Nicasio Renuncio Toribio and eleven companions of the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer, killed in hatred of the faith in Spain in 1936, were beatified in Madrid. The example of these witnesses of Christ, who even shed their blood, spur us to be consistent and courageous; may their intercession sustain those who strive today to sow the Gospel in the world. Let us applaud the new Blesseds! I follow the persistent situation of conflict in Ethiopia with trepidation. Once again, I repeat with heartfelt concern that violence does not resolve discord, but only increases the tragic consequences. I appeal to those who hold political responsibility to put an end to the suffering of the defenceless population and to find equitable solutions for lasting peace throughout the country. May the efforts of the parties for dialogue and the search for the common good lead to a genuine path of reconciliation. May our prayers, our solidarity and the necessary humanitarian aid not fail our Ethiopian brothers and sisters, who are so sorely tried. I am saddened by the floods that are affecting various countries in Africa and which have caused death and destruction. I pray for the victims, and am close to the millions of displaced persons, and I hope for a greater concerted effort to prevent these calamities. I greet you all, Romans and pilgrims from various countries. In particular, I greet the Indonesian clerics and religious resident in Rome; the Peruvian community which is celebrating the feast of the *Señor de los Milagros*, the *Fundación Roman Academic Centre* and the group from the Polish diocese of Tarnow. I greet the faithful from San Donà di Piave, Padua, Pontedera and Molfetta, candidates for Confirmation from Piacenza, the "Tiberiade" group from Carrobbio degli Angeli and the Nonviolent Movement from Verona. And today, at the start of a new government, let us pray for unity and peace in Italy. The day after tomorrow, Tuesday 25 October, I will go to the Colosseum to pray for peace in Ukraine and in the world, together with representatives of the Christian Churches and Communities and world religions, gathered in Rome for the "Cry of Peace" meeting. I invite you to join spiritually in this great invocation to God: prayer is the strength of peace. Let us pray, let us continue to pray for martyred Ukraine. I wish you all a blessed Sunday. Please, do not forget to pray for me. Enjoy your lunch, and *arrivederci!* Vatican, there is a dialogue commission that is going well, chaired by Cardinal Parolin and he is the person right now who knows the most about China and dialogue with the Chinese. It is a slow process, but steps forward are always being made. Qualifying China as undemocratic, I do not identify with that, because it's such a complex country ... yes, it is true that there are things that seem undemocratic to us, that is true. Cardinal Zen is going to trial these days, I think. And he says what he feels, and you can see that there are limitations there. More than qualifying, because it is difficult, and I do wish to qualify, they are impressions, and I try to support the path of dialogue. Then, in the dialogue you clarify many things and not only about the Church, also about other areas; for example the extent of China, the governors of the provinces who are all diverse. There are different cultures within China, it is a giant, and understanding China is an enormous thing. But you do not have to lose patience, it takes a lot, but we have to go with dialogue, I try to refrain from qualifying it... but let us go forward